

## First of all

Due to technical problems some of you may have received this newsletter, but many others did not. We are not able to find out who did receive the newsletter, so we send it again to all subscribers. Our apologies to those who get it for a second time.

## **Contents newsletter March 2018**

- Guaranteed departure for our two guided hiking tours and a guided bicycle trekking.
- New tours: hiking tour along the vineyards of Northern Greece, self-guided bicycle tours Ohrid-Meteora and Turkey-Rhodes.
- Reading tip.

## Guided tours with guaranteed departure

Both our guided hiking tours will depart and we have some places left. The guided bicycle tour starting 21 September needs just one more booking for guaranteed departure.

### 5 - 19 June: hiking mini-trekking Northern and Southern Pindos (PCWM218B)

This tour shows the beauty of the Pindos mountain range, situated in the northwestern Greek mainland. Besides walking and nature we offer local culture: watermills, folklore museums, historical arched bridges, UNESCO protected villages and ancient monasteries. The tour lasts 15 days and there is just ONE place left.

For more information: <u>click here</u>.



### 4 - 18 September: hiking trekking 'the Tracks of the Bear' (PCWT318B)

The hikes of this 15-day tour lead you through the mountaineous areas of the Pindos in the National Park Vikos-Aoos, where bears and other protected species are able to live wild. They are shy so there is little chance of encounter, but we'll certainly come across the tracks!

Most walks are between 4 and 6 hours (excluding the breaks). The hikes are sometimes tough, but we ensure that you have enough time for breaks, to regain your breath and to enjoy the views and the rich flora and fauna.

The goal of our guided tours is to enjoy nature, the environment and the (local) culture. Walking is an excellent way to achieve this goal, we don't aim merely to



reach our destination as fast as possible. For more information: <u>click here</u>.



### 21 September - 4 October: biking trekking from Ohrid to Meteora (MKFT318B-03)

Trekking by bicycle through Macedonia and Northern Greece. Both regions belong to the great 'unknown area' in the field of cycling. Strange, if you perceive that these regions offer all ingredients for a marvellous biking holiday: a rich cultural history, good roads, pristine 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 stages are 50-60 kilometers.

# Only one booking needed for guaranteed departure.

For more information: <u>click here</u>.



## **New tours**

### Walk along the vineyards of Northern Greece (MKWH218I)

A self-guided tour through the wine areas of Northern Greece. From Naoussa you'll wander through the rural countryside, among vineyards in the wide valley below Mt. Vermio and make a great hike through the dense forests that cover this mountain. Further south you explore the lush green valley of the Enipeas River that flows down from the summits of Mt. Olympos. On the southern slopes of Kato Olympos you walk around Rapsani, a traditional village famous for the Rapsani wine production. A last walk high above the impressive Tempi Valley and an overnight stay in the historical village Ambelakia makes this tour a never-to-forget experience!

You walk along hidden monasteries and chapels, situated in lush hill forests and an unexpected green landscape. You may visit a wine museum and the site of Ancient Dion. During the tour you have ample opportunity to taste the excellent wines. For more information: <u>click here</u>.





### Self-guided bicycle tour Ohrid-Meteora (MKFT318I)

The program is almost the same as the guided tour, but this tour you'll make without guide and following car, on the moment that suits you best. For more information: <u>click here</u>.

#### Self-guided bicycle tour Turkey and Rhodes (DRFT218I)

The first week you'll make a wonderful tour along cosy harbour villages in southwest Turkey. You'll discover the ancient culture of the Lycian and Karian coast. After a week you'll sail to the Greek island Rhodes, island of the sun god Helios. The landscape is amazingly green and the sea is really as blue as the pictures show you. The tours go along the sea and through the hilly inland and almost all culturehistorical places of interest are on route.

For more information: <u>click here</u>.



## **Reading tip: Andros**

Almost all our guests on Andros visit the Cyclades Olive Museum: a lovely restored olive press with good stories from owner Dimitri. <u>Visit the website</u>.

## Coming soon...

Keep an eye on the AnnaHiking website for more information about the following tours:

- Short tour Meteora with visit to a biological vineyard and wine tasting, 4 days.
- Modules with walking tours from one location, which you may combine yourself to a tailor-made mini-trekking with transfers or as a walk & drive tour by (rental) car.
- More possibilities for trekkings in the east Zagoria and Valia Kalda.

Our plans for explorations in 2018:

• Self-guided hiking tour on the peninsula Kassandra (Halkidiki)



- Hefty self-guided trekking along the long-distance path O2 from Veria over Mount Olympus to the Pilion.
- Self-guided trekking South Pilion.