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# SAMARIA GORGE



## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Hike the 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Gorge in Europe (16 km)
- ✓ Excellent for Hiking Lovers
- ✓ See the famous endangered Cretan Goat "Kri-Kri"

**HIKING** 

 Swim in the Refreshing Cool Waters of Agia Roumeli at the exit of the gorge

## INCLUDED

- ✓ Pick-up/Drop-Off
- ✓ Hiking Escort
- ✓ Air-Conditioned Luxury Bus
- ✓ Full Liability Insurance







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# Indicative Time-Table

05:20-06:10 Pick up 07:15 First stop Omalos Plateau. 07:45 Begin hike Xyloskalo (1.200 m) 14:00 End hike at Agia Roumeli Village *(it depends on how fast you walk)* 

Free time for swimming/lunch **16:30** Meet your guide at Agia Roumeli and get the ferry-boat tickets to Sougia.

**17:00-17:30** Departure from Agia Roumeli to Sougia **IMPORTANT!:** *Dep. time must be confirmed with hiking escort* 

18:30 Arrival to Sougia20:00-20:30 Arrival at your Hotel

#### **Important Information**

### Arrival at Xyloskalo, Samaria Gorge

No holiday in Crete is complete without a trip through the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest gorge in Europe, the Gorge of Samaria. It is the longest and most imposing ravine in the Mediterranean. It is 16.5 kilometers in length from the position of Xyloskalo and terminates at Agia Roumeli in the Libyan Sea.

We will arrive around 7 o'clock in the morning and after a short break you will start walking. Descending the 600 wooden steps you will be intrigued by the beauty and serenity of this massive gorge which is shadowed by the White Mountains.

You will come across the church of St. Nicolas, built on the ruins of an ancient temple. Afterwards you will reach "Portes" or "Iron Gates", the narrowest pass of the gorge. The hike ends at Agia Roumeli.

Please note that Entrance Fee and Boat Ticket are not Included and are paid on the spot in Cash

- Drink plenty of water (you can refill your bottle from springs inside the gorge)!
- Go slow in the first 2km of the walk & avoid stopping for a rest just below high cliffs
- Avoid resting for more than 15 minutes (especially if you are not used to this sort of walk) because your muscles will start to stiffen up and you will find it pretty hard to get going again.
- Whilst in the village of Samaria take a quiet walk around it, you will probably catch a glimpse of the kri-kri's. The young ones get used to seeing people every day and are not that shy.
- Always look where you are heading. When you want to look around, make sure you don't block the path and then look.
- Halfway down the gorge lies the old village of Samaria. The village of Samaria has a telephone for communication with the police, a pharmacy, and two mules to transport injured persons.

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



#### **REMEMBER TO BRING!**

→ Sun Cream (a lot!), Sunglasses and Hat →Long-Sleeved Shirt for Sensitive skin → A light jumper for the morning → Good hiking Shoes →Bottle of Water & Light Snack (fruits etc.) →Swim Suit and a Beach Towel!

WARNING! The trip is not recommended for any person, with a history of knee problems, high blood pressure, cardiac and pulmonary problems, for pregnant women and for anybody who suffers from vertigo/fear of heights. If still interested, please check "Samaria Easy Way"

#### **PHOTO GALLERY**





