

# GREECE

Fabulous Ladies Luxe Wine Tour



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BOUTIQUE TRAVEL FOR WOMEN



# Greece: The History of Wine

Fabulous Ladies Luxe Wine Tour | 01–12 September 2026

Created in collaboration with The Fabulous Ladies Wine Society, this hand-crafted journey is more than a holiday. It's about indulgence, and discovery in extraordinary company. From the heart of Athens to the soulful island of Tinos, the dramatic cliffs of Santorini, and the generous warmth of Crete, each destination reveals another chapter in Greece's story of wine, culture, and connection.

Step into a journey where myth, history, and the artistry of wine entwine to create an unforgettable experience across Greece. Over 11 luxurious nights, you will not simply visit this ancient land—you will live it, sip it, and savour it in ways only possible through private connections and carefully chosen experiences.

From the moment you arrive in Athens, the cradle of civilisation opens its heart. Your elegant boutique hotel looks out over the Acropolis, where marble columns still whisper stories of gods and feasts.

Over exquisite dinners and expertly guided visits, you'll uncover how wine, food, and culture have been intertwined in Greece for millennia.

A day in Mycenae brings mythology alive before we journey to Nemea, where a daughter of a winemaking family welcomes you into her world with a tasting that is both personal and profound.

Arriving on to the island of Tinos, the pace softens. Hidden villages, ancient vineyards, and a stay at the stylish Odera Hotel allow you to immerse yourself in the soulful rhythm of island life. Here, you'll discover female-led wineries and taste the future of Greek winemaking rooted in tradition yet brimming with innovation.

Santorini is pure theatre: whitewashed cliffs, volcanic soils, and sunsets that set the sky aflame. At your private suite, each with its own pool or jacuzzi, luxury is effortless. You'll share a sunset picnic on the Caldera, enjoy a family-style lunch with wines born of fire and stone, and take to the sea on a private catamaran where food, wine, and crystalline waters create moments you'll never forget.

Crete, vast and diverse, welcomes you with three nights of discovery. Ancient sites and modern biodynamic vineyards weave together past and present. Picture a picnic amongst the vines, exclusive tastings of organic wines, and the flavours of Cretan cuisine shared under the warmth of the Mediterranean sun.

This Fabulous Ladies journey is about celebrating wine as it has been celebrated for centuries—at the table, with laughter, friendship, and stories that last long after the last glass is poured. Sip, savour, and celebrate Greece in all her beauty. This is your odyssey.



# Price Includes

- Fully escorted from Athens by **Jane Thomson OAM**, Founder & CEO, The Fabulous Ladies Wine Society
- Arrival & departure airport transfers
- 3 nights' luxury 4-star boutique accommodation in a superior room at Perianth Hotel, Athens
- 2 nights' luxury 5-star boutique accommodation in panoramic sea view rooms at Odera Hotel, Tinos
- 3 night's luxury 5-star boutique accommodation in Pure Suites with pool or jacuzzi, Santo Pure, Santorini
- 3 nights' luxury 4-star boutique accommodation in run of house rooms, Rocco A Mare, Crete
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner with a view of the Acropolis
- Introduction to Greek wine with a sommelier
- Private guided Acropolis & National Archaeological Museum Tour including lunch
- Private Guided Mycenae Tour
- Winery Visit in Nemea/Peloponnese including lunch
- Winery Visit, Domaine Skouros
- Private guided afternoon island explore, Tinos
- Winery Visit in Tinos , including lunch

- Private sunset picnic on the Caldera, Santorini
- Private wine tasting including lunch, Santorini
- Private guided walking tour of Oia, Santorini
- Wine Paired dinner, Domaine Sigalas Winery
- Private half day catamaran cruise, including BBQ
- Private guided tour of Knossos, Crete
- Private winery experience including an al fresco picnic
- Private winery visit in the PDO region of Dafnes, including lunch
- Business class ferry tickets Athens-Tinos-Santorini-Crete
- Economy class flight Heraklion-Athens
- Private air conditioned transfers throughout
- All entry fees and taxes
- Private English – speaking guide throughout the tour

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfares unless stated in the itinerary; items of a personal nature; phone calls; passport and visas (if applicable); entry fees into countries charged at the airport; laundry or tips. Personal transport; excess baggage; security and additional government taxes not covered already; travel insurance. Meals not specifically mentioned in the itinerary; beverages unless specifically described. Optional excursions or activities that may be offered but are not included in the tour price. Camera tickets at sights were allowed.



# Itinerary

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| Athens to Athens                                                                                                                                               |
| 01–12 September 2026                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Twin share:</b> AU\$21,995 per person twin share                                                                                                            |
| <b>Single Room Supplement:</b> AU\$5,295                                                                                                                       |
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for time to relax or explore Athens at your own pace. In the early evening, gather for an exclusive introduction to Greek wine led by a professional sommelier. Over a guided tasting, you'll sample a curated selection of varietals that reveal Greece's remarkable diversity. Each pour is paired with artisanal charcuterie and cheeses, offering a delicious window into the country's terroir. It's the perfect way to deepen your appreciation of Greek wine before your journey continues into the regions where it is made.

**Stay:** Perianth Hotel  
**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 1 – Tuesday 01: Welcome to Athens

Your journey begins in Athens, the birthplace of democracy, philosophy, and Western civilisation. On arrival, a private transfer whisks you to the elegant Perianth Hotel, a contemporary haven in the city's historic heart. This evening, time for a special welcome dinner. As the Acropolis glows golden in the twilight, you'll share your first taste of Greek flavours and raise a glass to the adventure ahead.

**Stay:** Perianth Hotel  
**Included Meals:** Dinner

## Day 2 – Wednesday 02: Ancient wonders & timeless tastes

Awake to the hum of Athens and set off with your private guide to explore the Acropolis – a timeless symbol of human achievement – and the National Archaeological Museum, where myth and history intertwine. Here you'll uncover how wine and food were not merely sustenance but central to worship, community, and celebration in ancient Greece. After a leisurely lunch, return to the hotel

## Your Host

Created in collaboration with The Fabulous Ladies Wine Society and hosted by Jane Thomson OAM, this extraordinary women-only journey invites you to immerse yourself in Greece's winemaking heritage, ancient history, and timeless landscapes over 11 luxurious nights.

This exclusive tour is a celebration of all things beautiful—luxury, wine, food, and the joy of shared experiences. Join us for a handcrafted journey that combines elegance, passion, and adventure. Indulge in the best of Greece while building lasting friendships.





## Magic Moments...

**Athens:** Stay in boutique luxury at the Perianth Hotel. Private guided visits to the Acropolis & National Archaeological Museum. Welcome dinner overlooking the illuminated Acropolis.

**Mycenae & Nemea:** Step into ancient legend at Mycenae, then enjoy a private tasting and lunch with Evangelia Palivou at Palivou Estate, championing Greece's Agiorgitiko grape.

**Tinos:** Two nights at the stunning Odera Hotel. Explore hidden villages and ancient vineyards. Visit Messaia Winery and meet Eleni Alevra, a passionate winemaker reviving the island's traditions.

**Santorini:** Indulge in Santo Pure Suites with private pools or jacuzzis. Share a private sunset Caldera picnic, taste volcanic wines at a leading winery, and set sail on a private catamaran cruise with food, wine, and sea views.

**Crete:** Discover the Palace of Knossos. Exclusive tastings at Lyrarakis Winery with Katerina Lyraraki and Iliana Malihin Winery, two women redefining Cretan winemaking. Picnic in the vineyards, explore charming Rethymno, and enjoy a final farewell dinner.

and much, much more...

### Day 3 – Thursday 03: Myths, legends & the wines of Nemea

Step back 3,000 years with a private guided visit to Mycenae, the legendary stronghold of King Agamemnon. Walk through the Lion Gate, gaze upon the beehive tombs, and feel the power of ancient Greece come alive.

From myth to modern mastery, you'll continue into the rolling vineyards of Nemea – one of Greece's most celebrated wine regions. Your first stop is Palivou Estate, where you'll be warmly welcomed by Evangelia Palivou, a pioneering female winemaker who has championed the indigenous Agiorgitiko grape. Over a regional lunch and tasting, Evangelia shares her story of heritage, innovation, and her deep connection to the land. In the afternoon, visit Domaine Skouras, founded by the visionary George Skouras. Internationally acclaimed for his meticulous craftsmanship, Skouras produces elegant, expressive wines that have helped redefine Greece's place on the global wine map. Sample his celebrated Agiorgitiko and Moscofilero while soaking up the beauty of Nemea's landscape.

Dinner this evening is at leisure – your last evening in the capital before departing for Tinos and island life tomorrow.

**Stay:** Perianth Hotel

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 4 – Friday 04: Island charm in Tinos

This morning, leave the city behind and sail by ferry to the soulful island of Tinos. With its whitewashed villages,



marble artistry, and slower rhythm, Tinos feels like a hidden gem. Check into the luxurious Odera Hotel, where sea views stretch endlessly before you. In the afternoon, enjoy a private tour of the island's villages, rich in folklore and artistic heritage. Tonight, gather for a delicious dinner to taste Tinos' celebrated flavours.

**Stay:** Odera Hotel

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 5 – Saturday 05: Wineries & heritage of Tinos...

Tinos is an island of quiet magic – a place where ancient stone wine presses are still etched into the landscape. Today you'll trace this winemaking legacy before arriving at Messaia Winery, and meeting Eleni Alevra. Passionate about reviving old vineyards and blending them with modern techniques, Eleni shares her personal journey as a woman shaping Tinos' wine story. Walk through her vines, explore an abandoned village nearby, and taste wines that speak of volcanic soils and sea breezes. Dinner this evening rounds out a day steeped in heritage and flavour.

**Stay:** Odera Hotel

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 6 – Sunday 06: The magic of Santorini

Board your ferry to Santorini, Greece's most iconic island. Your home for the next three nights is Santo Pure Suites, where each suite offers a private pool or jacuzzi – the epitome of indulgence. Tonight, the island's famed sunsets are yours to savour during a private Caldera picnic. As the sky melts into shades of crimson and gold,

you'll sip Santorini wines and nibble local delicacies in one of the world's most unforgettable settings.

**Stay:** Santo Pure Suites

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 7 – Monday 07: Volcanic wines & local flavours

Santorini's volcanic soil produces some of the most distinctive wines on earth, and this morning you'll enjoy a private visit to the iconic Hatzidakis Winery. Founded in 1997 by the late Haridimos Hatzidakis, the estate is now carried forward with vision by his daughter Stella Hatzidakis and co-winemaker Konstantina Chryssou Hatzidakis, producing organic, biodynamic wines that honour Santorini's unique terroir. Taste their acclaimed Assyrtiko and hear how their work preserves both tradition and innovation.

The afternoon is yours to relax before a special evening unfolds. Begin with a private walking tour of Oia, Santorini's most photogenic village, where whitewashed houses tumble down the cliffs and blue-domed chapels glow in the late-afternoon light. Stroll hidden lanes and soak in those iconic Caldera views before arriving at Domaine Sigalas. Here, you'll enjoy an elegant wine-paired dinner that showcases Sigalas' world-class volcanic wines alongside exquisite island cuisine. It's a magical combination of place, flavour, and friendship – an evening that captures the very essence of Santorini.

**Stay:** Santo Pure Suites

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### Day 8 – Tuesday 08: An afternoon on the water

Sail into the heart of the caldera on a private catamaran cruise. With swimming, snorkelling, and panoramic views of Santorini's cliffs, the morning unfolds at a leisurely pace. Onboard, enjoy freshly prepared dishes, wine, lots of laughter and the joy of the moment.

This is Santorini at its most effortless – luxury, relaxation, and beauty all around.

A beautiful day of chill time and adventure...

**Stay:** Santo Pure Suites

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 9 – Wednesday 09: Crete – land of legends

Today it is time to head to Crete, Greece's largest and most diverse island. Arriving in Heraklion, you'll settle into Rocca a Mare, your boutique base with old-world charm.

This evening, enjoy a relaxed group dinner as you settle into Crete's warm embrace.

**Stay:** Rocca a Mare

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 10 – Thursday 10: Biodynamic wines & Rethymno

Today brings another highlight: a private visit to Iliana Malihin Winery, led by the passionate Iliana Malihin herself. Revered as one of Crete's rising stars, Iliana has dedicated herself to reviving old terraced vineyards of Liatiko, working with local growers and pioneering biodynamic practices. Her wines capture both authenticity and innovation, reflecting Crete's new voice on the global wine stage. Afterwards, enjoy a light lunch and time to

wander in Rethymno, one of Crete's most atmospheric towns with Venetian charm and seaside flair.

Return to the hotel and the rest of the afternoon and evening is a leisure.

**Stay:** Rocca a Mare

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 11 – Friday 11: Knossos & a winery picnic

This morning, step into one of the most storied sites in Greece – the Palace of Knossos. Home to the legend of the Minotaur, it is a place where myth and archaeology blur.

Later, journey to Lyrarakis Winery, a pioneering family estate in Crete. Meet Katerina Lyraraki, part of the family's next generation, who is deeply committed to preserving rare indigenous varieties. Over a rustic al fresco picnic among the vines, you'll taste her wines and hear how she is safeguarding Crete's viticultural heritage for the future.

This evening, a farewell dinner is the perfect finale – a celebration of friendship, discovery, and the joy of sharing wine together.

**Stay:** Rocca a Mare

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

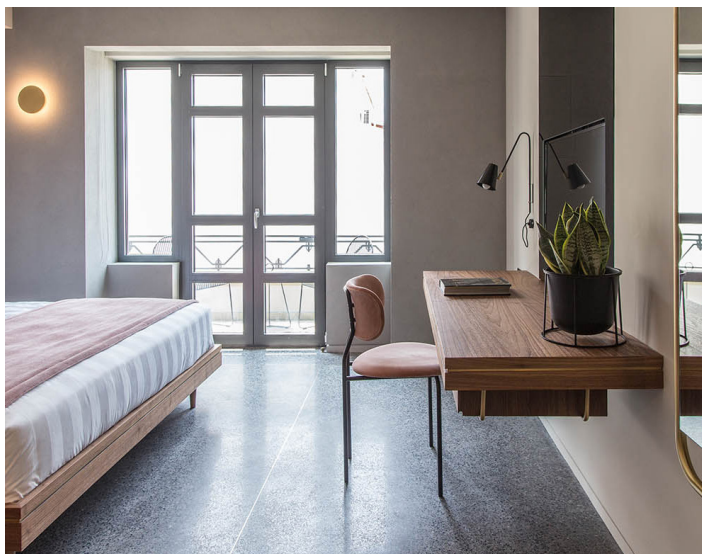
### Day 12 – Saturday 12: Farewell Greece

After breakfast, a private transfer takes you to Heraklion Airport for your return flight to Athens and onward journey. As you say farewell, you carry home more than memories – you carry the flavours, stories, and friendships that have made this odyssey uniquely yours.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast



## Accommodation



### ATHENS | Perianth Hotel

A neo-modernist marvel, the 47-room Perianth Hotel celebrates contemporary Greek culture in Athens' historic center. Designed by K-Studio, the interiors are a nod to the Athenian modern movement: think terrazzo floors, marble furniture, slim metal frames, and wooden surfaces. Curated artwork by contemporary Greek artists, such as Maria Papadimitriou, Apostolos Georgiou, and Yiannis Varelas, are on display both in the rooms and the public spaces. The hotel's eatery serves up an all-day brunch and an eclectic Greek-inspired cuisine in the evenings.

\*Photos are indicative only. Rooms may vary subject to availability.



### TINOS | Odera Hotel

Carved from Tinos' rugged beauty, Odera isn't just a hotel but a journey into the island's soul. Sustainability and Tinian heritage are woven into every detail. We welcome you to become acquainted with the local way of life and immerse in experiences woven in tradition. Embrace the leisurely rhythm of island life, where each passing moment holds depth and meaning, enabling you to carve your own path while enveloped in the soothing embrace of the expansive blue sea..



### SANTORINI | Santo Pure

Nestling in the serene outskirts of Oia village, yet within easy walking distance to the town, Santo Pure is an enclave of 85 suites and villas that exude pure Cycladic charm. Each one presents a peaceful sanctuary crafted for people who seek balance and horizon-broadening encounters.

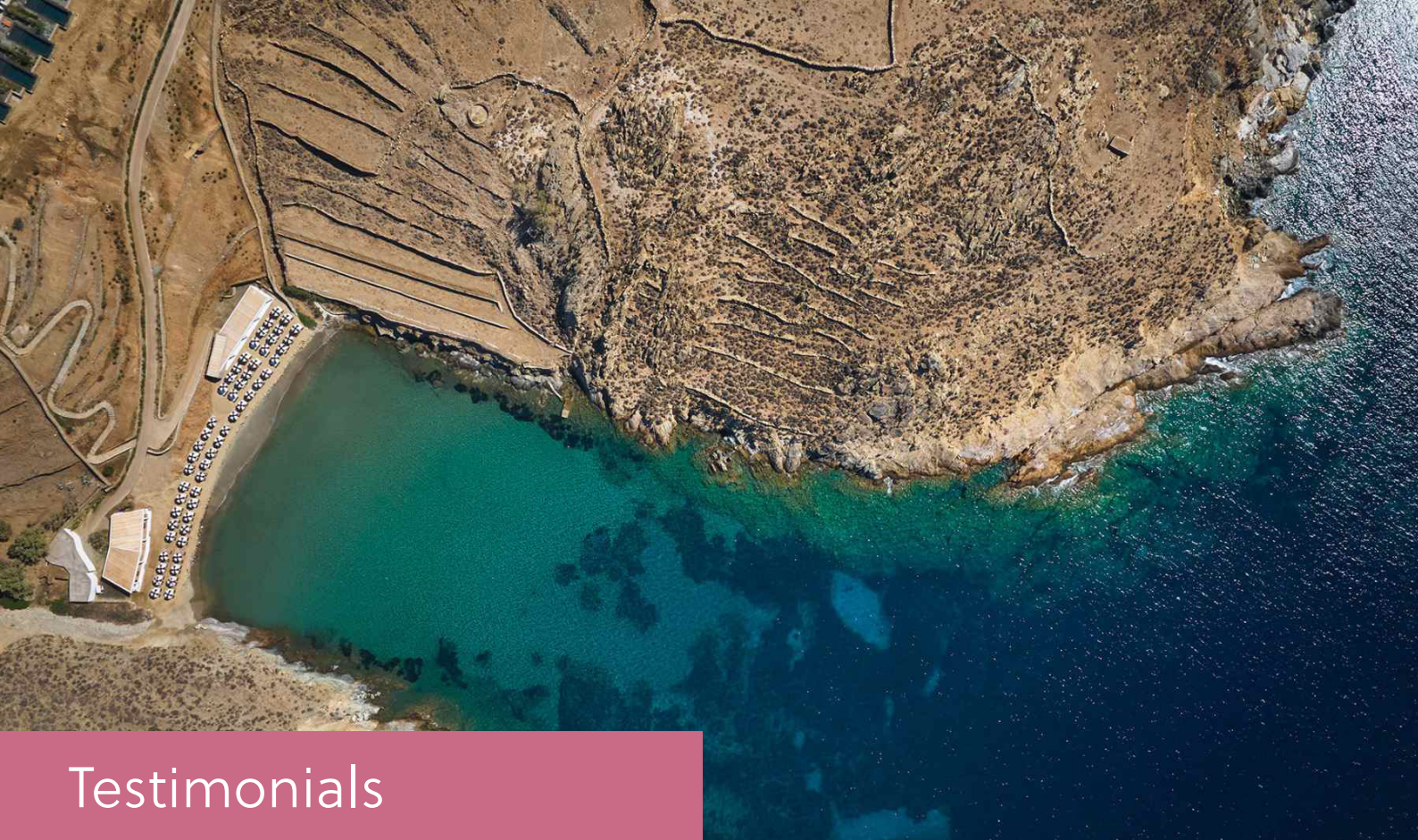
Immerse yourself in a quintessential blend of contemporary lava-black and white soothing tones. A unique ambience of refined luxury enhanced by nature, through lush gardens and expansive vistas that elevate the soul.

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### HERAKLION | Rocca A Mare

Rocca a Mare offers a front-row seat to Heraklion's past, present, and sea views that might just have you rethink your return ticket. Nestled in the heart of the city, this personality-packed gem blends Minoan-inspired details, warm wood, and sleek design, making every stay feel personal. Sip cocktails at the Rocca Cloud rooftop pool bar, complete with a 20-metre pool and sun beds, savour Cretan flavours at the chic Rocca Bistro all-day bar and restaurant and boost your energy at the fitness centre. art of Accor's Handwritten Collection, this charming hotel is all about individuality, character, and stories worth staying for.



## Testimonials

I have enjoyed each and everyone of your trips I have taken.

The local ones ( Hiddenvale and Hobart) and more exotic locations ( India x 3, magical Morocco and divine South Africa) have all delivered on expectations and all show your stamp of picking the eyes out of the most delightful locations to rest our heads, and also extraordinarily well critiqued sites, restaurants and artisan workshops to visit.

I am really looking forward to Sicily in September. Best wishes and many thanks for the joyful travels I have immensely enjoyed.

**Lisa, 2025**

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I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for organising what has been the most amazing holiday I have ever experienced.

From the start, everything was well-coordinated, and the attention to detail was impeccable. However, the absolute highlight of the trip was the safari experience. It completely exceeded my expectations – the breathtaking landscapes, the abundance of wildlife, and the knowledgeable guides made it unforgettable. The excitement and awe of seeing such majestic animals up close was a dream come true, and it's an experience I will cherish for a lifetime.

Thank you once again for providing such a seamless, exhilarating, and memorable adventure. I'll definitely be recommending your services to friends and family, and I look forward to traveling with you again in the future.

**Deirdre, 2024**

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Andrea makes dreams come true ! With wonderful surprises along the way, Portugal was definitely exquisite, guided by our Zoe ever so helpful on many occasions ensuring my dream came true. I've had the most wonderful time, meeting and sharing the trip with amazing Divas.

**Linda, 2025**

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This was my second trip with Travelling Divas and I cannot recommend them enough. They have been seamless, the accommodation is always exceptional as is the food & wine throughout the journey.

However it is the company and the laughs that has stayed with me, not only on this trip but on my previous trip to Estonia & Finland. It was the tonic that was needed after our long travel hiatus, thank you so much for what was truly a Journey of a Lifetime (the Northern Lights twice was an added and unexpected bonus... thanks for organising that for us!)

**Yvonne – Diva Iconic**

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Best holiday experience ever. Loved everything! I would not have changed a thing.

**Jenny**

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**Your Host**  
Jane Thomson,  
Founder of The Fabulous  
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