

**Cyclades – Andros – self-guided:
Andros light walking program (at most 3¾ hour per day)
taking in 4 accommodations 2024 (CAWM114I)**



Our hiking philosophy: active during the day, and in the afternoon a warm shower, a good meal and a comfortable bed in a small-scale accommodation.

We invite you to join us!

[more information: www.annahiking.nl](http://www.annahiking.nl)



About AnnaHiking

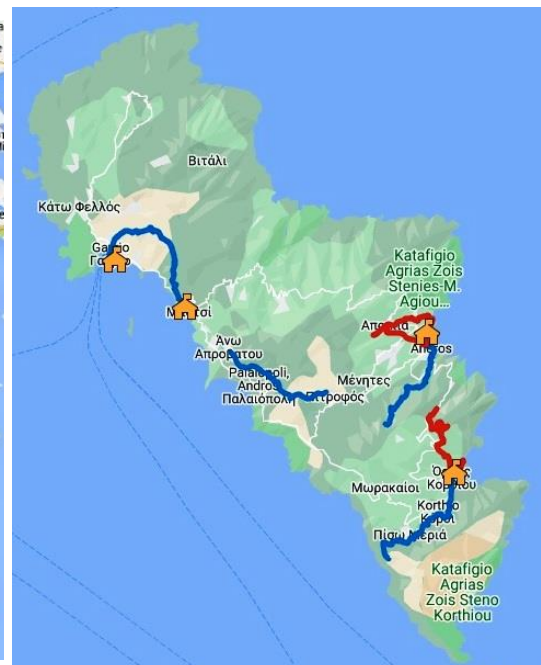
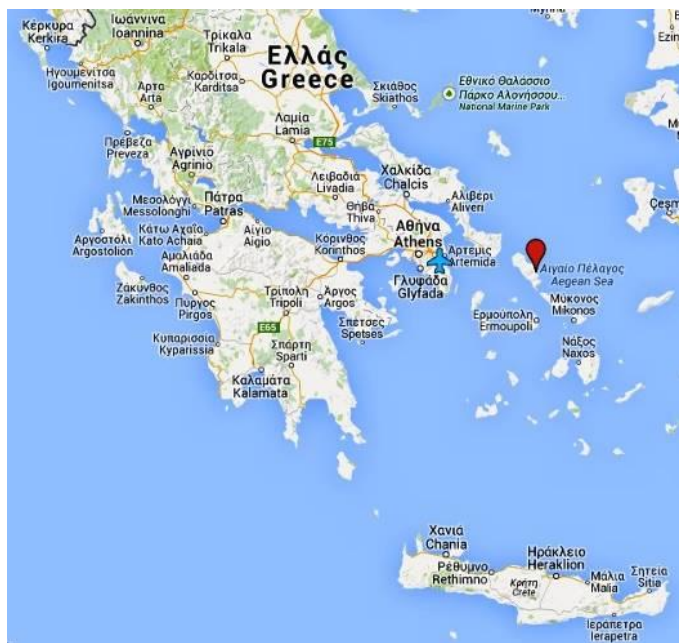
In 1991 we visited Greece for the first time. Our love for the country, the culture, the climate, the food, the language and the Greek has grown ever since. We feel at home here and want to communicate this feeling to others.

Many people are familiar with the Greek “islands with beautiful beaches”. Many islands also boast a splendid inland with historical paths, ideal for hiking. Andros is such an island with much more on offer than beaches alone, and we’d love to introduce it to you.

We explored several hiking routes and described them in detail. As an individual traveller we offer you these descriptions together with GPS-tracks, a navigation app for your smartphone and marked detailed maps, so you can find your way easily. You’ll also receive an information package with background information, tips for the best meals and several other useful trivia.



The tour location



General tour information

Andros is an island in the Cyclades and is situated in the Aegean Sea. You can reach it easily from Athens.

On October of 2015 the European Ramblers Association ERA certified [the Andros Route](#) (100 km length) as [Leading Quality Trail/Best of Europe](#). Our walks follow this Andros Route as much as possible.

It’s a mini-trekking taking in 4 locations. Almost every day the hike ends at the overnight accommodation. Sometimes a taxi will take you to the start of the walk. Once you’ll be picked up at the end of the walk, although you may decide to walk also the rest of the path.





The net walking time is at most 3¾ hours (excluding the breaks). This gives you ample time to enjoy the marvellous views, the many streams and the rich flora!

The walks take place on ‘stenès’ (paved walled paths), country roads and paths. You walk alternately through green and rocky terrain. The paths are in good condition and excellently marked. There may be loose stones though and some parts may be steep.

We thus recommend you to start the tour well trained and prepared with well worn-in ankle-high walking boots.

It's a tour for people that desire peace and nature and want to enjoy at ease one of the finest European hiking routes.



Modular set-up: extensions

The arrangement can be extended with [extra walks](#) and free days in every accommodation.

The tour may very well be combined with one of our hiking tours on other [Cyclades](#) islands like Tinos, Naxos and Santorini. Several ferries connect the Cyclades islands. See the [possibilities on the Cyclades](#) on our website.

Finally you can combine the arrangement with (parts of) other tours we offer. We'll help you with the logistics.

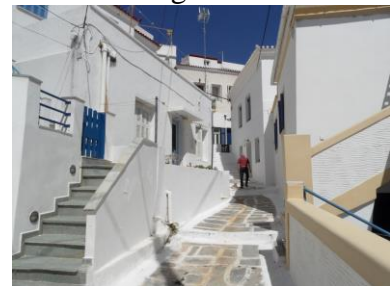
For all your wishes: ask for an estimate!

About the Cyclades and Andros

The Cyclades are situated in a circle ('kyklos') around the holy island Delos or Dilos. The legend tells us that Apollo and Artemis were born here, so Delos was the religious centre of Ionia in the 7th century B.C. The current capital is Ermoupoli.

Nowadays the Cyclades are famous for their square white houses with blue doorposts and window frames.

Andros is the most northern island of the Cyclades. It is the second biggest of the archipelago with a surface of about 380km². It's quite mountaneous; the highest summit is almost 1000m altitude.



Most of the Cyclades are quite dry, but on Andros you'll find lots of water; it's also the greenest island of the archipelago. All year through you'll encounter waterfalls, rivers and streams. The Sariza springs are so abundant that the excellent water is bottled here.

There are also wonderful arched bridges and elegant pigeon towers.



The island was inhabited since the Neolithicum (4000 B.C.), and flowered in several periods. The Agios Petros tower (on one of the walks) is from the Hellenistic period, 400-300 B.C.

There is no airport on Andros, but it's close to Athens (2 hour by ferry boat from Rafina). It is a quiet island, without large-scale amusement. It mostly attracts those who love peace and nature; the visitors are mostly Greek and there is little foreign tourism.

The organisation [Andros Routes](#) maintains the existing paths, opens new routes and marks and describes them. They issued a booklet (Hiking on Andros) and a detailed Anavasi hiking map which shows the routes.

The climate on the Cyclades is gentle. The days are warm early in the year, but the spring nights are still cool. In autumn the day and night temperature is around 20°C. Short showers are to be expected in spring and autumn.

Also heavy winds are possible. In summer they cool you down, but in spring and autumn you may find it sometimes chilly. Due to the sun the temperatures are very pleasant from April until the end of October. Normally shorts and t-shirts are appropriate walking clothes, with a blouse or light sweater for the cooler moments.



The accommodations

You stay in small-scale hotels and apartments in the fisherman's village of Ormos Korthiou, Chora Niborio, beach village Batsi and the harbour of Gavrio. In Ormos Korthiou you take breakfast in a nearby café or get something from the bakery, further you take breakfast in the accommodation. Depending on the flight schedule you might have to spend the first or last night in an hotel in Rafina harbour

In all locations you may also choose a more luxury accommodation with swimming pool at a surcharge. The standard accommodation in Gavrio has a swimming pool. See our [overview of accommodations](#).

All standard accommodations are near a beach and several cosy bars, cafés and tavernas. Bakery shops and supermarkets are close by for lunch shopping.





Booking

The arrangement can be booked with start date from 13 April until 11 October 2023. From mid July until end of August it may be very hot and availability is limited unless you book early.

Prices per person 2024

# travellers	room type	12-4 / 15-6 28-8 / 11-10	16-6 / 20-7	21-7 / 27-8
1 pax (solo)	single	€ 1130	€ 1195	€ 1270
2 pax	double/twin	€ 670	€ 705	€ 735
2 pax	2x single	€ 875	€ 940	€ 1010
3 pax	triple	€ 520	€ 550	€ 570
3 pax	double/twin + single	€ 650	€ 700	€ 740
3 pax	3x single	€ 785	€ 855	€ 920
4 pax	quadruple	€ 445	€ 470	€ 480
4 pax	2x tweepersoons	€ 540	€ 580	€ 600

Note:

- Price is per person, flight excluded.
- Quadruple rooms usually have 2 double beds or 1 double bed and 2 single beds!
- For other group sizes, contact us for an estimate.
- The dates apply to the start day of the tour.
- At a surcharge an upgrade is possible to more luxury hotels with swimming pool; ask for an estimate. The standard accommodation in Gavrio has a swimming pool.
- In 2023 Greece suffered from various natural disasters, like heatwaves, wildfires and floodings, which also effected the tourists. To alleviate the disaster and to take preventive measures, a **climate crisis resilience fee** is issued.

This fee has to be paid at check-in at your accommodation. Tourorganisations are not allowed by law to pay it.

The rates per room per night will be in 2024: €1,50 for 2*-hotels, €3,00 for 3*-hotels, €7,00 for 4*-hotels and €10,00 for 5*-hotels.

Start and end of tour: Andros-Ormos Korthiou / Andros-Gavrio.

Included

- 7 overnight stays of which 4 including breakfast.
- A hiking map of Andros and the book "Hiking on Andros" by Andros Routes. You'll receive the package in the first accommodation.
- Donation for the paths maintenance by Andros Routes.
- Detailed roadbook and maps; digital, sent by WeTransfer, to be printed by you at your own wishes.
- GPS tracks per hike: sent by WeTransfer.
- Luggage transport and transfers according to the program.
- Telephone assistance and reservation fees.

Not included

- Flight and own travel expenses. You may prebook a taxi in Gavrio to wait for you at the harbour.
- Climate crisis resilience fee (see above).



- Lunches, 3x breakfast (*Ormos Korthiou*), diner, drinks and other personal expenses.
- Insurances.
- Transfers not mentioned in the program.
- Everything else not mentioned under “included”.

Own travel expenses and flight

You fly to Athens, take the public bus from the airport to Rafina harbour and sail in about 2 hours to Andros Gavrio. The ferries usually sail around 7:30 and 17:30. The public bus from Andros Gavrio to Ormos Korthiou leaves 10:00 and 19:30 and waits for the ferry. You may prebook a taxi to wait for you at the harbour.

The ferry back to Rafina sails around 10 and 17:30; in the weekend there's usually only a midday boat around 15:00. The public bus from Rafina to the airport has an approximately hourly schedule and is independent of the ferry arrival, as there are many more destinations from Rafina.

Estimate for the transport from and to the airport: €45 p.p. (including ferry).

If you have to stay a night in Rafina, the hotel offers a free shuttle bus service to and from the airport.

For more information and possibilities: see the document [‘How to reach Andros and Tinos’](#) on our website.

Optional extras (prebooked)

Car ferry Andros-Rafina tourist class or v.v.	€ 37
Fast catamaran Andros-Rafina tourist class or v.v. (only high season)	€ 55
Taxi Athens airport-Rafina	€ 82
Taxi Rafina-Athens airport	€ 75
Taxi Gavrio-Ormos Korthiou	€ 71
Taxi Ormos-Exo Vouni (for extension walk)	€ 33
Taxi Chora-Vourkoti (for extension walk)	€ 32
Taxi Chora-Ano Pitrofos (for extension walk)	€ 26
Taxi Batsi-Arni (for extension walk)	€ 38

Luggage

You carry a day pack with water, lunch, warm and rainproof clothing, possibly swimming gear, items for personal care, binoculars/camera etc.

The remaining luggage stays in the accommodation or is transferred.

Before departure we send you a list with essential and advised items.





Day to day program

(You can download the elevation profiles separately.)

Note: walking times mentioned are net times without breaks.

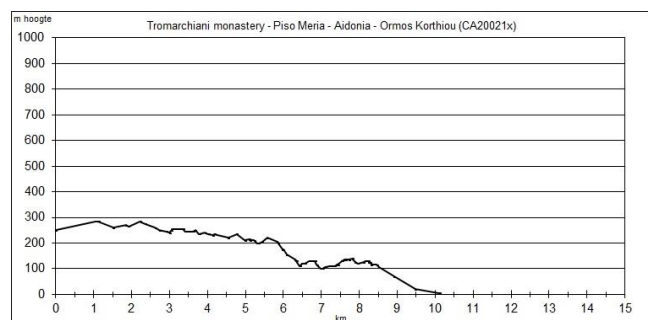
Day 1: To Andros – Ormos Korthiou



From the airport of Athens you take the public bus to Rafina (40 minutes), the ferry to Gavrio (2 hours) and then the public bus to Ormos Korthiou, where the arrangement starts. Your accommodation is next to the old harbour and the owner will pick you up from the bus stop.

overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou

Day 2: From the Tromarchiani monastery along shepherd villages to Ormos Korthiou (CA20021x)



A taxi takes you to the Tromarchiani monastery, on the west side of the island. After a visit (the driver has the keys) you walk back to the asphalt road (the driver may take you if you wish). Here starts a lovely path in the direction of Korthi bay, along meadows, chapels, threshing-floors and villages with attractive springs. The last 15 minutes from the village of Aidoni ('nightengale') are on a quiet asphalt road back to Ormos Korthiou. A very relaxed walk with almost continually sea views.

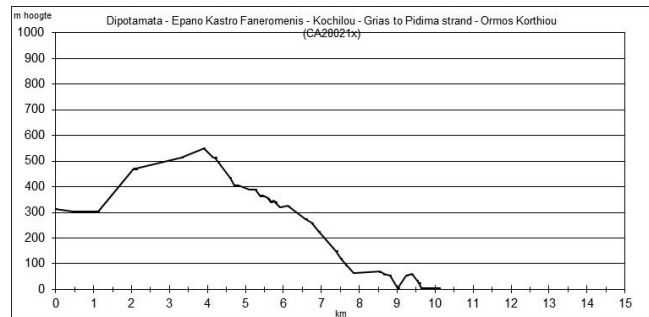
walking time/distance: 3h / 9.7km

ascent/descent: 85m/ 330m

overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou



Day 3: From Dipotamata along the Epano Kastro to Ormos Korthiou (CA28021x)



The start is the country road descending to Dipotamata bridge. Past the bridge you ascend by paths and dirt roads to the castle "Epano Kastro Faneromenis". After a visit to the castle and the Faneromeni chapel you descend through meadows until you meet the kalderimi that takes you through Kochilou village to Ormos Korthiou.

A small detour leads you to "Grias to Pidima" beach where the old woman who had betrayed the castle threw herself off the cliff.

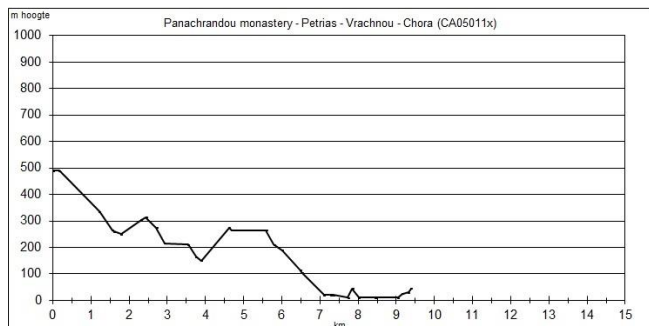
You may leave out the castle and you don't have to go all the way down to the beach.

walking time/distance: 3h20' / 9.8km

ascent/descent: 310m / 630m

overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou

Day 4: From the Panachrandou monastery to Chora (CA05011x)



A taxi takes you to the Panachrandou monastery. The location is splendid and if you arrive before 2 a.m. the hospitable monks will gladly show you the wonderful icons in the church.

Past the monastery you descend by a wide walled path until the crossroads "Petrias". On your way you'll have wonderful views over the valley and the villages on the other side. A slight ascent and then you walk downhill through Livadia valley to Chora.

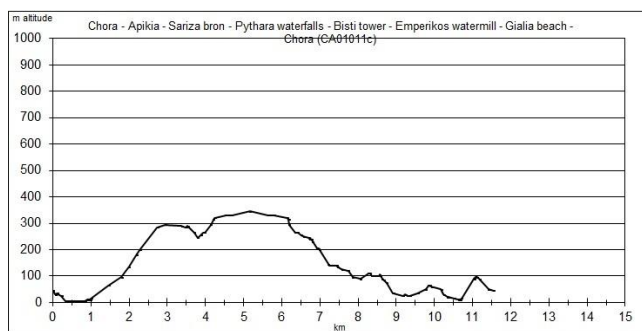
walking time/distance: 3h20' / 9.4km

ascent/descent: 260m / 705m

overnight stay: Chora Niborio



Day 5: Circular walk Chora along history and water (CA01011c)



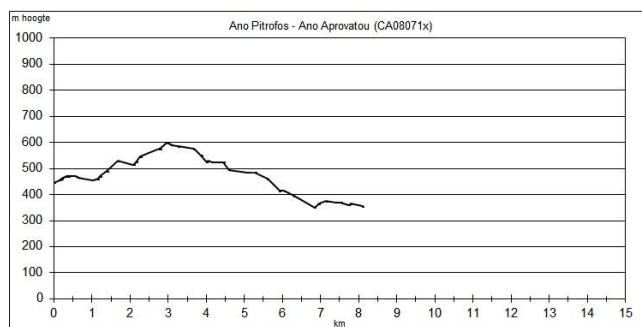
From Niborio beach you ascend gradually to Apikia (with the Sariza Springs higher up in the village). From Apikia you descend past the historical living tower of Bisti-Mouvelas, the Lion bridge and the Emperikos watermill to Gialia beach. Over a rocky hill you reach Niborio beach again.

walking time/distance: 3h35' / 11.2km

ascent/descent: 520m

overnight stay: Chora Niborio

Day 6: From the Olive Press Museum in Ano Pitrofos to Ano Aprovatou (CA08071x)



You'll be taken to the animal powered [Olive Press Museum](#) in Ano Pitrofos. The museum awarded as one of the TOP10 museums in Greece and offers a unique museum's experience! Dimitris, the owner and son of the latest miller, is a civil engineer and he is originated from Pitrofos. He restaured the mill to be ready for use. He's not present every day, but you may call him to arrange a visit.



You walk by the historical connecting route to the west side of the island, along Ano Aprovatou village with taverna "the balcony of the Aegean" (not always open!). Here the taxi will pick you up and bring you to Batsi.

You may also walk down to Batsi harbour, partly by a historical kalderimi with lovely views over the bay.



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walking time/distance: 2h40' / 8.1km

ascent/descent: 220m / 310m

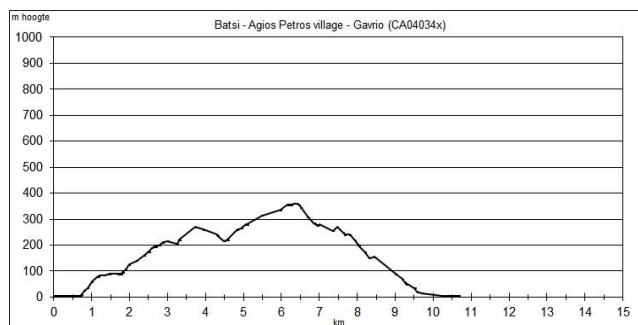
overnight stay: Batsi

(until Batsi)

walking time/distance: 4h15' / 13.0km

ascent/descent: 270m / 710m

Day 7: From Batsi along Agios Petros village to Gavrio (CA04034x)



The walk starts in the harbour of Batsi, where you can stock up for lunch or have a coffee. You ascend by mountain paths to a plateau and then it's down again.

You pass the village of Agios Petros with its lovely spring and the tower on the hillside. After the village you descend all the way to the harbour of Gavrio.

walking time/distance: 3h35' / 10.7km

ascent/descent: 435m

overnight stay: Gavrio

Day 8: Departure



You walk to the harbour and sail to Rafina. There you take the public bus to Athens airport.

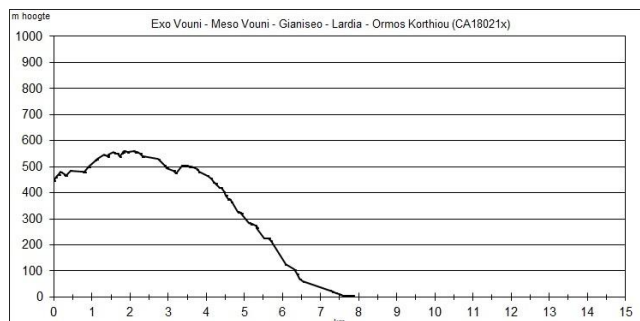
NB: If your flight is early, you sail to Rafina after your walk on day 8 and spend the night there (supplement). The hotel has a shuttle bus service to take you to the airport.



Extra walks

Walks from Ormos Korthiou

From Exo Vouni to Ormos Korthiou (CA18021x)



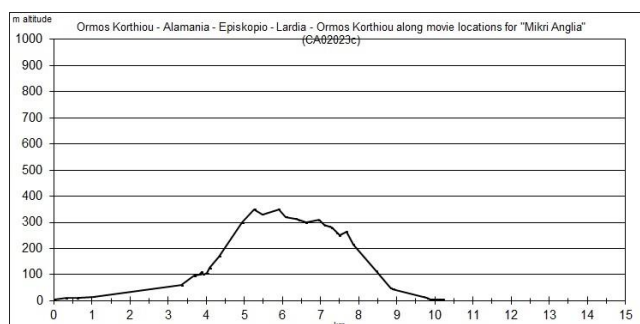
By taxi to Exo Vouni where the walk starts. The walk is relatively easy and takes you through the villages Meso Vouni, Gianiseo and Lardia to Ormos Korthiou. A pleasant alternation of paths and dirt roads with lovely views.

walking time/distance: 2h50' / 7.0km

ascent/descent: 160m / 590m

overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou

Circular walk 'Mikri Anglia' (CA02023c)



The walk takes you along some of the film locations from 'Mikri Anglia'. First a long and very gradual ascent past the villages Agia Marina and Alamania, above you. From Alamania starts a more steep ascent through the picturesque village and past a small chapel. You enter the village Episkopio crossing the 'bridge of love' where the sisters declared their love for the same man. Along the Paleokastro church you enter Larnia where you return to Ormos Korthiou by route 5.

walking time/distance: 3h50' / 10.2km

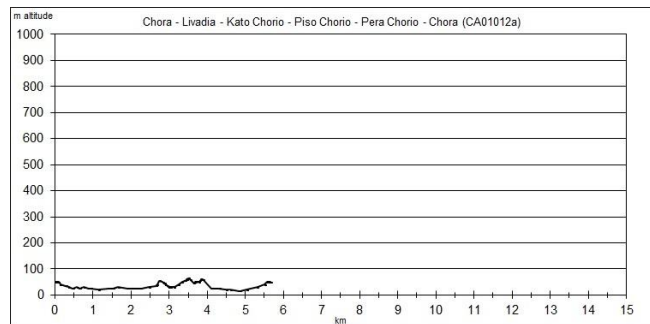
ascent/descent: 400m

overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou



Walks from Chora

Circular walk Chora along the Livadia villages (CA01012a)



Delightful and easy circular walk along the villages in the Livadia valley, just outside of Chora.

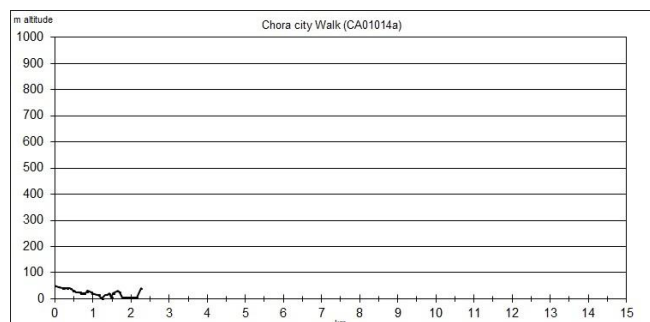
Combines well with the Chora city walk (CA01014a).

walking time/distance: 1h30' / 5.7km

ascent/descent: 120m

overnight stay: Chora

Chora city walk (CA01014a)



An easy city walk along some of the highlights of Andros Chora: various churches, the Kairi square with the archeological museum and the marble fountain, the “kamara” to the Kato Kastro and the museum of contemporary art.

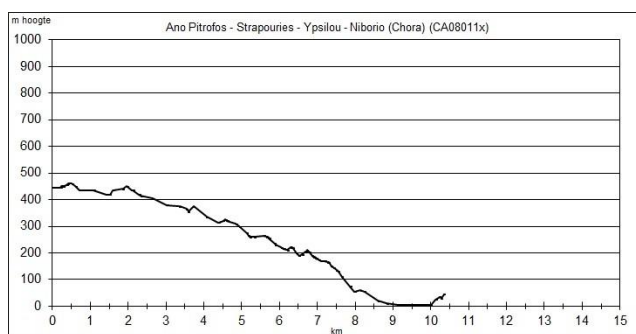
walking time/distance: 1h / 2.3km

ascent/descent: 100m

overnight stay: Chora



From the Olive Press Museum to Chora-Niborio (CA08011x)



By taxi to the animal powered [Olive Press Museum](#) in Ano Pitrofos. The museum awarded as one of the TOP10 museums in Greece and offers a unique museum's experience! Dimitris, the owner and son of the latest miller, is a civil engineer and he is originated from Pitrofos. He restaured the mill to be ready for use. He tells the history of the building and animated stories about process of obtaining olive oil. He's not present every day, but if you wish we try to arrange a visit!

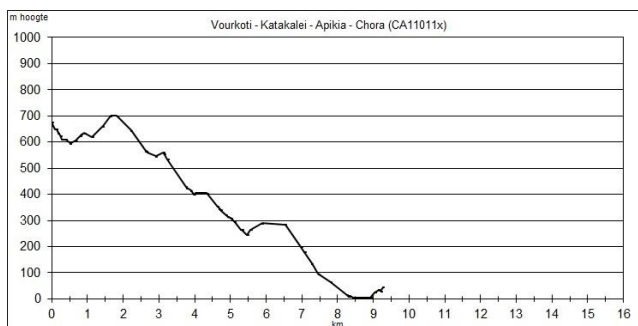
After your visit you walk by mountain paths to Strapouries, with lovely views over the valley. Through the old hamlets of Ypsilou you reach Niborio, near Chora.

walking time/distance: 3h30' / 9.4km

ascent/descent: 45m / 485m

overnight stay: Chora

From Vourkoti along the Sariza springs to Chora (CA11011x)



The walk starts through Vourkoti village. After a pass you keep descending until Katakalei, where a sparkling spring invites you to divert a bit from the track. A further descent takes you to Apikia with the famous Sariza springs: this water is bottled. You make choose another detour to Pythara, a series of small waterfalls. From Apikia again almost always descending until Niborio, near Chora. Most of the walk is on paths and kalderimia.

walking time/distance: 3h20' / 9.3km

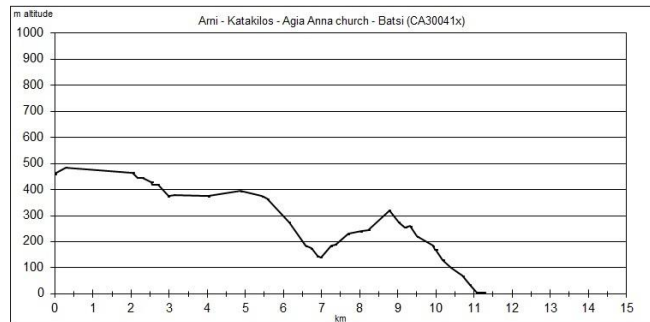
ascent/descent: 230m / 860m

overnight stay: Chora



Walks from Batsi

From Arni by historical kalderimia to Batsi (CA30041x)



You walk past the dispersed village Arni, by kalderimia, forest paths and gravel roads. Almost continually descending you'll reach Katakilos, a somewhat livelier village on the west slope. After a break at the café you'll ascend to the Agia Anna chapel on a small ridge. From the ridge you descend again to Batsi, all the time enjoying the lovely views over the bay.

It's a relatively short walk, which enables you to take some rest in the charming beach village with lots of facilities.

walking time/distance: 3h10' / 11.3km

ascent/descent: 235m / 690m

overnight stay: Batsi