

FOLLOWING THE ABDUCTORS

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“FOLLOWING THE ABDUCTORS” is our most popular project in Crete. It’s an adventure trip combining history, hiking and culture. Based in the story of General Kreipe abduction, we follow the route from Anogia Village to Rodakino beach in Rethimno area for 7 days, visiting some of the hideouts and talking about the story, but also mixing with the locals, to understand why the Abduction could be possible only in Crete.



THE ABDUCTION OF GENERAL KREIPE

April 1944, two British officers with the help of Cretan partisans kidnapped the head of German Forces in Crete, General Kreipe. They drove through Heraklion and then walked for about 100 miles till the beach, where a boat took them to Egypt.

OUR TRIP

Although we have a copy of the original map, we cannot follow the route 100% for three reasons: Our trip is for seven days and they spent almost twenty, the biggest part of the route is now asphalt road and full of fences and it is a hiking trip.



In our trip we climb three big mountains, visit remote Cretan villages, mix with the locals, explore the landscape, the everyday life and visit at least four hideouts the abductors used in 1944.



To make the trip more pleasant, we have a 4X4 car to support us. All the gear is loaded in the vehicle and we meet it every evening, so to hike with minimum weight, just a day-pack with a snack and water.

Our accommodation is mixed: camping – guest houses, but you don't have to worry about the gear, as we provide it all.

TRIP PROGRAMM

DAY 1st

Meeting point: Heraklion

Time: 12:00 pm

Visiting the memorial at the action abduction point.

Driving to Anogia Village and the mountains.

Visiting the 1st hideout near the Nida Plateau.

Small hike to the camping spot.

DAY 2nd

Early start – climbing to Psiloritis Summit. 2456m

Accommodation in a guest house in Kouroutes Village.

DAY 3rd

Hiking or driving to Yerakari Village.

Visiting 2nd hideout above the village.

Driving to our camping spot.

DAY 4th

Early start – climbing Mt Kedros 1777m

Driving to Spili Village where we're staying in a hotel.

DAY 5th

Visiting the 3rd hideout near the village of Patsos

Driving to Agouseliana Village, to our camping spot.

DAY 6th

Hiking Kato Poros Gorge where is our 4th hideout

Driving to Alones Village where we spend the night in a guest house.

DAY 7th

Climbing Mt Krioneritis 1310m

Visiting Peristeres Beach where the Abduction team left the island

Accommodation in Roustika Village in a traditional guest house.

DAY 8th

Transportation to Chania/Heraklion airport.

End of the trip.