

HIKING



Chania



Full Day
(15 Hours)



Every Day



Tour Starts
at 05:20



SAMARIA GORGE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Hike the 2nd Largest Gorge in Europe (16 km)
- ✓ Excellent for Hiking Lovers
- ✓ See the famous endangered Cretan Goat “Kri-Kri”
- ✓ 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





SAMARIA GORGE



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 Sougia
- 20:00-20:30 Arrival at your Hotel

Arrival at Xyloskalo, Samaria Gorge

No trip to Crete is complete without visiting the Samaria Gorge, Europe's second-longest and the Mediterranean's most striking gorge. Spanning 16.5 km from Xyloskalo to Agia Roumeli on the Libyan Sea, it's a must-see. We'll arrive around 7 a.m., take a short break, and then begin the descent down 600 wooden steps. The gorge's towering White Mountains and serene beauty will leave you in awe. Along the way, you'll pass the historic church of St. Nicholas, built on ancient temple ruins, and reach the "Iron Gates," the gorge's narrowest point. Your unforgettable hike concludes at Agia Roumeli, where you can relax and soak in the coastal charm after your remarkable journey through one of nature's finest creations.

Important Information

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

Tips for Your Samaria Gorge Hike:

- Stay Exquisitely Hydrated: Quench your thirst with the gorge's pristine, spring-fed waters.
- Commence with Poise: Adopt a leisurely pace during the initial 2 km and refrain from lingering beneath imposing cliffs.
- Embrace Brief Reprieves: Limit pauses to under 15 minutes to prevent muscular stiffness and preserve your stride.
- Explore Enchanting Samaria Village: Through this picturesque hamlet—keen eyes may spot the graceful kri-kri goats.
- Remain Attentive: Mind your footing; courteously step aside before pausing to savor the awe-inspiring scenery.
- Emergency Facilities Available: Samaria Village offers a communication line, a pharmacy, and mules to assist with emergencies.

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.

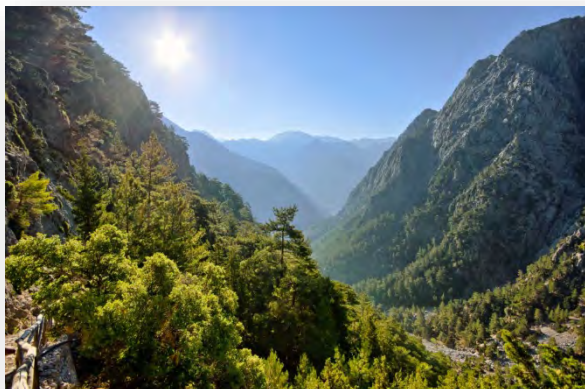


REMEMBER TO BRING!

- 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



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SAMARIA GORGE **EASY WAY**

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- ✓ See the famous endangered Cretan Goat "Kri-Kri"
- ✓ Swim in the Refreshing Cool Waters of Agia Roumeli
- ✓ Enjoy various Cretan dishes at local taverns



INCLUDED

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SAMARIA GORGE



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Indicative Time-Table

- 05:20-06:10 Pick up
- 07:30 Short stop at Omalos (photo shooting)
- 08:00 Departure from Omalos to Sougia port
- 09:00 Departure by boat from Sougia to Agia Roumeli
- 10:00 Arrival at Agia Roumeli /Walki into the gorge up to the Iron Gates (optional visit/ entrance fee not included) and time to swim/lunch
- 16:30 Meet your guide at Agia Roumeli and get the ferry-boat tickets to Sougia.
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Short Description

Want Stunning Photos Without the Hike? This Experience is for You!
 Craving breathtaking views without the long trek? Want to immerse yourself in nature's grandeur without breaking a sweat? This excursion is tailor-made for you!
 We'll arrive around 7 a.m. for breakfast before you capture incredible shots at the gorge's entrance, marveling at nature's masterpiece. After a briefing from the hiking escort—who will guide the rest of the group through the gorge—you'll part ways and reunite at Agia Roumeli.
 Your driver will take you to the village of Sougia, where a scenic boat ride awaits, leading you to Agia Roumeli at the gorge's exit. Once there, choose your adventure: wander to the iconic "Iron Gates," indulge in a refreshing swim, or savor a leisurely lunch while basking in the village's tranquil charm.
 Effortless, enriching, and unforgettable—nature has never been this easy to enjoy!

Please note that Boat Ticket is not included and is paid on the spot in cash

Samaria Gorge - Facts

Samaria Gorge: Nature's Masterpiece in Crete

The Samaria Gorge is Greece's largest, most majestic, and breathtaking canyon—and the second-longest in Europe. Its international fame draws over 300,000 visitors annually, eager to explore its extraordinary landscapes, shaped by rare geomorphological formations. This unique biotope teems with rich flora and fauna and is steeped in mythology and history dating back to prehistoric times and Crete's most turbulent years.

Declared the **National Park of the White Mountains of Crete** in 1962, the gorge once housed local families in the village of Samaria, where livestock farming and woodcutting were a way of life. Originally covering **48,500 sqm**, the park has since expanded to an impressive **250,000 sqm**, encompassing a significant portion of the White Mountains.

Among the gorge's remarkable wildlife is the **Cretan Chamois** (*Capra aegagrus cretica*), a stunning wild goat species that now roams freely in Samaria and its neighboring gorges. The gorge is also a botanical treasure trove, home to **450 plant species, 70 of which are endemic**, found nowhere else on Earth. Notably, ancient cypress trees—once used in Minoan shipbuilding and the construction of Knossos Palace's pillars—still stand tall, connecting visitors to Crete's illustrious past.

Please note: The hiking escort will accompany you up to the Omalos Plateau. You will reunite with the rest of the Samaria Gorge group in the afternoon at Agia Roumeli.



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