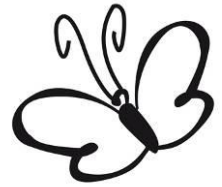


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**Cyclades – Andros – self-guided:  
9-day semi-trekking with 7 walks  
along the ERA certified Andros Route  
2024 (CAWM214I)**



*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!*

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### About AnnaHiking

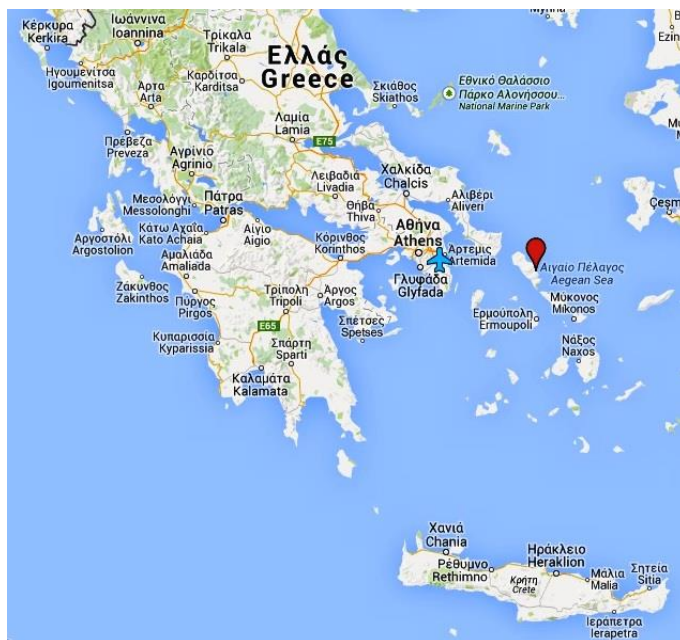
In 1991 we visited Greece for the first time. Our love for the country, the culture, the climate, the food, the language and the Greek has grown ever since. We feel at home here and want to communicate this feeling to others.

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 to offer than beaches alone, and we’d love to introduce it to you.

We explored several hiking routes and described them in detail. We regularly revise the routes and the description where necessary. As an individual traveller we offer you these descriptions together with GPS-tracks and marked detailed maps, so you can find your way easily. We also offer you 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. Every day the hike ends at the overnight accommodation. Sometimes a taxi will take you to the start of the walk.

We made a 9-day program, because in that way we could include the walks we personally value the very best. Should your time be limited, you may choose yourself which walks you







want to leave out. Should you have more time, than you may make more walks from every accommodation and/or add some extra free time.

The net walking time is mostly between 3½ and 5½ hours (excluding the breaks). Some walks can be shortened or extended. Do 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 active people that desire peace and nature and want to enjoy 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 Tinos, Naxos and Santorini. Several ferries connect the Cyclades islands. See the [possibilities on the Cyclades](#) on our website.

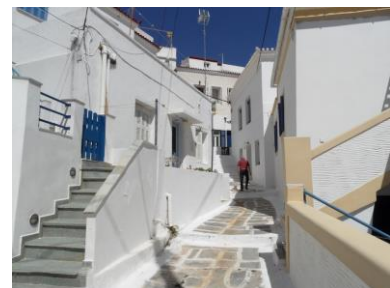
Finally you can combine the arrangement with (parts of) other tours we offer. We’ll gladly help you with the logistics.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 380km<sup>2</sup>. 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 pidgeon 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.

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 the standard accommodation in Ormos Korthiou you take breakfast in a nearby café or in the apartment, in all other accommodations breakfast is served. Depending on the flight schedule you might have to spend the first or last night in an hotel in Rafina harbour (surcharge).

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.

All 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 2024. 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	13-4 / 25-5 3-9 / 11-10	26-5 / 5-7 28-8 / 2-9	6-7 / 27-8
1 pax (solo)	single	€ 1120	€ 1165	€ 1325
2 pax	double/twin	€ 645	€ 665	€ 740
2 pax	2x single	€ 860	€ 900	€ 1065
3 pax	triple	€ 490	€ 510	€ 570
3 pax	double/twin + single	€ 625	€ 655	€ 760
3 pax	3x single	€ 770	€ 810	€ 975
4 pax	quadruple	€ 420	€ 435	€ 475
4 pax	2x tweepersoons	€ 515	€ 535	€ 605

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

- 8 overnight stays of which 6 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.

### 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, 2x 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 in Gavrio to wait for you at the harbour.

The ferry back to Rafina sails around 10 and 17:30. 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)*

Carferry Andros-Rafina tourist class or v.v.	€ 37
Fast catamaran Andros-Rafina tourist class or v.v. (only in high season)	€ 55
Taxi Athens airport-Rafina	€ 82
Taxi Rafina-Athens airport	€ 75
Taxi Gavrio-Ormos Korthiou	€ 71
Taxi Ormos-Dipotamata (for extension walk)	€ 35
Taxi Ormos-Exo Vouni (for extension walk)	€ 33
Taxi Chora-Ano Pitrofos (for extension walk)	€ 26
Taxi Batsi-Arni (for extension walk)	€ 38
Taxi Batsi-Vourkoti (for extension walk)	€ 51

### *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'll 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

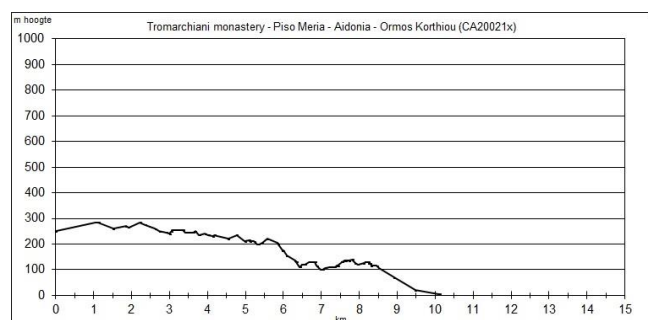


From the airport of Athens you take the public bus to Rafina (40 minutes), the ferry to Gavrio (2 hours) and then the public bus to Ormos Korthiou, where the arrangement starts. Your accommodation is next to the old harbour and the owner will pick you up from the bus stop.

Arriving with the morning ferry you may make a short walk to 'Grias to Pidima' beach where the old woman who had betrayed the castle threw herself off the cliff. You may also do the walk mentioned for day 2 as an afternoon walk today and thus shorten the program with one day.

*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 of the monastery (the driver brings the keys) you walk back to the asphalt road by a concrete road with great views over the sea. You continue by 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.

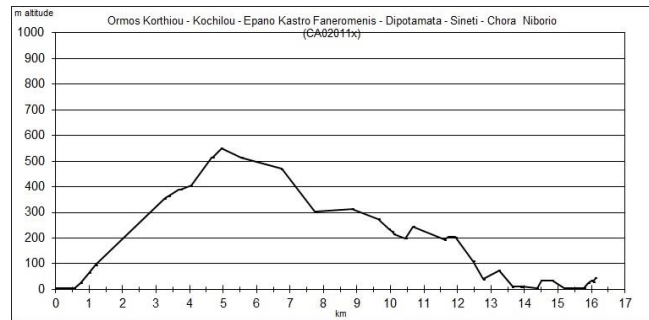
*walking time/distance: 3h / 9.7km*

*ascent/descent: 85m / 330m*

*overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou*



### Day 3: From Ormos Korthiou along the Epano Kastro to Chora (CA02011x)



You leave the bay of Korthi and ascend to the 'Epano Kastro' or 'High Castle' with the Faneromeni chapel. The views over the island are splendid from here. You descend into the valley of Dipotamata and cross the historical bridge. Along Sineti village you arrive in Chora where your luggage awaits you. The walk may be shortened to 4h20' by leaving out the climb to the castle.

In Chora you may take a city stroll along the 'Kato Kastro' or 'Low Castle', situated on a rock in sea and to be entered by the arched bridge 'Kamara'.

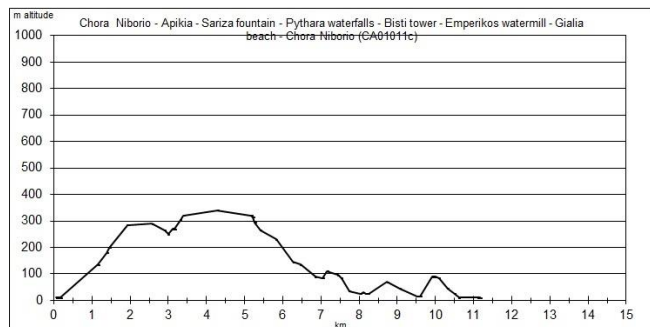
walking time/distance: 5h40' / 16.1km

ascent/descent: 720m / 680m

overnight stay: Chora



### Day 4: Circular walk Chora along history and water (CA01011c)



From Niborio beach you ascend gradually to Apikia with the Sariza Springs. From here a detour to Pythara: a series of small waterfalls in a charming stream.

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' / 11.2 km

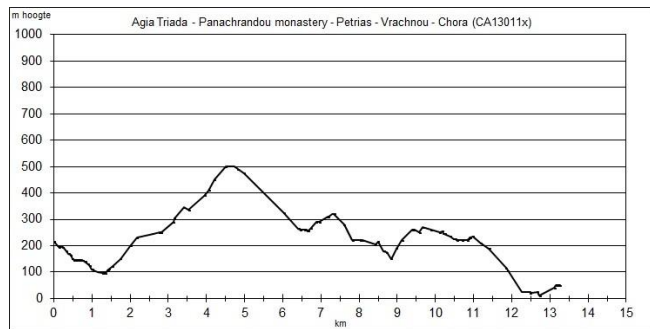
ascent/descent: 520m

overnight stay: Chora





### Day 5: By the Panachrandou monastery back to Chora (CA13011x)



A taxi takes you to Agia Triada village where the path starts towards the Aladinou cave. Near a lake with turpins you choose the longer walk by the Panachrandou monastery. *(There is a shorter walk of 4h20' without the monastery.)*

It's a hefty walk, but the monastery is worth every drop of sweat! The location is splendid and if you arrive before 2 a.m. the hospitable monks gladly show you the wonderful icons in the church.

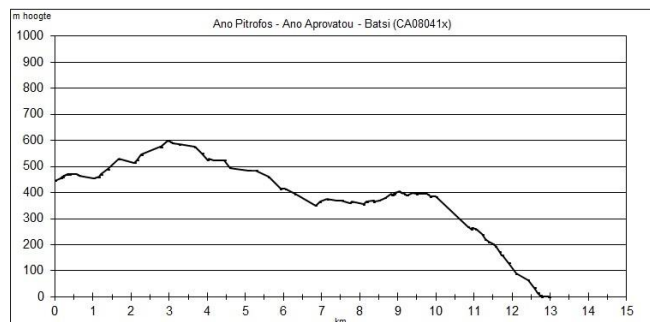
After the monastery you descend by a wide walled path until the crossroads of "Petrias", where you meet the direct route from Aladinou. You reach Chora through the valley of Livadia.

walking time/distance: 5h20' / 13.8km

ascent/descent: 665m / 835m

overnight stay: Chora

### Day 6: From the Olive Press Museum in Ano Pitrofos to Batsi (CA08041x)



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





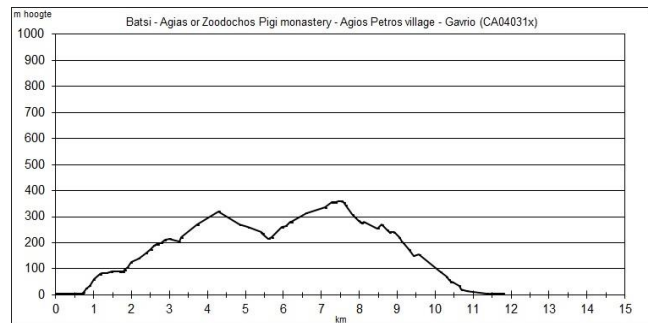
village with taverna “the balcony of the Aegean” (not always open!). From there a historical kalderimi down to Batsi harbour.

walking time/distance: 4h15' / 13.0km

ascent/descent: 270m / 710m

overnight stay: Batsi

### Day 7: From Batsi along Agios Petros village to Gavrio



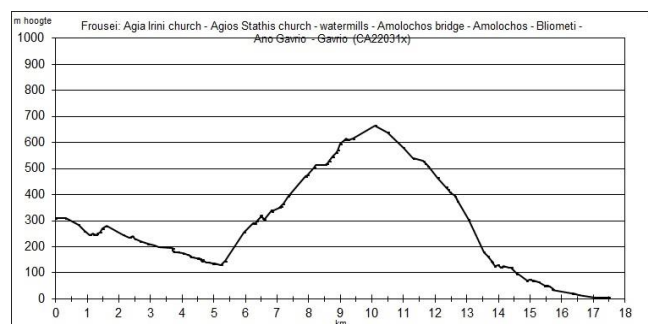
The walk starts in the harbour of Batsi, where you can stock up for lunch or have a coffee. You ascend by mountain paths to the inhabited Agias or Zoodochos Pigi monastery which you can visit if properly dressed. Another small ascent and then it's down again. You pass the village of Agios Petros with 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: 4h / 11.2km

ascent/descent: 475m

overnight stay: Gavrio

### Day 8: Along the Frousei watermills to Gavrio (CA22031x)



A very varied tour: first you follow the river along the many watermills that used to work in this area. Mostly shaded, gradually descending paths. After 2.5 hours you'll reach the Amolochos bridge; from there you ascend along mostly stenes and dirt roads to the villages of Amolochos and Bliometi. Great views over the plain and sea in the north, and you'll also see from a distance the tower of Giannouli.

After Bliometi ascend by stenes until the small Stavros church, built like a cross and offering great views to the east. From this church you follow an easy dirt road until the next church of Profitis Ilias, with ample time to enjoy the views to the sea in the east, west en southwest. At one time you'll see the sea on three sides of you! After the Profitis Ilias church you descend,



first on dirt roads, then quite heavily on stenes, past the Agia Eleousa church and Scholi village. The walk ends in Gavrio harbour.

*walking time/distance: 6h / 17.2km*

*ascent/descent: 615m / 920m*

*overnight stay: Gavrio*

### ***Day 9: 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.



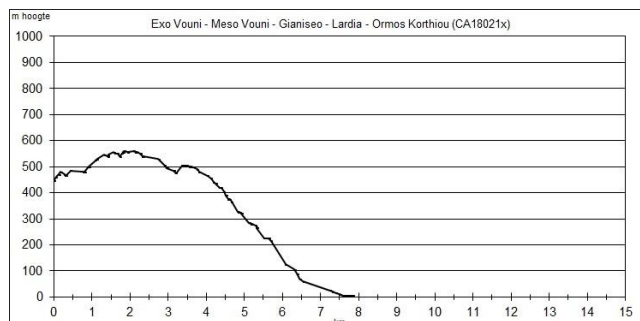




## Extra hiking possibilities

### ***Walks from Ormos Korthiou***

#### ***From Exo Vouni to Ormos Korthiou (CA18021x)***



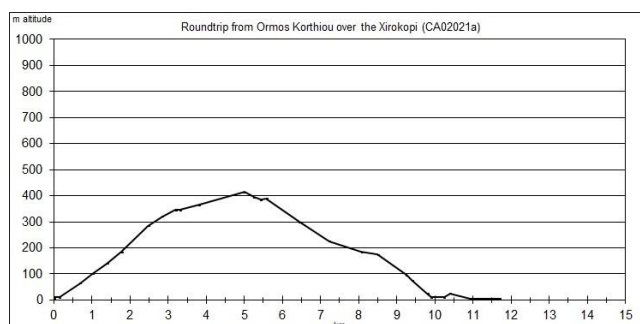
By taxi to Exo Vouni where the walk starts. The walk is relatively easy and takes you through the villages Meso Vouni, Gianiseo and Lardia to Ormos Korthiou. A pleasant alternation of paths and dirt roads with lovely views.

*walking time/distance: 2h50' / 7.0km*

*ascent/descent: 160m / 590m*

*overnight stay: Ormos Korthiou*

#### ***Circular walk Xirokopi (CA02021a)***



You start with a kilometre quiet asphalt until the edge of Aidonia village. You continue on concrete roads until the cemetery of Aidonia. From there all dirt roads over a barren plain with beautiful stone walls and a spectacular view over Korthi bay and the village of Korthiou. Return along the beach and promenade.

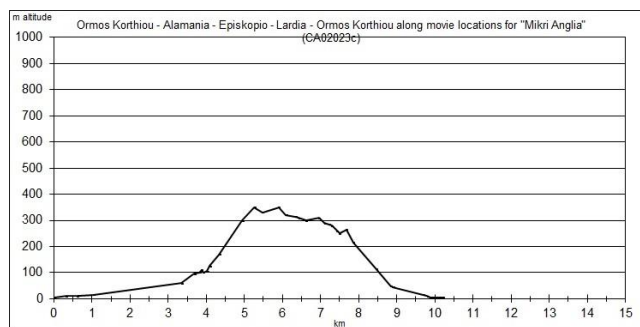
*walking time/distance: 4h / 11.7km*

*ascent/descent: 430m*

*start/finish: Ormos Korthiou*



### Circular tour 'Mikri Anglia' (CA02023c)



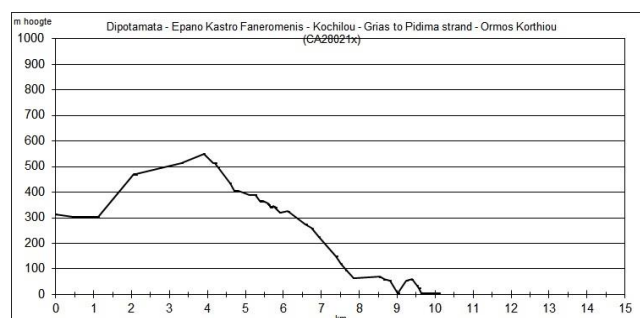
The walk takes you along some of the film locations from 'Mikri Anglia'. First a long and very gradual ascent past the villages Agia Marina and Alamania, above you. From Alamania starts a more steep ascent through the picturesque village and past a small chapel. You enter the village Episkopio crossing 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

### 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.

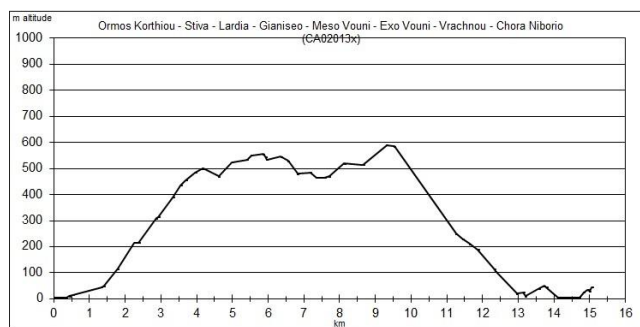
walking time/distance: 3h20' / 9.8km

ascent/descent: 310m / 630m

start/finish: Ormos Korthiou



### *Alternative walk from Ormos Korthiou to Chora, via Vrachnou (CA02013x)*



You walk along the villages Meso Vouni and Exo Vouni, through old farmlands and wild nature between the mountain ranges of Gerakonas and Rachi. On the way you'll experience impressive views on the mountains and the sea.

The marked route 5 ends in Vrachnou village, from here you walk on to Chora.

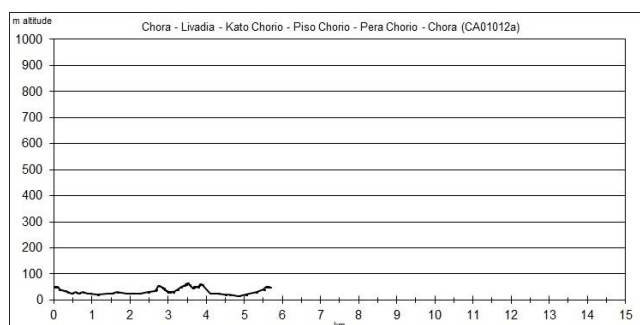
*walking time/distance: 6h / 15.1km*

*ascent/descent: 815m / 775m*

*overnachting: Chora*

## **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*

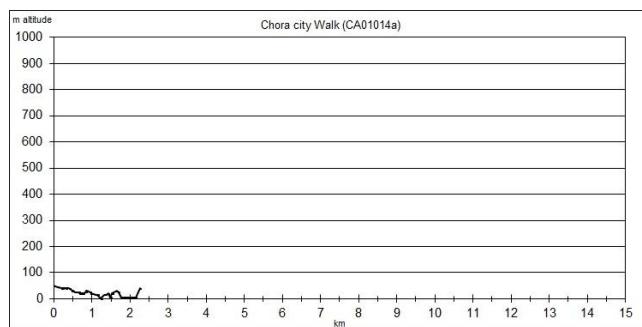
*ascent/descent: 120m*

*overnight stay: Chora*





### Chora city walk (CA01014a)



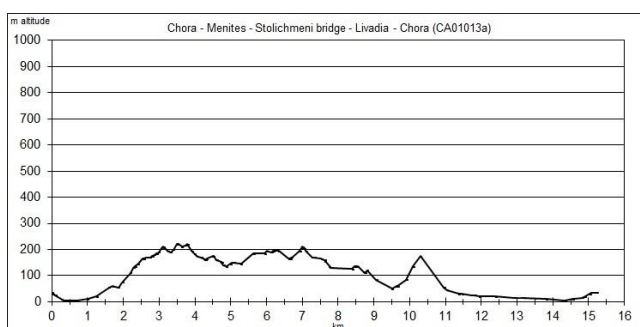
An easy city walk along some of the highlights of Andros Chora: various churches, the Kairi square with the archeological museum and the marble fountain, the “kamara” to the Kato Kastro and the museum of contemporary art.

walking time/distance: 1h / 2.3km

ascent/descent: 100m

overnight stay: Chora

### Circular walk Chora along Menites, springs and bridges (CA01013a)



Walk through attractive villages to Menites with its famous springs on the square below the church. On your way you pass various pretty bridges and springs. From Menites you descend into the valley and past the arched Stolicmeni bridge. After the bridge you ascend again to gain a splendid view over the valley and the villages you visited in the morning. You stroll back to Chora through the valley.

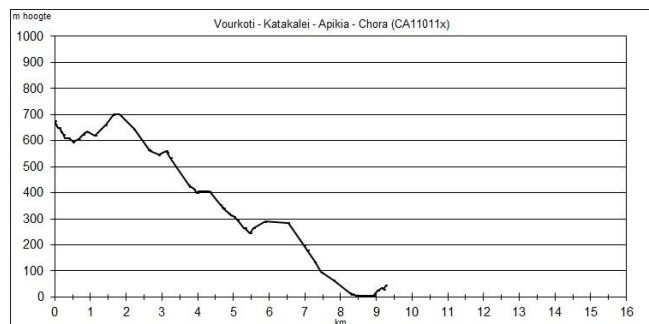
walking time/distance: 5h15' / 15.2km

ascent/descent: 485m

overnight stay: Chora



### *From Vourkoti or the Agios Nikolaos monastery 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.

You may also start at the inhabited Agios Nikolaos monastery and after your visit walk to Vourkouti.

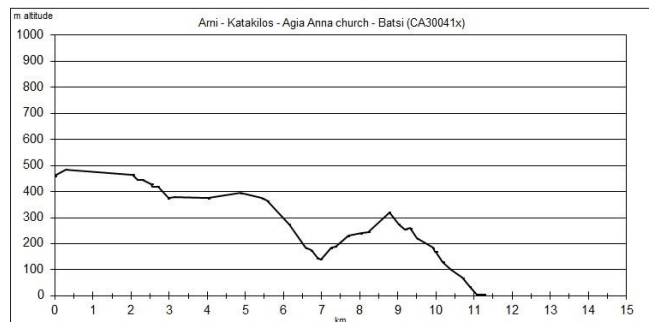
walking time/distance: 3h20' / 9.3km (from Agios Nikolaos: 5h50' / 14.7km)

ascent/descent: 230m / 860m (from Agios Nikolaos: 640m / 935m)

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.

You may also start in Vourkoti and walk first along the Profitis Ilias church to Arni. With this extension it's quite a heavy walk.



walking time/distance: 3h10' / 11.3km (from Vourkoti: 5h35' / 16.8km)

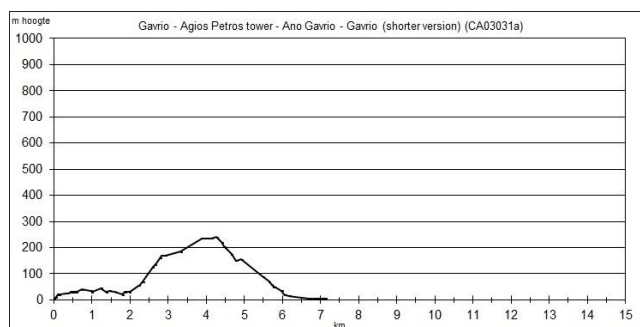
ascent/descent: 235m / 690m (from Vourkoti: 520m / 1195m)

overnight stay: Batsi

## Walks from Gavrio

From Gavrio you may make 3 circular tours along the Agios Petros tower, all of which partly overlap with the walks Batsi-Gavrio and Frousei.

### Circular walk Gavrio 1 (CA03031a)



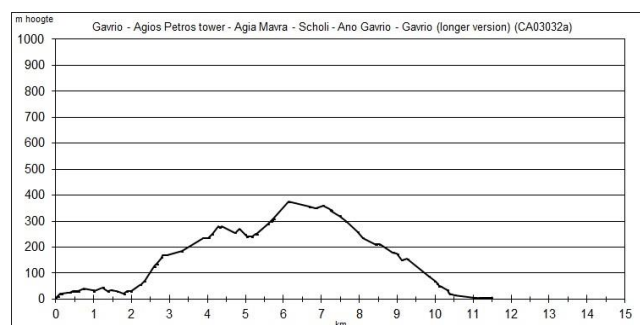
Short circular walk from Gavrio along the watch tower of Agios Petros.

walking time/distance: 2h15' / 7.1km

ascent/descent: 280m

overnight stay: Gavrio

### Circular walk Gavrio 2 (CA03032a)



Circular walk from Gavrio along the watch tower of Agios Petros, through the Agios Petros village with its pretty spring and along the Agia Mavra chapel. Lovely views over the bay of Gavrio.

walking time/distance: 4h / 11.5km

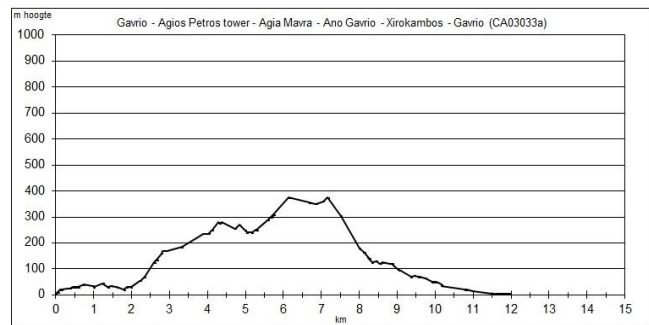
ascent/descent: 485m

overnight stay: Gavrio





### *Circular walk Gavrio 3 (CA03033a)*



Circular walk from Gavrio along the watch tower of Agios Petros, through the Agios Petros village with its pretty spring and along the Agia Mavra chapel. Lovely views over the bay of Gavrio.

*walking time/distance: 4h20' / 12.0km*

*ascent/descent: 490m*

*overnight stay: Gavrio*