



9ICEG
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The Samaria Gorge

29 JUNE



For those who love hiking and adventure, one of the most famous places to see is the Samaria Gorge. A 18km long National Park, a visit to which is definitely a lifetime experience.



Nature

One of the most famous places to visit on the island of Crete is this National Park. It is the second longest gorge in Europe; 18km long and exceptionally rich in animal and plant beauty. Inside the gorge you will find unique species protected under international law and you may even meet its famous inhabitants, the wild goats of Crete, which the locals call “agrimia” and tourists call “kri-kri”.

The Samaria footpath is very well signposted all along its length and is thought to be the most-walked footpath in the whole of Greece. More than a quarter million people walk through the gorge every year from beginning of May to the end of October. The walk takes 4-8 hours, depending on your pace. Agia Roumeli village is where the walk ends, and you can enjoy a swim in the Libyan Sea or have lunch one of the many tavernas.



Remember to bring suncream, sunglasses & hat, long-sleeved shirt for sensitive skin, bottle of water & light snack, swimsuit and a beach towel.



TIMETABLE **

Thursday, 29 June

Departure from Minoa Palace Resort & Spa

5:40

Coffee stop

7:30

First stop at Omalos Plateau for coffee/breakfast.

Explore the Samaria Gorge [starting at Xyloskalo 1.200m altitude and ending at Ag. Roumeli (sea level)]

8:00 – 14:00

Walk through the footpath at a steady pace, enjoying the wild beauty and the rich flora and fauna of the gorge. You will meet the river several times on your way, as well as many springs where you can refill your bottle of water. Take a rest in the shade of large plane trees at Neroutsiko, at the church of Agios Nikolaos or the abandoned village of Samaria in the middle of the gorge. If you walk quietly, you are very likely to see some "kri-kri" jumping around along the way! Hold your breath for the amazing scenery at the "Iron Gates", the narrowest and most famous part of the gorge.

Free time for swimming & lunch at Ag. Roumeli

14:00 – 16:30

The crystal clear waters of Agia Roumeli beach will definitely lure hikers for a swim after the long hike. Along the beach there are also plenty of "tavernas" serving traditional Cretan food.

Take the boat from Agia Roumeli to Sougia

17:00 – 17:30

Return travel from Sougia to Platanias

18:30 – 20:30

Estimated arrival time between 20:00 – 20:30.

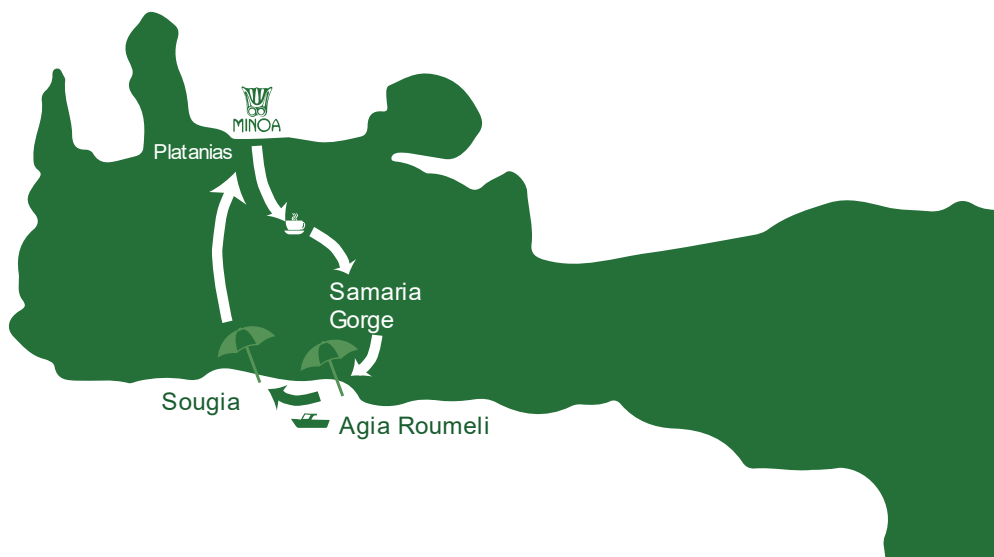
* plus €5 entrance fee at Samaria Gorge & €13 boat ticket from Ag. Roumeli to Sougia

** This trip is organized by our cooperating travel agent "Kyriakakis Travel". Their bus includes pick-up and drop-off points at: Kolimbari, Tavronitis, Maleme, Gerani, Platanias, Ag. Marina, Stalos, Kalamaki, Ag. Apostoli, Chania City, Halepa Area, Kalyves, Rethymno City. 9ICEG participants may board the bus at any convenient stop.

Please note that the following are prohibited inside the gorge: radios, singing, excessive noise, disposal of rubbish in places other than those provided, smoking anywhere other than the rest points, consumption of alcohol.



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