



Flowers of Kastellorizo to feature in 2026 puzzle festival

Kastellorizo's very own, and world renowned, puzzle master, Pantazis Houlis, is hosting the 6th *Kastellorizo Puzzle Festival* on the island, 16-18 October, and this year's theme is the flowers of Kastellorizo.



Pantazis has designed a new puzzle for the 6th Kastellorizo Puzzle Festival, based on the flowers of Megisti. Pantazi founded the Puzzle Museum on the island, and the festival which has gained an international following.

The Puzzle Festival combines science, technology, puzzles, and art, this year marking its sixth consecutive year on Kastellorizo. The festival's reputation is growing rapidly, and attracts mathematicians, puzzle masters and scientists from around the world.

This year's theme explores over 100 of the beautiful flowers that bloom in Kastellorizo. Due to its location, our remote little island is lucky enough to host some of the rarest species in the world. For example, the Kastellorizo Bellflower (*Campanula kastellorizana*), the "Lemon Ice Lolly" (*Biarum ditschianum*), the "Paradoxical Cymbal" (*Cymbalaria paradoxa*), the "Long Polygon" (*Polygonum praelongum*), and a stunning wild carnation (*Dianthus muglensis*). According to Pantazi, the variety and complexity of

these flowers, with their exotic texture and colourful petals, create a beautiful mystery of nature.

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The *Meduseum Puzzle Museum* is a quirky and intellectually stimulating experience well worth the time. Visits are by appointment. Pantazi shares his collection, stories and ideas around puzzles, and is also a wealth of knowledge on the natural environment, walking on the island, and its geography. The museum ranks among the top-5 rated experiences on the island by Tripadvisor.

He works with puzzles across schools and universities as a way of educating on logic, problem solving and mathematics. A number of Pantazi's puzzles are designed specifically to support curriculum and to help children with learning difficulties, and adults with dementia, amongst other challenges.

Links

Kastellorizo's Puzzle Museum: <https://meduseum.com/>

6th Kastellorizian Puzzle Festival: <https://kastellorizofestival.com/en/home-en-2/>

One of Kazi's top-rated experiences: https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Attractions-g189441-Activities-Kastellorizo_Dodecanese_South_Aegean.html