VILLA LIMANI

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Bicycle trips in the Apokoronas - Region around Chania and the white mountains

We established for you 3 trips of different difficulty level, starting from VAMOS. The Apokoronas area is the green area around the LEFKA ORI mountains near Chania. Several bicycle rentals are active, we rented a Road bike at https://www.sportstourshellas.com/ (George) who rents out high quality MTB & road bike & e-bikes at very reasonable prices and delivers the bikes at our villa (+20€).

1) 65km trip to Lake Kournas and the waterfalls of Argiroupolis (moderate level)

https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/60911201

2) 65km through the little streets of the villages around VAMOS to Vryses and Georgioupolis (moderate level)

https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/60905974

3) 75 km to Drakona and the Theriso Gorge at the foot of the LEFKA ORI (experienced bikers) https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/61146825

Tour 1: Lake Kournas

From Vamos-Kaina-Vryses-Georgioupolis-Kournas lake-Kastelos-Agrigoupolis-Lappa-Georgiouppolis-Vamos

From Vamos through the backstreets of the Old Greek village we pick up the road to Kaina driving through the olive gardens and while we enjoy the views to the impressive LEFKA ORI. We descend to Vryses partially in the shades through the forrest. From Vryses we take the same road next to the river bank as tour 3. From Georgioupolis we drive to Lake Kournas were you have to make a stop to enjoy the magnificent sweet water lake, before you commence a steep climb in the direction of Argiroupolis. In this valley runs a small mountain river and grow many big threes and plants of many colours. Half the climb to Lappa are the waterfalls of Argiroupolis and in the shade you can eat one of the many trout fish they just catch in front of you. From Lappa there is a long descend via Episcopi to Georgioupolis. Take a refreshment before you start the 250m climb again to VAMOS.

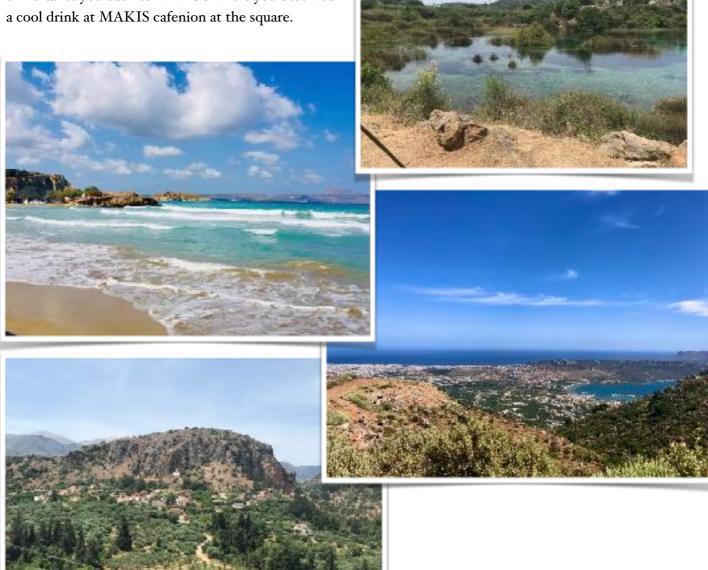


Tour 2: villages around Vamos

From Vamos to Litsarda - Selia-Likotinara-Kefalas-Palailoni-Xirosterni-Vamos-Gavalochori-Almyrida-Kalives-Armeni-Nea Chora-Kaina-Vryses-Georgioupolis back to Vamos.

The first part of the tour takes you through the little streets of the tiny Greek villages on the plateau of KEFALAS (means in Greek top of the hill), through the Olive gardens we drive to Vamos again and descend to Gavalochori in the valley. From there a slow turning street descends to Almyrida near the beach. After a steep climb with magnificent outlooks over the sea we descend to Kalyves. The second part of the tour is more flat and goes through Armenoi (nice church under the threes) and a small climb with magnificent outlooks on the white mountains to Kaina and a descends again through the

forrest to Vryses. From Vryses you will follow a small mountain river all the ways down to Georgioupolis where it ends up in a beautiful laguna before ending up in the sea. From Georgioupolis the 250m slow climb takes you back to VAMOS where you deserved a cool drink at MAKIS cafenion at the square.



Tour 3: Theriso gorge and Drakona

With 2000m height meters and 75 this tour is only for experienced bikers.

The LEFKA ORI or the white mountains covered with snow during the winter-months range up to 2450m.



Vamos-Kaina-Neo Chora-Stylnos-Malaxa-Panagia-Theriso-Drakona-Gerolakkos-Kato Chori-Samonas-Stylnos-Armenoi-Kalyves-Vamos.



The first half hour the road descends until Stylnos, this village is the at the bottom of the Diktamos Gorge (see www.villalimani.be) from there it is a long and steep climbs via MALAXA a small but charming mountain village until half in the THERISO gorge. This is the only gorge on Crete where you can drive through, and it offer amazing views in the narrow gorge.

Another steep climb continues until DRAKONA. Those 2 mountain villages are very well know to the Cretan habitants and on Sunday all escape into the mountains to find some coolers are and have an afternoon with friends in one of the many restaurants that offer grills (Arni antikristo = slow cooked lamb on the grill).





From Drakona the tour descends via GEROLAKKOS to KATO CHORI and SAMONAS back to Stylnos. Make a stop at Armenoi in one of the cafenions at the Church in the shade of the big threes before continuing to KALYVES for a slow climb back to VAMOS.

Culinaire tip

Ntounia at Drakona (world famous for its traditional Cretan slow cooking) (trip 2)

Fresh Trout restaurants in Argiroupolis. (trip 1)

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