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## Guided hiking tour North and South Pindos 2018

For several years we have been offering this hiking tour, with some (small) changes every year. Also this year we organize the tour in the beginning of June, when nature is at it's best and the weather is getting real nice.

The hikes of average 4-5 hours net walking time are easy to do for everyone in good shape and with some mountain experience. The paths in the North Pindos may be vertigo-sensitive. We combine the walks with local culture and a rafting tour through the narrow Arachthos gorge (8m wide) which is not passable by foot.

**Unique on this trip:** UNESCO protected villages (with luggage transport by mule), the gorges of Arachthos, Vikos and Voidomatis, water mills and 'nerotrivia', historical paved mule paths, tasting the local specialities together, lots of flora and fauna with explanations by biologist Anna.

**Date:** Tuesday 5 until Tuesday 19 June (15 days)

**Participants:** 3-6 (**we have already two bookings, so with one extra participant departure will be guaranteed**)

**Price per person:** for double/twin room €1495, for single room €1655, full board (excluding flight)

**Tour code:** PCWM218B

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## Guided trekking 'the Tracks of the Bear' 2018

This tour is new for 2018 and takes you through the wilder areas of the Pindos: Valia Kalda, Smolikas, Zagoria and Astrakas. You'll hike through unspoilt nature with alternate forests, lakes, barren slopes, wild streams and waterfalls. It is the habitat of the brown bear, but you'll only see his traces. We organize the tour in September, because earlier in the year the rivers are hard to cross.

The sometimes hefty hikes of usually 4-6 hours net walking time are meant for experienced hikers with mountain experience: there are narrow and vertigo-sensitive paths. On the way we emphasize on nature and environment, it's not a matter of 'reaching the destination as fast as possible'.

**Unique on this trip:** unknown wild mountain areas, unspoilt nature, dragon lakes, bear tracks, tasting the local specialities together, flora and fauna with explanations by biologist Anna.

**Date:** Tuesday 4 until Tuesday 18 September 2018 (15 days)

**Participants:** 3-6

**Price per person:** for double/twin room €1415, for single room €1560, full board (excluding flight)

**Tour code:** PCWT318B

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## Guided bicycle tour from Ohrid to Meteora 2018

This 14 day trekking through southwest Macedonia and northern Greece is guided by Eye4Cycling. Both regions are unknown to cyclists, while they offer all the ingredients for a fantastic biking tour: a rich cultural history, good roads, unspoilt nature and a warm-hearted population.

Most daily stages are in hilly terrain and some days you'll meet a long ascent until 8%. Per ascent you'll overcome about 600 meters altitude. Most days you'll bike 50 to 60 kilometers; two routes are 80km. There is a follow-up vehicle and you'll be accompanied by a tour guide on bicycle.

**Unique on this trip:** biking through unknown and unspoilt mountains, UNESCO protected lakes with rare birds, wine tasting in one of the finest wine areas of the



world, overnight stay in 700 year old monastery, places of historical interest.

**Date:**

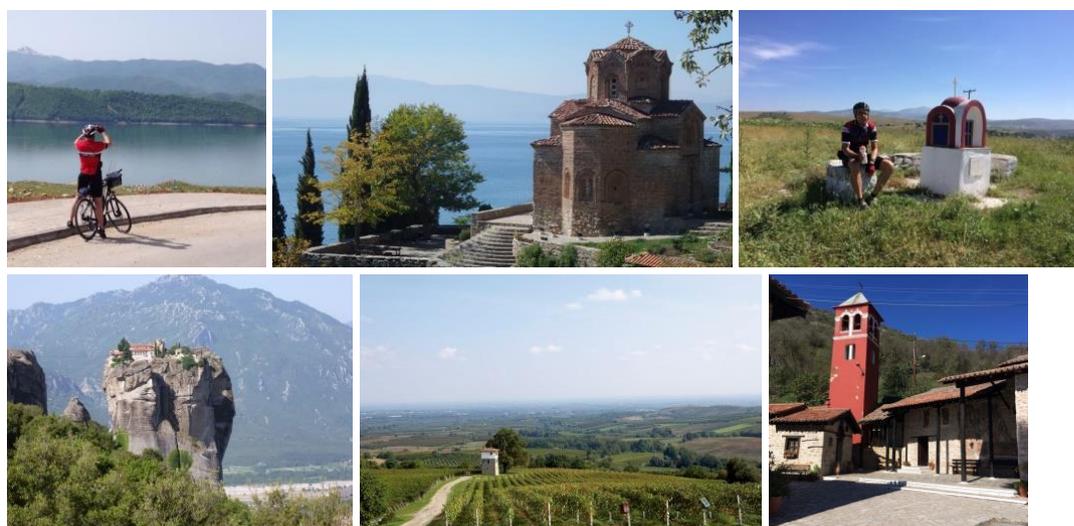
- Friday 11 May until Thursday 24 May 2018
- Tuesday 10 July until Monday 23 Juli 2018
- Friday 21 September until Thursday 4 October 2018

**Participants:** 6-12

**Price per person:** for double/twin room €1149, for single room €1324, semi half board (excluding flight and bicycle rent)

**Tour code:** MKFT318B

[Click here for more information.](#)



## New self-guided hiking tours in 2018

The following self-guided hiking tours are new in the program for 2018:

- Corfu trail, 8-15 days
- Menalon trail (Peloponnesos), 8 days
- Pilion trekking, from 8 days
- Hefty trekking Olympus and Pieria, 8 days
- Hiking tour along the vineyards of northern Greece, 8 days
- Short hiking tour Meteora with wine tasting at a biological vineyard, 4 days
- Walks from several locations, to be combined to a minitrekking with transfers or as hiking tour with (rental) car.

These tours are not yet present on the website. Should you be interested, contact us! More information will follow.





## New self-guided bicycle tours in 2018

The following self-guided bicycle tours are new in the program for 2018:

- Trekking from Ohrid to Meteora, 14 days (the program is similar to the guided tour)
- Trekking through Turkey and Rhodos, 15 days

These tours are not yet present on the website. Should you be interested, contact us! More information will follow.



## Successful prolongations

The following tours will be prolonged due to their success:

- Various hiking tours on the Cyclades islands Andros and [Tinos](#). The [trekking along the Andros Route](#) will be improved.
- [Pilion minitrekking](#) on foot. Some hikes will be added as optional extras.
- [Walking arrangement on Paxos](#) from one location.
- Hiking trekkings of various degrees in difficulty in the North Pindos (Zagoria).
- [Hiking minitrekking in the South Pindos](#) (Tzoumerka).
- [Saronic islands by bike](#) (island hopping).

For more information: see our [Travels](#) page or make a [selection](#) from our programs.

We work hard to update all our travels for 2018. In most cases nor the program nor the price will change much.

## Bicycle and Hiking Fair 2018

This year you may meet us at the [Fiets- en Wandelbeurs in Gent](#) at 10 and 11 February 2018. You may already order your e-tickets with a discount on the fair's website.

## Reading tip: (bicycle) blog by Bob Powers

Our British-Dutch bicycle friend Bob Powers, in family circles world famous for his witty book '[Letters to Kyrgyzstan](#)', writes a [monthly blog](#). Decorated by a cartoon of his own drawing he holds a mirror to both Dutch and British faces and writes about his big hobby bicycling. You may also follow him on [Google+](#).