



Thursday, 30 June: Samaria Gorge

For those loving 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.

TIMETABLE *

5:20 – 6:10	Pick up from hotels
7:30 	Coffee stop First stop at Omalos Plateau for coffee/breakfast
8:00 – 14:00	Explore the Samaria Gorge [starting at Xyloskalo 1.200m altitude and ending at Ag. Roumeli (sea level)] 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.
14:00 – 16:45 	Swimming & Lunch at Ag. Roumeli 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.
16:45	Meet the tour guide at “Samaria” tavern
17:30	Take the boat from Agia Roumeli to Sougia
18:10	Return Travel Estimated arrival time between 20:00 – 20:30

Ticket FEE: **€40 / \$44**

(incl. €5 / \$6 entrance fee at Samaria Gorge + €10/\$11 boat ticket from Ag. Roumeli to Sougia)

Reservations possible through the Registration tab.

* For those not willing to walk through the entire footpath of Samaria gorge, the following alternative will be also provided:

7:30	Continue with the bus to Sougia
9:00 – 9:40	Take the boat from Sougia to Agia Roumeli
9:45 – 16:45	Enjoy the Beach at Agia Roumeli and a short Visit at Samaria Gorge You can use the time for swimming at Agia Roumeli beach, lunch and a short hike within the Samaria gorge. Insert the gorge from the exit and walk up to the “Iron Gates”. Then, walk back to the beach of Agia Roumeli, it won’t take longer than 1:30 hour. Moreover, you can walk up the hill above Agia Roumeli village, where the ruined Turkish castle lays.
16:45	Meet the tour guide at “Samaria” tavern

The rest of the trip continues as previously stated.

Ticket FEE: €50 / \$55

(incl. €5 / \$6 entrance fee at Samaria Gorge + €20/\$22 boat ticket Sougia-Ag. Roumeli-Sougia)

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