



4 Days Rafting & Hiking in Epirus-Ioannina

Day 1:

Once you arrive at Ioannina airport you will be transferred to your hotel, located in Ioannina city. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the scenery and the architecture of the city. A walk through the city has the feel of a bygone era, full of mystic places and legends still living. Wonderful buildings like the House Matei Hussein, the Ottoman mosque of Veli Pasha and the entire historic center of the town are unique attractions.

Day 2:

You will begin your day with a trip to Zagoria, which is a complex of 46 mountainous villages at the North- Eastern part of Greece, in the region of Epirus.

The area is famous for its traditional villages and natural beauty, as the National Reserve Vikos-Aoos is found there. Over the last years, the area has developed in active tourism and ecotourism. The most interesting sightseeing in Zagoria is the Vikos Gorge, the second deepest gorge in the world, after the Grand Canyon in the USA.

Close to Vikos Gorge is the lovely Monastery of Agia Paraskevi, accessible through a short hike. A drive around the region brings visitors to picturesque villages, such as Papigo, Vitsa and Monodendri.

Here you can experience and choose from multiple activities to enjoy the very interesting scenery, with the deep vegetation and the turquoise waters that are among the clearest in Europe.

We highly suggest rafting in Voidomatis river which is classified as a national park, following a route from bridge Aristi to bridge Klidonia. The difficulty level is estimated to 1st and 2nd and the duration is 1:30 – 2:00 hours.

Halfway of the rafting route you are going to make a stop and have the chance to visit the 16th century monastery of St. Anargyroi which was built in 1658 and decorated with hagiographies in 1660. Although a small portion of the monastery still remains the site is still unique. You will be amazed by the view from it's steep walls where you can see much of the canyon.

Moreover you are going to cross the gorge of Voidomatis River and arrive at the final stop of your rafting adventure, which is the bridge Klidonia.

Day 3:

Today you are going for hiking in the **Vikos - Aaos National Park**, heading for the famous monastery of Stomio. The park was founded in 1973 and it is named after the two main gorges in the area. It covers 12,600 hectares of mountainous terrain, with numerous rivers, lakes, caves, deep canyons and dense coniferous and deciduous forests.

You will find yet another wonderful route, starting from the bridge of Konitsa. On your way to Stomio monastery, which is dedicated to Panagia (Virgin Mary) and was built in 1744, you will pass alongside the banks of the river and afterwards you will continue uphill through dense forest.

Day 4:

The day of your departure, you will be transferred to Ioannina airport.

*Depending on the departure time, you might have the chance to visit in only 4klm away from Ioannina, the picturesque village of Perama and it's famous cave. The Cave of Perama was created 1.500.000 years ago in the interior of Goritsa hill, exactly above the village. It was discovered by residents of Perama in 1940 and speleologists Anna and Ioannis Petrohilos started exploring it in 1956. This real ornament is known for the variety of stalactites and stalagmites that are found there and it is included in the best caves in the world.

Thank you!