



ZAGORI SIGHTSEEING

(day-trip)

Nature and Culture

Zagori is one of the most strictly protected areas in Greece due to its wild and unspoiled nature and its distinctive traditional architecture. The area is a National Park. It belongs to the NATURA 2000 network (a network of nature protection areas in the territory of the European Union) due to its richness of flora and fauna and its great variety of endemic species. In 2010, the area of Zagori was included in the Vikos-Aoös Geopark, a member of UNESCO's Global Geopark Network, rendering it an internationally acknowledged natural monument. Geoparks are well defined territories which include distinctive geological, natural and cultural characteristics. Human activity of the 18th and 19th centuries, such as the many stone built traditional villages with their surrounding monuments, along with the prehistoric remnants of human activity (Paleolithic hunting bases, Neolithic settlements, etc.) more than satisfy the requirements for an extraordinary and unique geopark. Zagori is also the area with the most rainfall in Greece; this is clearly visible in its landscape, covered almost entirely by forests, which provide habitats of great ecological value.



Photo: Vikos Canyon.

This seven day program evolves mainly in altitudes ranging from 450 to 1,450 meters thus excluding the alpine zone with its lakes and glacier's remnants which is part of another program. It's structure aims in enjoying nature, exercising your body, relaxing your spirit, but also in learning about nature and humanity.



Photo: Kokkoros bridge.

Program:

09:00 : Departure from Ioannina and drive to Kokkoros bridge in central Zagori.

09:45 : Visit Kokkoros and Plakidas bridge, Kipi village and then head on to Dilofo village.

11:15 : Coffee-break at Dilofo village.

12:00 : Drive to Monodendri village and visit Aghia Paraskevi Monastery.

13:30 : Drive to Megalo Papigo for lunch.

14:15 : Lunch at Astra tavern at Megalo Papigo.

15:30 : Visit the Rogovos pools and then drive Spiliotissa Monastery at the Voidomatis river.

17:00 : Drive to Vikos village for the breathtaking view of the Vikos Canyon and the Voidomatis springs.

18:00 : Departure.

19:00 : Arrival to Hotel.

Cost:

For groups 4 to 8 persons: 275 euros (VAT included).

For groups 9 to 20 persons: 400 euros (VAT included).

Price includes transportation and sightseeing services.