



LASITHI PLATEAU

We start our tour at the historic **monastery of Kera Kardiotissa**. Nuns live at the monastery and take care of it. Here, you will see the famous icon of the Virgin Mary, which many people believe is miraculous. You will also see beautiful frescoes and icons from the 14th century.

Next, we visit the **Lasithi Plateau**, 850 meters above sea level. The plateau is surrounded by the Dikti Mountains and 18 traditional villages. You will see the famous windmills and the old Venetian ditches that were built to remove water from the fields.

After that, we go to the **village of Psychro**. There, we visit the well-known **Dicteon Cave***. Inside the cave, you will see impressive rock formations called stalactites and stalagmites. According to Greek mythology, Zeus was born here. In Psychro, you will also visit a pottery workshop and learn how local handmade ceramics are made.

We then continue to **Tzermiado**, the main village of the plateau. The village has beautiful views and traditional houses. Here, you will have free time to relax and enjoy lunch at a local tavern.

On the way back, we stop at a traditional **olive oil factory** near the foothills of the Lasithi area. You will learn how olive oil is produced and taste extra virgin olive oil and local products before we return.

TIME SCHEDULE:**

- 07:45 - 09:20 Pick Up
- 09:45 Arrival in Kera Monastery
- 10:25 Departure from Monastery
- 10:45 Arrival in Psychro – visit to the Cave
- 12:15 Departure from Psychro – ceramics
- 12:40 Departure from Ceramics



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13:00 Arrival in Tzermiado – Time for lunch

14:15 Departure from Tzermiado

14:30 Arrival in Olive Oil Factory

15:00 Departure from Olive Oil Factory

15:15 – 16:00 Return to hotels – Drop Off

ROUTE: 140 km

DURATION: approx. 6-7 hours, depending on the accommodation location

STAY IN KERA MONASTERY: approx. ½ hour

STAY IN PSYCHRO: approx. 1 ½ hours

STAY IN CERAMICS: approx. 20 min.

STAY IN TZERMIADO: approx. 1 hour and 15 min.

STAY IN OLIVE OIL FACTORY: approx. ½ hour

EXTRAS: Entrance Kera Monastery 2.00€

Entrance Dicteon Cave 15.00€

Free entrance for children up to 18 and young adults up to 25 from the European Union (& from 1st of October to 31st of May a 50% discount for European Union citizens over 65). **Valid ID or passport required.**

***As long as Dicteon Cave is closed for maintenance, the visit will not take place. The time at the other stops will be extended by about 15 minutes each.**

**** Please note: The timings listed in the itinerary are approximate and may change due to traffic, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances.**