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Robola

A Wine. A Landscape. A Cruise Differentiator.

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Before Cruise Ships, There Was Robola

Long before cruise itineraries mapped the Ionian Sea, the slopes of **Mount Ainos** were already shaping Kefalonia's identity.

Mount Ainos is the highest mountain in the Ionian Islands, rising to **1,628 meters**.

It is a designated **National Park**, known for its rare Kefalonian fir forest and dramatic limestone geology.

On its lower slopes, between stone and sea, **Robola** took root.

For centuries, this indigenous white grape has grown in demanding terrain where soil is thin, water is scarce and altitude defines character.

Born on limestone slopes and refined by altitude, **Robola carries the imprint of mountain, climate and time**.

Its character begins long before the first glass is poured.

Famous Kefalonia Sentiment:

Wine and children speak the truth

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According to the **Homer's** writings, Laertis, father of **Odysseus "**, had a vine with many different grape varieties. The wines of **Cephalonia** were known since ancient times, consisting of the most appreciable gift. The Homeric wariors and heroes drank wine to hold friendships, discuss battle plans, and build alliances.

During the Venetian era, Kefalonian wine was exported across the Mediterranean. **Robola** became known as "**Vino di Sasso**" - **Wine of Stone**.

It was a name earned by the land itself.

The vines grow in poor, rocky limestone soil at elevations reaching **500 to 800 meters**.

Water retention is low. Yields are limited. The terrain is demanding.

Crisp acidity.
Pronounced minerality.
Fresh citrus notes of lemon and grapefruit.
Hints of green apple and subtle white blossom.

Clean. Structured. Saline at the finish. Robola does not overwhelm.
It refreshes.

In every glass, you taste the mountains, the sun and the sea.
All in just one sip.

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Protected. Defined. Limited.

Robola of Kefalonia holds **Protected Designation of Origin (PDO)** status.

The PDO zone is strictly defined on the slopes of **Mount Ainos** and the **Omala plateau**.

Defined by elevation and soil, Robola's production remains **inherently limited**.

Its scale is **determined by landscape**, not market demand.

Unlike many wines named after regions, **Robola's PDO is named after the grape itself**.

Its **identity** is inseparable from Kefalonia.
Its production is **limited by nature**, not demand.



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From Lixouri to the Vineyard

From the western side of Kefalonia, **Lixouri** provides **natural access** to the island's vineyard region.

Positioned on the Paliki peninsula, Lixouri offers **a calm gateway to the agricultural landscape** that defines **Robola**.

Within a short transfer from Lixouri, cruise passengers move **from port to vineyard**, experiencing **one of Greece's most distinctive limited-production wines in its place of origin**.

This is where heritage becomes product.

From Lixouri, the experience unfolds gradually.

A scenic drive through limestone hills.
Arrival at a family-run vineyard.
A guided tasting that explains soil, altitude and climate.
Robola paired with local flavours that reflect the same landscape.

Intimate in scale.
A multisensory and immersive journey from first step ashore to final glass poured.





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Why Robola Matters for Lixouri

Lixouri is not defined by scale.
It is defined by **intimacy, authenticity and direct access to the island's agricultural heart**.

In Lixouri, wine is not served apart from place.
It is cultivated in the very terrain that defines the arrival.

Robola gives Lixouri more than a tasting product.

It gives the destination **a narrative shaped by landscape and heritage**.
It connects port to vineyard, **coastline to countryside**.
It allows shore time to unfold as **a curated and memorable journey** rather than a simple excursion.

For **cruise passengers**, it delivers something powerful:
A limited wine experienced at source. A **taste** they cannot replicate onboard.

When a destination connects port, landscape and product seamlessly,
it moves from being a stop to becoming **an experience**.





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Where Wine Meets Biodiversity

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Wine production in Kefalonia remains rooted in family-run estates and small-scale vineyards, where cultivation is shaped by tradition as much as by terrain.

Alongside Robola, other indigenous varieties such as Mavrodaphne, Tsaousi, Vostilidi, Muscat and Moschatella are cultivated across the island's diverse microclimates.

Together, they form what many now describe as the modern "**Nectar of Cephalonia.**"

Production is measured. Generational. Place-driven rather than volume-driven.

For Lixouri, this network of small producers reinforces a boutique, experience-led positioning, where guests encounter people, not factories, and taste wines that belong specifically to this landscape.

This keeps: Authenticity | Family ownership | Variety diversity | Boutique positioning |Cruise relevance



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Lixouri illustrates how **boutique positioning** and **landscape stewardship**, aligned with **environmental integrity**, become **a destination's strongest differentiators**.

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