



SAMARIA GORGE

Come with us to explore Samaria Gorge! This excursion is one of the longest but also one of the most beautiful.

Our adventure starts very early in the morning and our first stop is in Skaleta for breakfast.

Then we move to **Omalos Plateau**. There the walk starts from Xiloskalo, where we enter this vast canyon of 18 km.

We usually need 6-7 hours to cross the gorge. The path follows the route of the ancient river Taras. On the way, we can see the caves that formed a natural shelter for the Cretans in war times and now they are natural habitat of the well-known wild goats or kri-kri.

Halfway we come across the **village of Santa Maria**, which is currently abandoned. Three kilometers prior to our exiting this gorge, we reach the Iron Gates (Sideroportes), the narrowest spot of the route, just a few meters wide but 300 meters high.

A bit later, we arrive in the small fishing **village of Agia Roumeli**, where we have quite a long time to lunch and to get a refreshing swim before boarding the ship that leads us back along the coast to **Sfakia**. There our coaches wait for us to get us back to hotels.

TIME SCHEDULE*:	05:15 – 07:00 Pick Up
	07:15 Stop in Skaleta for breakfast & WC
	10:00 Omalos Plateau, 15 min. preparation and beginning of hiking
	10:30 Gorge Entrance
	17:45 Boat departure from Agia Roumeli to Sfakia
	18:45 Arrival at Sfakia and boarding on coaches



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20:30 Short Stop in Skaleta

21:30 – 23:30 Return to hotels – Drop Off

ROUTE: approx. 500 km

DURATION: approx. 15 - 19 hours, depending on the accommodation location

STAY IN SAMARIA: 6-7 hours and 18 km of hiking

BOAT TRIP: 1 hour

EXTRAS: Boat ticket from Agia Roumeli to Sfakia: 15.00€ (ad), 7.50€ (child)
Entrance of the gorge: 10.00€

ESSENTIALS: Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, jacket, swimsuit, extra pair of socks



Walking shoes needed

✗ **Not suitable for individuals with certain health conditions or physical limitations.**

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