

**Social Responsibility in Action by *Santo Maris Oia* and *Agoni Grammi Gonimi***  
Innovative environmental program with the participation of the High Schools of Santorini



Santo Maris Oia Luxury Suites & Spa in cooperation with the Greek Non-Profit Organization “Agoni Grammi Gonimi” and in the context of its Social Responsibility program, inaugurates the environmental awareness program “We Are The Environment” with the creation of the eco-friendly “WaterBags”. This innovative program, which is based on the pillars of education and social provision, and consists of two phases, aims to raise awareness regarding the conservation of the natural environment and to bring together the private sector for a common cause.

In the first phase of the program, the students of the three High Schools of Santorini were informed about important environmental issues, with emphasis on the pollution resulting from the excessive use of plastic. The interactive educational workshops took place under the **auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs** and with the participation of the environmental organizations “Archipelagos – Institute of Marine Conversation”, “Hellenic Oceanographers Association”, “Aegean Rebreath”, “iSea” and “Greenest”.

The completion of the workshops was followed by the production of the “WaterBags”, the cloth eco-bags, which were inspired by the need to prevent our seas’ plastic pollution, and they will be distributed till the beginning of October at specific selling points and supporters of the program. The *WaterBags*’ sales revenue will fund the three schools that participated in the educational workshops.

The distributing points and supporters who embraced the program are: the Ammos Stores, the Brusco Restaurant, the Domaine Sigalas, the Estate Argyros, the Mediterranean Dive Club, the Oia Vineyard restaurant, the Poniros Jewellery, the Santorini Arts Factory and the Tomato Industrial Museum "D. Nomikos", the Santorini Nautical Club, the Santo Wines – Union of Santorini Cooperatives, and the hotels of the Metaxas Group of Companies – Santo Maris Oia in Santorini, Candia Maris and Creta Maris in Crete. The program is also supported by selling points across Greece, such as the Benaki Museum, the Gallerie Marneri in Athens, and the Idea Café and Emporium in Skopelos. Official transport supporter is the Blue Star Ferries.

*If you wish to learn more information and support the “We Are The Environment” program and the “WaterBags”, you can visit the website [waterbags.gr](http://waterbags.gr), follow the WaterBags on Instagram @Water\_Bags or just send us an email to [info@waterbags.gr](mailto:info@waterbags.gr)*

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**About Santo Maris Oia Luxury Suites & Spa:**

The newly built Santo Maris Oia Luxury Suites & Spa which opened its doors in 2016, is the newest addition to the portfolio of Metaxas Group of Companies, which has been operating in tourism sector since 1975. Located in a privileged setting at the outskirts of Oia in Santorini Island, Santo Maris Oia Luxury Suites & Spa offers seclusion and exclusive views to the renowned sunset of Oia. It is comprised by 57 suites & villas and among its facilities five outdoor swimming pools, the awarded Spa with indoor swimming pool and the Alios Ilios fine restaurant is included.

**About Agoni Grammi Gonimi:**

Agoni Grammi Gonimi is a non-profit organization with purposes spanning from art and culture, to environmental conversation and health. The equivalent access to education, culture and health, the development of the participants’ own potential through the creation of diverse ways of expression is the common vision of its programs, while the constitution and the presentation of a manifold learning environment with multiple knowledge objectives stands as the means for the realization of its vision. 900 visits in islands and villages of Greece have been implemented since 2007, when Agoni Grammi Gonimi began its journey.

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