

The Best of Greece
Mainland Greece and Lefkada
Spring 2022
April 30th-May 15th



Greece has become a huge part of my life. I really enjoy sharing it with my groups. I have spent months walking its foot paths, exploring every village I end up in and getting to know the people living there.. This has become my home! I have guided now a dozen treks and paddling tours throughout Greece. I am going to show you what I believe are some of the best parts and some of the most beautiful scenery around. My roots run deep since my Grandparents and Mother were born and raised there and lived there, for a great portion of their lives. I feel to really appreciate and see Greece, the best way is not by sitting in a large tour bus looking out the windows and getting off and on from time to time, but to walk the amazing streets and footpaths and paddling its beautiful coastline. I have spent my time trekking from one village to the next, viewing the true Greece. This trip will encompass two of my favorite places in Greece, the island of Lefkada and the mountains of Mainland Greece.

*April 30th Depart USA for Athens. Arrive Athens May 1st.
May 1st Overnight Sofitel, Athens Airport (not included inpackage, but I will get a special group rate)
May 2nd Early departure from Athens Sofitel(Ground Transportation is not included in the price of the package but we will do a group block and pay for all domestic land transfers and flights as a group once they are available). Plan on \$300 USD total for all domestic flights and ground transfers. May 2nd-May7th.*

Day1:

Nydri- Madouri-Skorpios-Meganisi Early departure to Lefkada. Meeting the guides and briefing about our equipment, our sea kayak tour and of course all safety procedures. We begin our paddling adventure by leaving the port of Nydri, heading to the islet of Madouri and this of Skorpios. We keep paddling for another two NM until we reach Meganisi and its NNE (North-Northeast) coastline with its fiord like formations, beautiful beaches and picturesque villages. A few miles further we reach the beach of Elia, where we will overnight in a traditional guesthouse. Dinner in a local tavern and evening walk through the lovely Katomeri (B,L,D).

Distance to cover 9NM



Day 2: Elia-Kalamos

Early morning dive into the crystal clear waters of Elia, breakfast and off we go. Our destination for today is the island of Kalamos, after a crossing of 4 NM. It is quite common to meet dolphins along our way, so fingers crossed! As we reach this densely vegetated island, we notice that its tree line goes all the way into the sea. With turquoise waters and surrounded by a cypress tree forest, it is difficult to resist a swim and a lunch break at the beach of Episkopi. Afterwards we paddle to the village of Kalamos for our dinner and overnight in a camp site.

(B,L,D)Distance to cover 10,5NM



Day 3: Kalamos – Kastos

After our breakfast we will head off towards Kastos. This is going to be an easy day with less miles to cover. On the other hand we will visit many beautiful beaches, where we will have the chance not only to swim, but also to do some snorkeling due to the local underwater magnificence.

We will also test our fishing skills and if we get lucky, we will prepare and eat our own catch! Lunch break, some sunbathing and later in the day we continue paddling to the village of Kastos for our evening walk and dinner. Overnight in a traditional guesthouse. (B,L,D)

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Distance to cover 5,5NM

Day 4: Kastos

Time to relax on Kastos! Day 4 is dedicated to training and improving our kayaking skills! We combine fun with a training session of how to become better “kayakers”. We also have the chance to hike a bit on the island and visit a small but quite interesting “Marine Species Museum”

Overnight in a traditional guesthouse. (B,L,D)

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Day 5: Kastos-Rouda bay Lefkada

Early morning swim, a mighty breakfast and a great day ahead of us! Today we will have the opportunity to paddle beneath impressive limestone cliffs, caves and volcanic formations, a breathtaking scenery full of colors and contrasts. We head to the southern cape of Meganisi, with some in-between stopovers at Fermekoula for our lunchbreak and in the “Cave of Papanikolis” which is considered to be the secret hideaway of the Greek submarine Papanikolis during World War II. After this we paddle along another cave (Giovanni) and start with the last crossing back to Lefkada. We will overnight in a traditional guesthouse and have dinner in a local tavern Distance to cover 14NM



Day 6: Rouda bay- Nidri

After having finished with our breakfast, we go snorkeling in one of the most famous caves in the area, the so called "Blue Cave". We continue paddling near the coastline of Lefkada until we reach "Kamari" beach where we shall have lunch. The next stops will be in "Desimi Gulf" and St Nicolaus cave before we reach Nydri, our final destination.

Distance to cover 8NMIncluded:

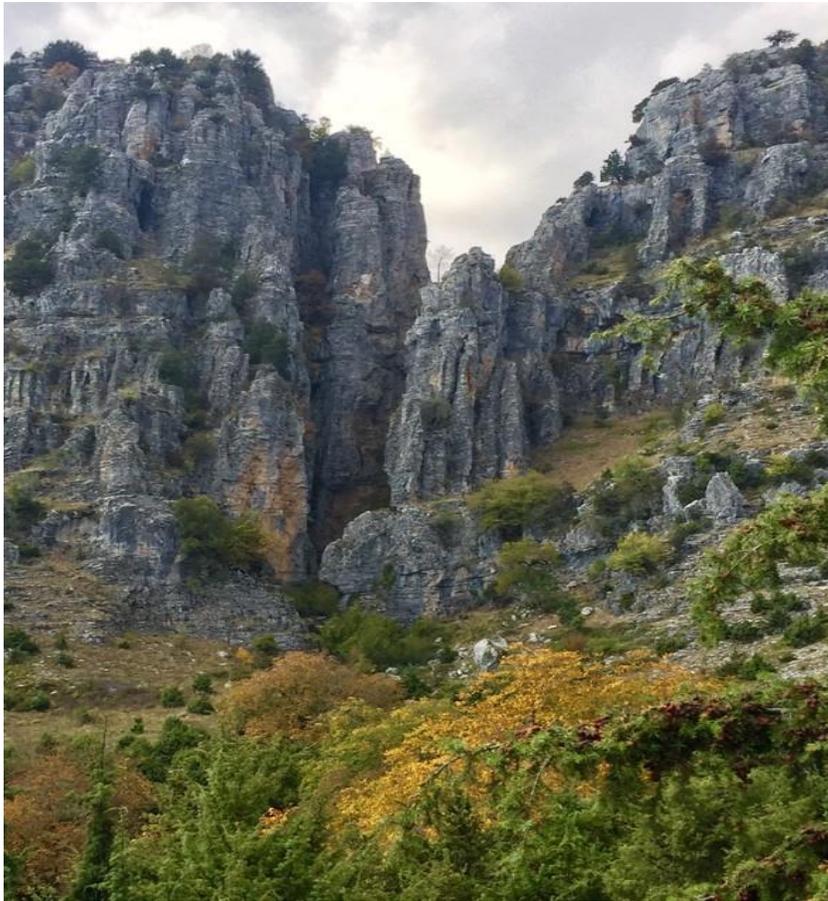
- 6 Days / 5 nights accommodations in DBL rooms in hotels / apartments on BB basis*
- All top quality paddling and safety gear*
- Support boat*
- All breakfasts, all lunches (fruits and snacks), all dinner*
- Not Included:*
 - Personal Expenses*
 - Anything not mentioned in above program*
 - Personal Insurance*
 - Drinks during meals*





*The Zagahoria Village Trek thru the Vikos
Gorge and climbing to Drakolimni Lake! Sleepy Villages
nestled beneath pine-clad towering peaks, valley floors are covered in
prolific wild flowers.*

*Here in
Zagoria Villages you can hike through the deepest gorge in the world in
Vikos-Aoos National Park!*



*We will start our journey from Vitsa Village where we
will spend the first two nights trekking each day 6
hours plus. We will then end our stay in Vitsa with
dinner at the famous “Mushroom Man’s, (Kanela &
Garifalo). We will then leave Vitsa and from this point
on we will trek from Village to Village staying only*



one night at each and seeing all of the Zagahoria. We will spend one night up at the Astraka Refuge way up high above the villages . Here we will hike to Drakolimni Lake.

This is one of my most favorite places on the planet.

Our last night stay will be in the village of Kapesovo with a farewell dinner at Thucydides Restaurant. At the end of this day you will have realized we have not left any stones unturned! This truly is my favorite hiking in Greece!

Included in the tour on Lefkada, all day excursions, meals on the kayak tour lunches while on the excursions. Dinner on your own. On the Mainland Greece portion of the tour, all transfers, accommodations, and all meals but two are included on the tour.

May 14th: Departure to Ioannina. Flights to the USA.

We will fly from Ioannina to Athens, overnight stay will be at Sofitel Athens Airport(hotel stay not included in the price).

You will then need to book your flights back to the USA on May 15th.



A view from the Astraka Refuge, where we will spend one night. Due to its remote location, you will be without your luggage for this one night stay. You will pack your day pack with enough clothing for the night.

Pricing:

\$3650 USD includes all of the above itinerary. Does not include domestic flights, ground transfers or hotel stay before and after the tour at the Sofitel Athens Airport. A deposit of \$1000 is due upon booking confirmation. All deposits are non refundable. Balance is due 3-1-2022.

All payments need to be payable to
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