

Evia by bike
8-days self-guided bicycle tour on Evia island
2024 (EVFM214I)



Our 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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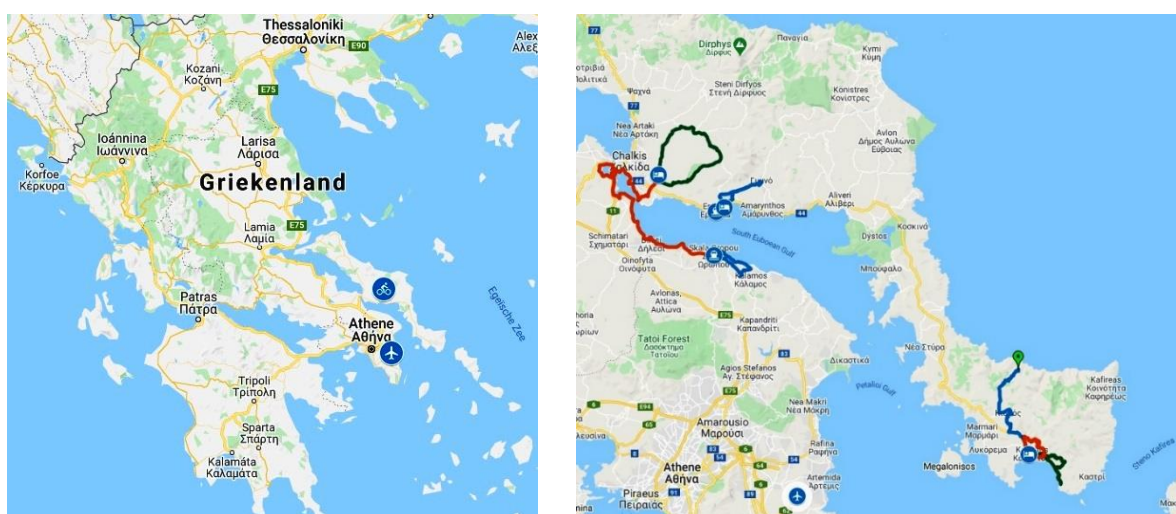
About AnnaHiking and S-Cape

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, ideal to explore by bike. Evia is such an island with much more on offer than beaches alone, and we’d love to introduce it to you.

Our agent S-Cape in Athens explored a couple of routes for you. As an individual traveller we offer you a roadbook with tour descriptions, GPS-tracks, a navigation app for your smartphone and marked detailed maps, so you can find your way easily. The roadbook also offers several useful trivia and background information.

The tour location



General tour information

Evia Island is just a short hop from Athens and is full of surprises. It is easily accessible by public bus or by ferry. We offer a mini-trekking with 3 overnight locations.

The trip starts in the seaside town of Eretria, known for its Ancient Theatre and Temple. The day after arrival you may choose from 3 circular tours, of which 2 on the mainland. Of course you may also extend your trip and do both the tour on Evia and on the mainland. You will ride along peaceful backroads to quiet villages and cycle past vineyards and rivers.

Next day you'll take (again) the ferry to the mainland and cycle along the coast to the north until the sliding bridge of Chalkida. You cross the bridge to Evia island and continue to Fylla. The ride ends at a restored farmhouse with natural swimming pond. The next day you make a circular tour from Fylla.

Then an island-crossing transfer takes you south to the tiny village of Giannitsa. From there you peddle to Karystos along the river and across a fertile plain with vineyards. The lively town of Karystos is your home for the last days of this trip, where -after a day of cycling- the warm, azure waters of the Aegean Sea await you for a refreshing swim.





The distances are between 18 and 58 kilometers. You will encounter some steep or extended ascents of up to 500m. You will need a bicycle with at least 21 gears. At a surcharge you may use an e-bike. You follow mostly surfaced country roads, with the occasional short section on well-maintained dirt tracks. Busy roads are avoided, though you will have to do some short sections with traffic.

The routes lead you past rural villages, regional hubs and interesting archaeological sites. Every day you have a chance to swim, either in the hotel swimming pool or in the sea. Good food is available at the local taverns or at your hotel.

Highlights

- ❖ Ferry across the Gulf of Evia to Oropos and cycle to Amphiarion.
- ❖ Visit the Ancient site of Eretria.
- ❖ Stay at a wonderful elegant restored farmhouse with an ecological swimming pond.
- ❖ Medieval Castles of Mytika and Karystos.
- ❖ Authentic taverns offering homemade food from local produce.
- ❖ Mountainous Evia with lush rivers and fascinating landscapes.



About Evia

Evia is situated in the Aegean Sea at the east coast of Attica. It's 175 km long and after Crete the second-largest Greek island. At Chalkida it's connected with the mainland two bridges. In ancient times it was called Euboia and it was famous for the blue-gray marble of Karystos.



The island is hilly and full of forests. The highest summits are Dirfi (1745m), Pyxaria (1340m) and Ochi (1395m).

The 210.000 inhabitants live off wine-growing and agriculture (grain, cotton, citrus fruits), cattle farming and fishing, and of course tourism. In the north you'll find healing thermal sulfur springs, partly in the sea.

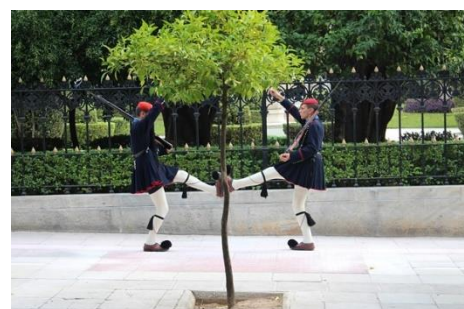
Foreign tourism isn't very extensive yet. For Athenians and other Greeks it's a popular destination, mostly for the thermal springs and beaches.

Nature is very diverse with forests, valleys, waterfalls, mountains and rivers. Many remains from ancient times are found.

Modular set-up: extensions/alterations/abbreviations

The arrangement can be extended with free days in every accommodation. In Athens you may also apply for a walk&eat arrangement or a guided city walk or bicycle tour.

You may extend your stay with one of our walking tours on the [Cyclades islands](#) or a biking arrangement on the [Saronic islands](#) or [Rhodes](#).



You can also combine the arrangement with (parts of) other tours we offer elsewhere in Greece. We'll gladly advise you about the logistics.

For all your wishes: ask for an estimate!



The accommodations

You'll stay in good quality and divers accommodations with swimming facilities. In Eretria and Karystos you'll find an excellent hotel; the 2nd accommodation in Fylla is an agrotourismo of exceptional beauty and charm, boasting a natural swimming pond.

(Until 15 May and from 1 October in Karystos you'll stay in another hotel.)



| Day | Location | Hotel | Website |
|-----|----------|---------------------------|---|
| 1-2 | Eretria | Avantis, 4* hotel | https://avantis-hotel.gr/en/ |
| 3-4 | Fylla | Mad Cat Farm, guest house | http://www.madcatfarm.gr/ |
| 5-7 | Karystos | Anastasia, 4* hotel | https://www.anastasiahotel.com.gr/ |



Booking

The arrangement may be booked with startdate from 14 April up until 27 April and from 6 May up until 20 October. The arrangement can **not be booked with start date from 28 April up until 5 May** (Greek Easter), because in that period a minimum stay at the hotels is applicable.

Summer period mid-June to mid-September can be quite warm, though there is always a sea breeze.

Prices per person 2024 including hyride rental bike

| #pers | kamer type | 14-4 / 27-4 6-5 / 24-5 11-9/ 20-10 (S1) | 25-5 / 14-6 28-8 / 10-9 (S2) | 15-6 / 19-6 30-6 / 15-7 (S3) | 20-6 / 29-6 (S4) | 16-7 / 30-7 (S5) | 31-7 / 27-8 (S6) |
|-------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| solo | single | € 1730 | € 1830 | € 2280 | € 2185 | € 2340 | € 2445 |
| 2 pax | double/ twin | € 1015 | € 1060 | € 1280 | € 1240 | € 1310 | € 1365 |
| 2 pax | single | € 1470 | € 1565 | € 2010 | € 1915 | € 2075 | € 2180 |
| 3 pax | triple | € 890 | € 925 | € 1070 | € 1045 | € 1090 | € 1130 |
| 3 pax | double/ twin + single | € 1150 | € 1215 | € 1510 | € 1450 | € 1550 | € 1620 |
| 3 pax | single | € 1455 | € 1550 | € 1995 | € 1905 | € 2060 | € 2165 |
| 4 pax | double/ twin | € 985 | € 1040 | € 1260 | € 1215 | € 1290 | € 1345 |

**Note:**

- Price is per person, flight excluded and hybride rental bike included.
- The dates apply to the start day of the tour.
- For other group sizes: contact us for an estimate.
- From January 1st 2018 in Greece an 'overnight tax' is applicable. This tax has to be paid at check-in at your accommodation. Tourorganisations are not allowed by law to pay this tax.

The rates per room per night were until 2023: € 0,50 for 2*-hotels, € 1,50 for 3*-hotels, € 3,00 for 4*-hotels and € 4,00 for 5*-hotels.

It seems they'll be lifted to: €1,50 for 2*-hotels, €3,00 for 3*-hotels, €7,00 for 4*-hotels and €10,00 for 5*-hotels.

Start and finish: Eretria / Karystos (flight on Athens)

Included

- 7 nights incl. breakfast in the above mentioned hotels or similar.
- Rental bike with minimum 21 gears. **NO helmet AND NO GPS supplied.**
- *E-bikes are available on to a surcharge.*
- Luggage transport according to the program; transfer Fylla-Giannitsa on day 5.
- Detailed roadbook with drawn-in maps; digital, sent by WeTransfer, to be printed by you at your own wishes.
- Map of Evia; sent by post. If you live within the European Union we'll send it to your home address, otherwise the package will wait for you in the first accommodation.
- GPS tracks and Active Nav navigation app for your smartphone.
- Booking fees and telephone assistance.

**Not included**

- Flight and insurances, neither for the bicycles!
- Overnight taxes (see above).
- Transfers from/to the airport. There is a good public transport net. You may prearrange a pickup, see under 'optional services'.
- Ferry ticket day 2 and 3 (€3 one way 2023), see <https://www.ferrieseretriaoropos.gr/>.
- Admissions and entrance fees of any kind, tips and gratuities.
- Personal expenses such as meals, drinks, phone calls, extra transfers etc.
- Any items that have not been mentioned under 'included'.

Optional services (to be booked in advance!)

With reference to the taxi transfers: maximum 4 persons per taxi or as many as government regulations allow at the moment of travel.

- Extra days rental hybrid bicycle: €26 per day.
- Surcharge e-bike (Haibike SDURO HardNine 1.0 with side bags) for 7 nights: €160.
- Extra days rental e-bike (if you had booked an e-bike for the tour itself): €50 per day.
- Taxi Athens airport – Rafina: €75 per taxi.
- Taxi Athens airport – Oropos ferry harbour: €135 per taxi.
- Taxi Karystos – Marmari: €33 per taxi.
- Taxi Karystos – Nea Styra: €59 per taxi.
- Taxi Agia Marina – Athens airport: €135 per taxi.



- Additional night/s at any of the accommodations: ask for an estimate.

Flight and transportation to and from Evia

You'll best fly to Athens Airport.

Airport - Eretria

The following choices:

- Train to Agii Anargyroi (40'), change trains for Chalkida (1h15'), taxi to bus station Chalkida (2km), public bus to Eretria.
- Public bus to bus station Liosion (1 uur), change buses on public bus to Eretria (1h30').
- Taxi to Liosion bus station or Agii Anargyroi train station and continue by bus or train.
- Taxi to Oropos, ferry to Eretria, pick-up by hotel.

Karystos – airport

The following choices:

- Public bus Karystos – Marmari, ferry Marmari – Rafina, public bus or taxi to airport.
- Taxi Karystos – Nea Styra, ferry Nea Styra – Agia Marina, taxi to airport.





Day to day program

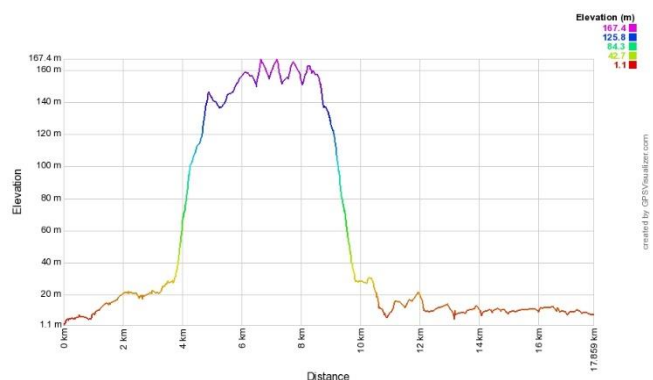
Day 1: Arrival in Athens, to Eretria (EVFM01)



Arrival at Athens Airport and travel by public transport from the airport to Eretria. If you arrive early, you can pick up your bike and take a short ride around Eretria and along the coast, or visit the Ancient site and Acropole of Eretria.

overnight stay: Eretria

Day 2: Circular tour Oropos-Amphiaron or Eretria (EVFM02)



Depending on your mood and ambition, you can choose from two options for today's ride.

You can take the ferry across the Gulf of Evia from Eretria to Oropos, a crossing of 30 minutes. From Oropos you cycle inland. A short, steep ascent leads you to unknown Ancient Amphiarion, dedicated to the god and hero Amphiaraios, one of the Argonauts in the quest for the Golden Fleece. Zigzagging downhill among vineyards, you reach the coast where you peddle back along the seashore to Oropos.

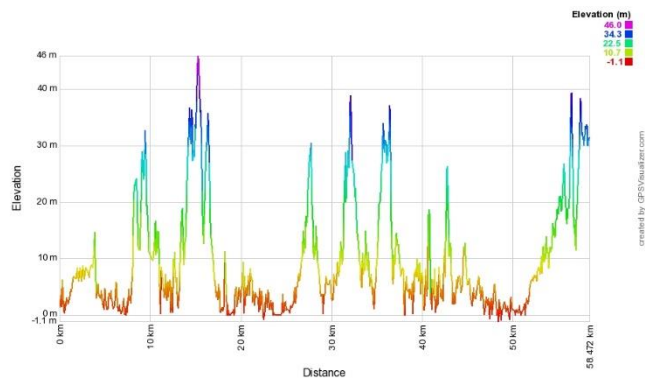
You can extend the ride by cycling up to Kalamos and then down to Agioi Apostoloi – to return to Oropos along the coast.

For an easier route, you can cycle uphill from Eretria via backroads to the village of Gymno and return, partly via the same route. A pleasant ride past olive groves and open farmland, with views to the sea.

| | <i>circular tour</i> <i>Oropos- Amphiarion</i> | <i>with extension to Kalamos</i> | <i>Eretria-Gymno</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>time/distance:</i> | <i>2h / 18km</i> | <i>4h / 36½km</i> | <i>2h30' / 25km</i> |
| <i>ascent/descent:</i> | <i>175m</i> | <i>350m</i> | <i>170m</i> |
| <i>overnight stay: Eretria</i> | | | |



Day 3: Ferry to Oropos, ride Oropos-Fylla (EVFM03)



Take a morning ferry (with your bike) from Eretria to Oropos. From Oropos you ride along the coast around the South Evian Gulf. Seaside fishing villages alternate with rural countryside. Closer to Chalkida you will come upon the impressive industrial mining buildings that once flourished in this area, but have plummeted due to the economic crisis.

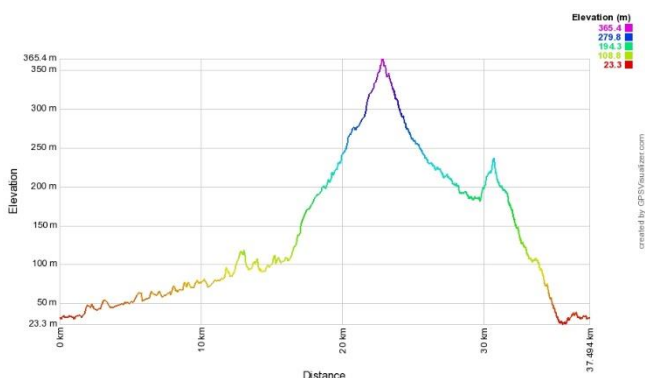
Via the old Evripou Bridge you come to Chalkida, the capital of Evia. The route follows the coastline to the large River Lilas. Here you cycle inland to reach your next stop, the village of Fylla. You'll stay at the Mad Cat Farm, an exceptional location.

time/distance: 5h / 58km

ascent/descent: 270m / 240m

overnight stay: Fylla

Day 4: Circular tour Fylla (EVFM04)



A long gradual ascent along the wide River Lilas takes you up to the inland village of Pissonas. Though demanding, the great scenery and tremendous views are rewarding! Further east, you come along the village of Pournos, then head south to Theologos.

Next you make a 6km descent on a good dirt track and past the tiny village of Kamari. The Castle of Fylla, landmark of this region, comes into view. Soon you reach the Mad Cat Farm and may plunge into the lovely pond.

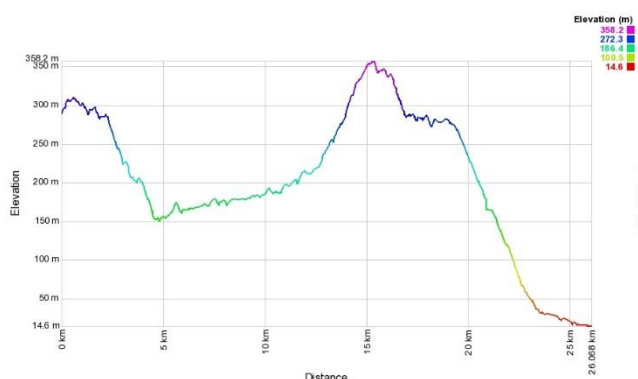
time/distance: 4h / 38km

ascent/descent: 400m

overnight stay: Fylla



Day 5: Transfer to Giannitsi and ride to Karystos (EVFM05)



You and your bike will be taken south to Giannitsi: a nice opportunity to see a large part of the island from a different perspective!

From Giannitsi you cycle to Karystos. To reach the village of Chania, you cycle more than 10km along the River 'Megalo Remma', meaning Big Stream in Greek. The area is very remote and peaceful, with the delightful exception of a famous tavern in Pothi, where you can stop for a coffee.

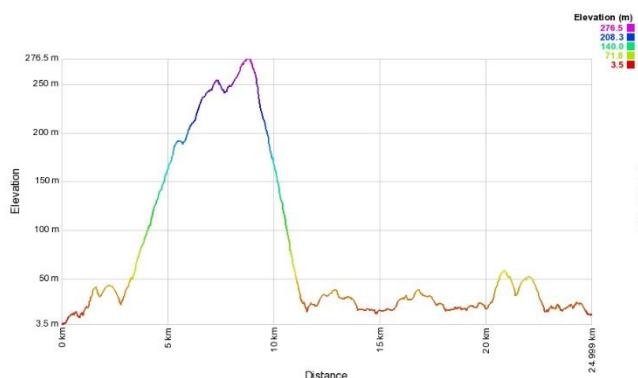
From Chania you ascend to Paradeisi with its huge plane trees and 'Psistaries', where Greeks from far and wide come to eat the local grilled lamb. Leaving Paradeisi, you descend toward Karystos, with the last 4 km on a wide busy road. Your stay is near one of Karystos' beaches, where you can swim in the clean warm Aegean waters.

time/distance: 3h / 26km

ascent/descent: 255m / 540m

overnight stay: Karystos

Day 6: Round trip Karystos to Bouros (EVFM06)

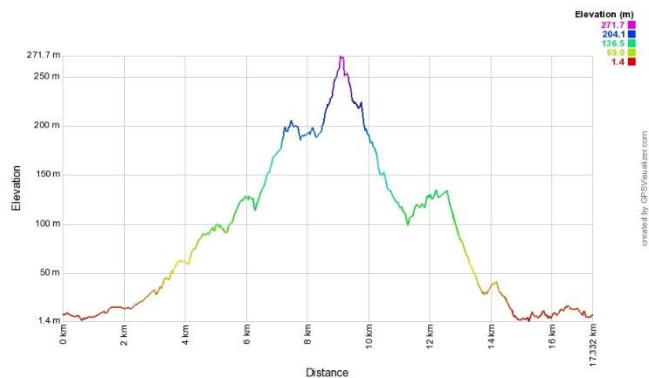


You cycle eastward, then ascend to the village of Metochi and further inland before zigzagging downhill to the coast. There is an optional loop to the beach of Bouros, with sun beds, umbrellas and a bar and a lovely statue of the centaur and the nymph. Here, the tarmac road ends at a massive hotel, abandoned in the nineties. You paddle back along the coast to Karystos.

time/distance: 3h / 25km

ascent/descent: 400m

overnight stay: Karystos

**Day 7: Circular tour Red Castle and the villages above Karystos (EVFM07)**

Your last tour is a round trip along the villages above Karystos: Kalivia, Mekounida and Myli. There are over 30 springs in these villages that were still in use daily until recent years. In Myli there is an excellent tavern, where you can enjoy your lunch before descending back to Karystos.

time/distance: 2h30' / 22km

ascent/descent: 440m

overnight stay: Karystos

**Day 8: Departure (EVFM08)**

After breakfast your arrangement comes to an end. You leave your bike at the hotel and take a taxi to the port of Marmari, where you get the ferry to Rafina (ferry ticket not included). Optionally you can book a transfer to the airport or take a local bus from Rafina to the Airport.

