

PORFYRON

Day 1-13/06 (arrival day)

PRESENTATION

Photo 1: Virtual reality of the formation of the Vikos Canyon. Part of the one hour presentation about Zagori's nature and culture.

We welcome you at Porfyron Guesthouse with a homemade complimentary drink and a locally produced snack. After you've made yourselves comfortable we meet downstairs where we will give you a presentation introducing you to Zagori's Nature and Culture. A foretaste of your next days' wonders enabling you to commune with the environment!

Day 2-14/06

BELOI / SCALA VRADETOU



Photo 2: Scala Vradetou.

We will drive to Kapesovo village where an uphill hike through the famous and best preserved Scala Vradetou (cobbled stone footpath) will bring us to Vradeto village (1,300 m altitude). From there a mild thematic route on the lower alpine zone will bring us to the most spectacular view of the Vikos Canyon (Beloi). After a coffee break at the traditional café of Vradeto we will enjoy the view of the hillranges as we will descent the Scala.

Trekking Hours: 3

Elevation Gain: +300m

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Day 3 - 15/06

VIKOS CANYON-A Monument of Nature



Photo 3: The Vikos Canyon.

Option 1: A seven hour hike from Monodendri to Vikos village through the Vikos Canyon and the Voidomatis' springs. This thematic route which evolves in the heart of Unesco's Geopark will give you the chance to hike the Deepest Canyon in the World and admire IN SITU the geological heritage of the area!

Trekking Hours: 7

Elevation Gain: +700m

Difficulty Level: Moderate/Strenuous

Option 2: For those who are not prepared to walk for seven hours an alternative three hour descending and ascending trail to Voidomatis springs and Vikos village is available. This thematic route reveals the complex karstic system of the Tymfi mountain range.

Trekking Hours: 3

Elevation Gain: +300m

Difficulty Level: Easy/Moderate

Day 4-16/06

DRYSTONE AND WOOL HERITAGE

The terrain itself determines the basic form of infrastructures with local materials (sandstone and limestone). Houses, huts, border walls, yards, cobbled roads, wells, country churches, church icon screens are some monuments these thematic day. We will explore the drystone heritage of Ano Pedina, Elafotopo and Kato Pedina villages. During afternoon we will have felt creative lesson to the flowered garden of Porfyron guesthouse.



Photo 4: Drystone construction and felt creation.

Day 5-17/06 **STONE BRIDGES**



Photo 5: Kokkoris bridge.

Starting from Kokkoris bridge a three hour hike through the forest with mild uphill and downhill will give you the chance to visit the four most famous stone bridges: Kokkoris, Plakidas, Mylos and Kontodimos. This thematic hike will enlarge your knowledge of stone building and also give you a taste of the “road network” of the past centuries. From there we move on to Koukouli and end up to the most

picturesque village of Dilofo for lunch. A short hike down to Kokkoris bridge will help you digest and bring you back to where you started.

Trekking Hours: 4,5

Elevation Gain: +350m

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Day 6-18/06

VOIDOMATIS RAFTING / PAPIGO



Photo 6: Rafting.

A three hour rafting in the waters of one of the cleanest rivers in Europe will bring you closer and deeper to nature. During the rafting course you will have a short break to visit a monastery and enjoy a raki/wine and a small bite. Thereafter we will set off for a short scenic hike from Megalo to Mikro Papigo one of the best-kept traditional stone villages in Greece. The hike will take us through the Bistyras caves with their extraordinary colors which were inhabited in Neolithic times.

Rafting Hours: 2

Difficulty Level: Easy

Trekking Hours: 2

Elevation Gain: +250m

Difficulty Level: Easy

Day 7-19/06

Departure day