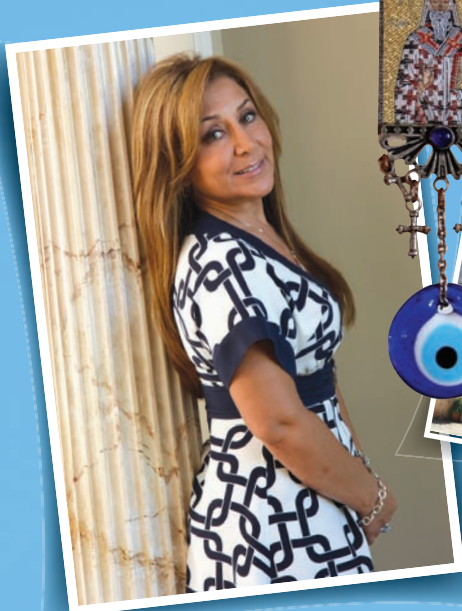


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Freshly inspired from her home design tour in Greece, Marina Khajetoorian was embraced by ancient works like the Acropolis of Athens.



# AN ARTISTIC ADVENTURE THROUGH GREECE with MARINA KHAJETOORIAN

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The heated days of a Grecian getaway climb and fall with ancestral beauty; burning with secrets from eras past, etched in age with epic verse, dumbfounding with archaeological mystery.

Having jet and boated across the grandeur of Greece, interior designer Marina Khajetoorian is now one with Greek art, allowing her to fuse her illustrious firm, MK Interior Designs, with enhanced artistic design plans for your home.

From its rocky inclines, ships speck ocean vistas as Doric columns dot villages scarcely trodden by tourists' feet. Sculptures and sketches, pottery and frameworks flourish and flabbergast with romantic influences, inspired by revolutionary apotheosis and the Bronze Age born on the island of Crete.



# A SENSE OF HISTORY IN YOUR HOME

Exposed to the masterful subtleties of true Greek design, Khajetoorian travelled east to west, north to south, beginning her inaugural interior design tour service on the medieval isle of Rhodes. There she was greeted by Orthodox and Catholic churches, The Palace of the Grand Master and Turkish structures, found in Rhodes' Old Town, a medieval World Heritage site.

She expanded her design collection with uniquely authentic decorative arts – vases, textiles and furniture – for clients yearning to peak their homes with Mediterranean culture. “Because Greek art is more simplified, more pure, you can create an airy atmosphere in your home, whether it’s formal or laid-back,” she explains.

Her know-how of a region where human woe originated was splashed with mythology and friendly chats with locals. She relished in the archaeological site of Lindos, a limestone-laden islet surrounded by beach and rock and remnants of the 1453 Ottoman Empire invasion.

On she went to the homeland of the Minoan civilization, to marvel at Crete’s Palace of Knossos. “To see the details of a palace built by hand and completed in 2,000 BC was invaluable to my imagination, to my understanding of grand architecture,” says Khajetoorian, her skin tanned; her hair sunkissed. Next was the caldera of Santorini, popular for its blue-domed churches as much as a honeymoon destination, where the talent of local art explodes just as the archipelago of Santorini was formed – from a volcanic eruption. “Their pottery reflects the mythology and the Greek key, which is a sign of infinity,” says Khajetoorian.



Snapshots of MK Interior Design projects reveal a brilliant master bathsuite fitted with class and delicate carvings. A sweeping yet subdued dining area with impressive columns is accented with dark fabrics and vintage vases.

“I think we shouldn’t let go of the past – we should hold onto it to get more ideas,” says Marina Khajetoorian. Bringing home vestiges of Greek art and new techniques for her clients to enjoy, Khajetoorian invites you to explore the beauty of Europe, on her yearly interior design tours. “Redesigning your home with Europe’s ancient style brings depth, authenticity and power,” says Marina Khajetoorian.

- **If you’re searching for a formal Grecian look, carvings, frescos, detailed sculptures and the essence of Greek mythology will induce a classic setting.**
- **A bit more relaxed? Since Greek art is simple, look to earthy tones. The island look can be achieved with cream marble and white-washed walls, accented with bright colours or palm trees and climate flowers.**



A tour with Marina Khajetoorian will have your home oozing with European charm. This Toronto home boasts an outdoor cabana and indoor living outside, inspired by the Grecian lifestyle and supported by Doric columns and the simple earth tones of Greek art.



Her journey continued with sightings of medieval monasteries, the Acropolis of Athens, Apollo temples, cherished citadels and gallery halls such as the newly opened Acropolis Museum. “To feel how structures were built with bare hands, to see the simple tools used to carve stone, was simply inspiring,” she says. ©

To book your spot on Marina Khajetoorian’s next architectural tour or schedule a consultation for your home, please contact her at:

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