



The Samaria Gorge

DO IT YOURSELF!

FACTS

The Samaritan Gorge is the longest gorge in Europe, offering a challenging and very popular 18km (11 mile) hike. Flora and fauna indigenous to Crete run wild throughout the gorge, and the native Kri-Kri black mountain goat makes its home there. There is a café/gift shop at the entrance of the gorge, and a picturesque beach town with tavernas and cafes at the exit of the hike.

WEAR

Sturdy shoes or hiking boots, no sandals or flip-flops, terrain is rough! Wear lightweight clothing, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses; swimsuit underneath if you want to jump into the ocean at the beach exit.

BRING

As little as possible, except: Euros, camera, guidebook, extra socks, water (refillable on the hike), and a light backpack to hold it all. **Hold onto your entrance ticket stub**, you will present it on your way out of the gorge!

GET THERE

Buses depart for the Omalos Plateau, which is the entrance of the gorge, from the main downtown Chania Bus Terminal (on same street as the Samaria Hotel) at **0730 and 8.30 ONLY**. Purchase your bus ticket round-trip (EURO 14.30) so you can have it in hand. We recommend that you take the 0730 bus run, which will get you to the Omalos Plateau at 0900. Entrance fee into the Gorge is EURO 5. The hike should take you 3 to 6 hours and will bring you to the beach village of Agia Roumeli.

GET BACK

At Agia Roumeli purchase a ferry boat ticket for a 45-min. ride to **SFAKIA** (EURO 9.00) departing daily at 1730. Once you reach Sfakia, hop on one of the public buses that take you back to Chania, which depart Sfakia at 1745.

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