

# OFFERING OF HEALING TO GAIA

Earth Treasure Vase Pilgrimage to Greece  
with Cynthia Jurs, Sarah Drew & Nikole Rosaria

**May 26 - June 5, 2023**



“What can we do to bring healing and protection to the Earth?”

This was the question, dharma teacher and founder of the Gaia Mandala Global Healing Community, Cynthia Jurs, asked a 106-year-old Buddhist Lama living in a remote cave in Nepal, thirty years ago. He answered by giving her a pathway of service to address her concerns for the Earth, working with small but mighty clay vessels called Earth Treasure Vases. Since then, Cynthia and now many others, have gathered around the world in diverse communities and ecosystems to fill these ‘holy vessels’ with heartfelt prayers and offerings and bury them all over the planet to form a global healing mandala. Each Earth Treasure Vase sits on a “node” in the mandala and is connected to the others through the meridians that carry our prayers and intentions around the world in a kind of global acupuncture, embracing Gaia with our love and care.

Many years ago, Cynthia heard the call for an Earth Treasure Vase to be brought to Greece and placed near the sacred site of Delphi—the home of Gaia’s Oracle and Her priestesses, the Pythia. The time is finally ripe to fulfill the promise and make this offering.



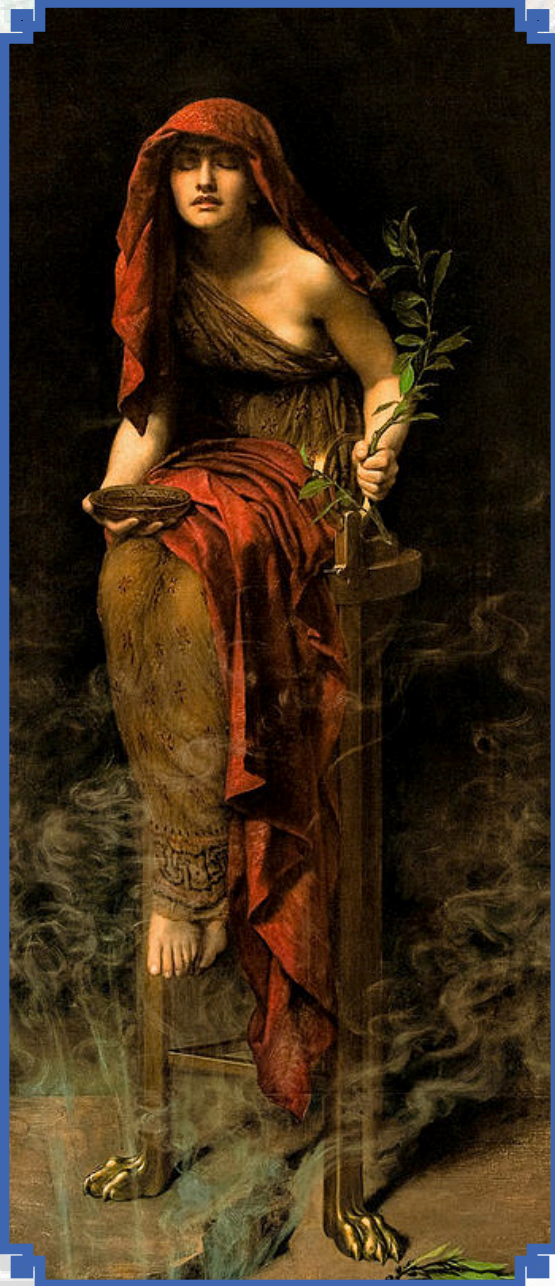


In late May and over the full moon in June, a small group of us will travel with the Earth Treasure Vase to Greece with the intention of delivering this holy vessel to take its place in the Mandala. Along the way, we will visit sacred sites, sit in circle for meditation, drum and dance in ceremony and listen deeply to the whispers of the land – and to our own hearts.

As primary steward of this sacred vessel, Cynthia shares, “This Earth Treasure Vase is dedicated to restoring balance within the web of life for the healing of our world. Like Mother Earth, many of us have suffered abuse. Enough generations have suffered, enough species gone extinct, forests clear cut, waters polluted. After lifetimes of denying our embodied connection to the Earth, we seek to align ourselves with Gaia and bring Her our most potent offering.”







We go to this beautiful land to experience the ancient roots of western civilization and attune to the deeper stories of the land. We will visit sacred sites harkening to a time when feminine spiritual leadership was recognized in the western world before Her wisdom was silenced and Her body desecrated. We go with heartfelt offerings for healing, reconciliation and restoration. And we go to listen to Gaia's Oracle, inviting Her to dream through us...And we will offer the Vase in Delphi, planting the seeds of that new dreaming...

The pilgrimage will take us from Athens to the islands of Naxos and Delos and on to the ancient land of Delphi on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus to the Corycian Cave. We will visit sacred sites and weave the mythic stories anew. In ceremonies and circles along the way we will meditate and move through the land to heal the old wounds, both personal and collective. We will pray for healing and prepare ourselves to reconnect to the Oracle of Gaia. We go not just for ourselves but for all who have come before and all who will come after. And we go for what we are living through now as Mother Earth invites us ever more strongly to awaken to a relationship of interbeing with Her.

This pilgrimage is a practice of sacred activism requiring full attention and clear intention. A pilgrimage is not just a fun adventure—although it will be profoundly enjoyable and deeply fulfilling. A pilgrimage with an Earth Treasure Vase demands us to listen to something larger than ourselves and participate with all our hearts each step of the way. We do this for the benefit of all beings and on behalf of global healing and collective awakening.

This pilgrimage is open to men, women, and non-binary folks. With that, please know that we will be centering and amplifying the sacred feminine principle both in the sacred sites we choose to visit, and in the circle practices we engage along the way together. Our intention is to serve a greater rebalancing of the sacred masculine and feminine principles within us and the world.



# DETAILED ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



## ATHENS

**Fri 26 MAY** - Arrivals with check-in, rest or wander on our own, then share dinner. Overnight at Acropolis Select Hotel

**Sat 27 MAY** - Breakfast at Hotel; walk to the Parthenon and Acropolis for a morning tour followed by time on our own to explore the area. We will meet as a group in the evening and share a meal with our local partner, Lara Tambacopoulou. Overnight Acropolis Select Hotel.

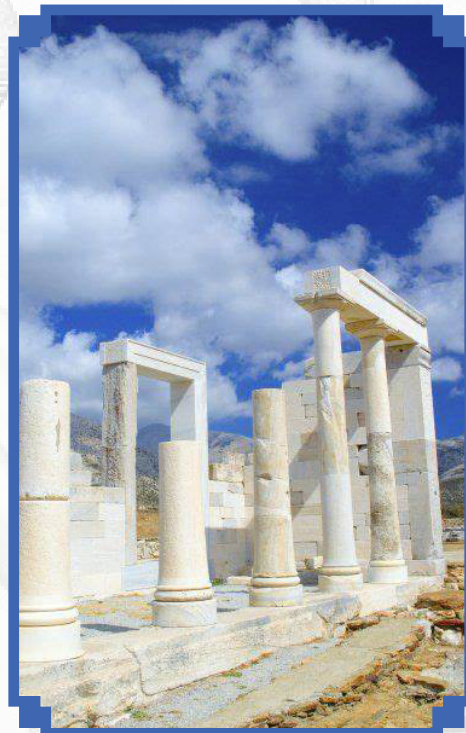


## NAXOS

**Sun 28 MAY** - Early transport from Athens to the port of Piraeus where we board a ferry to the island of Naxos. On the way we will stop to

visit the ancient site of Eleusis, the ancient pilgrimage site for the Eleusinian Mysteries, which was rooted in the Demeter Persephone myth. We will arrive at our private boutique hotel on the beach of Agia Anna for lunch. Afternoon to relax on the beach. The group will meet after dinner. Overnight Antonina Hotel Agia Anna.

**Mon 29 MAY** – In the morning we will carry the vase to the beautiful Temple of Demeter, the 6th-century BC sanctuary dedicated to the goddess of harvest and fertility. Later we will wander in olive groves, meet local craftspeople, musicians, learn traditional Greek dances and enjoy a farm to table lunch. In the evening we will co-create a healing ritual. Overnight Antonina Hotel Agia Anna.







## DELOS

**Tues 30 MAY** - Today we will bring the Earth Treasure Vase on a trip by boat to the ancient island of Delos, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will visit the remains of a crescent-shaped lake where it is said that Leto

labored for nine days and nights, and finally gave birth to twin gods Apollo and Artemis. We will walk the paths of Mt. Kynthos and meditate in a neolithic cave. After taking the ferry back to Naxos for dinner, we will gather at our hotel for a short ceremony with the Vase to make offerings. Overnight at the Antonina Hotel Agia Anna.

*Note this boat ride is weather permitting. If the weather is better on the 29th these activities will switch days.*



## DELPHI

**Wed 31 MAY** - Today we take the boat back to the mainland and board a van to Delphi. We will arrive for dinner at Hotel Skamnos above Delphi on Mt Parnassus followed by a special Earth Treasure Vase ceremony with Vajrayana scholar, Ian Baker and Tibetan Dr Nida Chenagtsang. Overnight Hotel Skamnos.



**Thurs 1 JUNE** - Day at Delphi; guided tour of the Oracular Temple of Apollo; then time on our own to wander, find our spot, meditate and visit the Athena Temple, the Oracle, sacred spring and museum. Group gathering after dinner. Overnight Hotel Skamnos.





**Fri 2 JUNE** - Today we embark on a day hike to visit the Corycian Cave on Mt Parnassus; an oracular site pre-dating the Oracle at Delphi, filled with the lore of the ancient Melissae, Bee Nymphs, who were said to have taught Apollo his divination techniques. On Mt. Parnassus we will invite guidance for the site where the Earth Treasure Vase will be planted. We will also conduct our own Oracle Ceremony in the forest. Overnight Hotel Skamnos.



**Sat 3 JUNE** - On this Full Moon in the sign of the Archer with the Sun in the sign of the Twins, we will gather in the morning for a ceremony to make our final offerings into the Earth Treasure Vase and seal the Vase. We will then make our way by van to the trailhead and walk to the location in the forest overlooking Delphi where the Vase will be buried. Following the Vase burial ceremony, we will celebrate with a picnic before walking back. Dinner in Arachova town. Overnight Hotel Skamnos.



## ATHENS

**Sun 04 JUN** - After a morning meditation, we will pack up for our drive back to Athens. Time to wander the Plaka and Monastiraki before a fun farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Acropolis Select Hotel.

**Mon 5 JUN-** Departures



# PILGRIMAGE ORGANIZERS AND FACILITATORS:



**Cynthia Jurs** met her root teacher, Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh in the early 1980s, and in 1994 received his transmission of Dharmacharya, becoming a teacher in his tradition, the Order of Interbeing. In 1990 she traveled to a remote cave in Nepal to meet the 106-year-old Lama Kushok Mangden Rinpoche, from whom she received the practice of the Earth Treasure Vases. In 2018 she was recognized as Lama Sherab Zangmo at Tolu Tharling Gompa in Nepal by Ngawang Tsultrim Zangpo Rinpoche. Today, Cynthia is forging a new path of dharma in service to Gaia, deeply rooted in the feminine, honoring indigenous traditions, and teaching an embodied, engaged, sacred activism dedicated to global healing and collective awakening. Cynthia teaches meditations and leads pilgrimages and through her nonprofit, Alliance for the Earth she works with former combatants in Liberia to build peace through mindfulness. She lives at the base of the Sangre de Cristo mountains in northern New Mexico where she is often found walking in the wilderness with her dog or gardening with husband. You can find her offerings and join the global healing community she founded at: [www.GaiaMandala.net](http://www.GaiaMandala.net)



**Sarah Drew** is the visionary author of the eco-feminist novel, GAIA CODEX. She is a mystic mythologist who catalyzes powerful blueprints for the future deeply rooted in the gnosis of the past. Sarah has been a featured speaker at the graduate level and at organizations such as Google, ABC Deepak Homebase, The Assemblage, Bioneers and PAUA, as well as featured guest on multiple podcasts including the Bob Thurman podcast. She is a popular teacher and mentor for women worldwide on topics such as Feminine Wisdom, Evolutionary Culture and Regenerative Technologies. At UC Berkeley, Sarah studied Religious Studies. Her work is rooted in the bodhisattvic vow, the committed cultivation of well-being for all sentient life and the nourishment and regeneration of our Mother Earth. Sarah lives with her husband in Manhattan and on a lushly forested farm in the Hudson Valley. Find her at [www.SarahDrew.net](http://www.SarahDrew.net) and [www.GaiaCodex.com](http://www.GaiaCodex.com)



**Nikole Rosaria** is an expressive artist and educator with a background in Cultural Anthropology, whose special focus is on the living mythos of her ancestral lands of Sicily. She is learning to live into her ancestral gifts as a Cantastoria (Story Singer): one who weaves the dreamings of the land, the community, and the wombic ways into ritualized musical verse, in community. Nikole studies the traditional rhythms of Southern Italian tambourine and its lineage in the ancient Nymph/Priestess rites in the Mediterranean basin, which continue to express themselves in localized worship of La Madonna in Sicily today. She teaches this rhythmic medicine to women of the Italian diaspora in America, and often considers how to carry a lineage medicine with integrity, while allowing it to adapt to meet the needs of the people on the lands we inhabit now. For more than 15 years, she has sat inside of community-based circles focused on forging new/recovered pathways of restorative, empowered, ritualized relationship with body, community, lineage, land. These devotional circles and relationships have been her greatest teacher and refuge. She considers herself a reflection of the wild, wise, and ancient souls she circles with. [www.mandorlahive.net](http://www.mandorlahive.net)

# PILGRIMAGE APPLICATION PROCESS

For many of us, this Vase holds very deep and personal meaning, as well as a larger collective mythic gravitas, especially for those of us in the western world. We want to honor each person's call to this pilgrimage, and we recognize the need for deep discernment around being a vessel of service. When you open yourself to be in alignment with the highest good of all, and imagine bringing the Delphi Vase and its prayers to your heart, we invite you to inquire: Am I called to be one of the holy vessels on this pilgrimage?

How does your life path reflect the themes of this Earth Treasure Vase? Are you called to:

- empower feminine spiritual leadership
- be a voice for Gaia
- reclaim embodied and oracular ways of knowing
- consciously disrupt the intergenerational desecration and subjugation of the feminine principle in self, family, community, society
- consciously restore the balance between sacred masculine and sacred feminine principles in self, family, community, society

Now please turn to the [Pilgrimage Application Form](#) and from this place of deep attunement, please answer the questions we have posed. Thank you.

**Space is limited. [Apply now](#). Applications will close on February 6, 2023. We will respond by Friday, February 10, 2023**

**COST:** (Does not include airfare)

\$4200 (double occupancy)

Single supplement \$400

For double rooms, there will always be two separate beds, they may be single beds or double beds, depending on the room. For single rooms, there is usually a double or queen bed. There are always private bathrooms for each room.

**COST INCLUDES:**

- All overnight accommodations for 10 nights from May 26 – June 5th
- Most meals for 10 days. A few afternoons we will be free to find local options for ourselves.
- All transport the entire trip—except transportation from and to the Athens airport. If you need help with this, please let us know.



- All facilitated pilgrimage activities, experiences, and ceremonies with Cynthia, Sarah and Nikole.
- Moral, emotional and spiritual support in integration and processing.
- Local licensed drivers and certified tour guides for main archaeological sites in Athens, Naxos, Delos and Delphi (which is required by Greek Law).
- Deep knowledge of the land, ancient and modern.
- Translators

The trip does not include: Airfare, transfers to-from Athens airport and items such as laundry, phone calls, snacks, and alcoholic beverages.

### **DEPOSIT & PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Deposit of \$900 is due by February 15th

Next 3 installments of \$1100 each are due by March 15, April 15 with final payment due by May 5th.

Alternatively, you can pay \$4200 in full or in two payments of \$2100 each.

Single supplement add \$400.

*NOTE: We realize that this is a quick turn-around, and we apologize. It's taken time to curate the journey in the most meaningful and affordable way possible.*

### **PAYMENT METHODS:**

Payments can be made online at [www.GaiaMandala.net/donate](http://www.GaiaMandala.net/donate) via credit card or PayPal.

Checks can be made out to:

Alliance for the Earth and sent to PO Box 8031, Santa Fe, NM 87504

Contact us if you wish to send payment by Bank Transfer.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

\$500 of your first payment is non-refundable. If you have to cancel before March 15th, 2023, any amount paid beyond \$500 will be refunded. From March 31st on there will be no refunds. Hotels in Greece require deposits months in advance, so our ability to give refunds will be very limited after this time.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended.

For any questions please contact Nikole Rosaria: 937-902-2024 or email us at:

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