



Cyclades Olive Museum - Andros



The olive mill in Pitrofos, also known as the Pitrofos "vida", is a part of a two floors building and occupies a big part of the ground floor ("katogi"), while the home of the owner ("vidatoras" or "liotriviariis") is at the upper floor.

It is a fine example of a small pre-industrial, animal powered, olive oil producing unit. With a well looked after facade and inner stonework, it presents interesting architectural elements, that generally characterizing the agricultural and architectural functionality in Cycladic islands.

This specific oil mill presents something uncommon; it has many rooms, in contrast to most olive mills in Andros, where the whole procedure was confined in only one small room. The building dates back earlier than 1823. Various preserved elements, such as three mill stones, two stone milling-plates, and other structural details, prove that it was operational much earlier than 18th century. The building is also known as "despotiko", since the Bishop ("Despotis") of Varna (now a city of Bulgaria) Filotheos Karkakes originating from Pitrofos, spend in 1823 the last years of his life.

Visitors after their guide by the owner Dimitris Chelmis, are invited to watch a video with the real procedure of an animal-powered extracting olive oil, that was realized in the rooms of the museum by using its equipment.

The website of the museum: www.musioelias.gr

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