

GREECE - SAMOTHRAKI, ADVENTURE ISLAND



The Hellenic Republic, the largest country in the Balkans, is nestled in the far southeast of Europe, at the southern tip of the Balkan Peninsula, at the crossroads of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

The Aegean Sea to the east, the Ionian Sea to the west, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south wash its rugged coastline and countless islands. Greece is one of the oldest civilizations in the world, with an extraordinarily rich history, having been a favorable setting for the development of many cultures that marked different stages of its growth and existence.

In northeastern Greece lies the island of Samothraki, a hidden gem of the Aegean Sea – a true paradise for lovers of adventure and natural beauty. Located between the islands of Thasos and Lemnos, not far from the Turkish coast, this small island attracts those in search of a peaceful oasis, offering a chance to lose themselves in unspoiled wilderness, far from the city bustle. With its spectacular waterfalls, canyons, majestic mountain peaks, crystal-clear waters, and untouched beaches, Samothraki is irresistibly appealing to those yearning for an authentic experience.

The island's rich history and culture add another layer to its allure. A visit to the ancient ruins of the Sanctuary of the Great Gods or a stroll through traditional villages like Chora offers travelers a glimpse into the spirit of bygone times, as well as the opportunity to enjoy traditional Greek hospitality.

Welcome to the island of adventure!

General information



Type of adventure: canyoning

Departure: during the season

Group: 7 people max.

Duration: 5 days

Travel mode: van

Technical requirements:

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Physical fitness:

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ITINERARY:

DAY I: (BELGRADE) – NIŠ – PORTO LAGOS – ALEXANDROUPOLIS – SAMOTHRAKI

Departure from Niš in the early morning hours from a pre-arranged meeting point. Travel through Serbia, Bulgaria, and Greece with occasional stops for rest and border formalities. Arrival in Porto Lagos, a port surrounded by one of the largest wetland areas in Greece – Lake Vistonida. This region is a haven for birds from across the European continent. Migratory birds come here during their journeys from other continents. So far, 260 bird species have been recorded, and new ones are discovered every year. Visit to the Monastery of Saint Nicholas, located in the middle of the lagoon. Not far from the monastery, on a neighboring small island connected by a wooden footbridge, stands the Church of Panagia Pantanassa, which houses the miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary Pantanassa. Continuation of the journey to Alexandroupolis, a coastal town near the border with Turkey. A short city tour with a lunch break. Boarding the ferry to Samothraki. Arrival at the accommodation. Dinner. Overnight stay.



DAY II: CANYONING ADVENTURE – FONIAS CANYON

Breakfast. Transfer to the parking area in Isomates. A 30-minute hike leads us to the entrance of the lower section of Fonias Canyon, the most famous canyon on the island. The canyon features five waterfalls (the highest being 25 meters), a natural slide, and numerous jumps. It has a consistent water flow throughout the year, making it truly spectacular. For a compact group, the canyon descent takes around 4 hours, with an additional 30 minutes for the exit hike. Transfer back to the accommodation. Dinner. Overnight stay.

DAY III: BOAT CRUISE – SNORKELING

After breakfast, transfer to the port where we board a boat and set off on a cruise along the southern coast of the island. We will visit some of the island's most beautiful beaches and coves, with stops for swimming. Snorkeling in the unreal blue waters along the route from Kamariotissa and Pache Amos, Vatos, and Kipos beaches. On this route, we will also witness the breathtaking Kremastos waterfall, which plunges directly into the sea. Return to transportation following the same route as on arrival. Group lunch at a traditional tavern. Transfer back to the accommodation. Evening reflections over local *tsipouro*. Dinner. Overnight stay.



DAY IV: CANYONING ADVENTURE – KARAGIANAKI CANYON

Breakfast. Continuation of canyoning activities on the southern side of the island. Karagianaki Canyon, a favorite of ours, is open, sunlit, and has very few technical elements. On the other hand, the crystal-clear water you'll jump into from stunning rock formations will make your day unforgettable. We reach the canyon entrance first by off-road vehicle, followed by a 1.5-hour hike. The canyon descent takes about 3 hours, with the exit hike taking slightly less than one hour. Return to the accommodation. Evening gathering in a taverna before heading to bed. Overnight stay.

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DAY V: SAMOTHRAKI – NIŠ – (BELGRADE)

After breakfast, packing and checking out of the accommodation. Visit to the ancient ruins of the Sanctuary of the Great Gods. Next to the sanctuary is a museum that houses a replica of the famous statue of Nike. The original Winged Victory of Samothrace is considered a masterpiece of Hellenistic art and is now kept in the Louvre Museum. We then head to the village of Chora, the island's capital. Perched on steep slopes, Chora features narrow, hilly streets leading to the medieval castle of the Gattilusi family, which stands on a hilltop. In the village center, you'll find many cafés and restaurants—one of which will be our stop for lunch. Transfer to the port and departure from the island by ferry. Return journey following the same route as on arrival, with breaks for meals and border formalities. Arrival in Niš in the late evening hours. End of program.

Price per person: _____ € (in RSD equivalent)

Price includes:

- ✓ Transportation by tourist-class van/minibus,
- ✓ Four nights with breakfast on the island of Samothraki in guesthouse-style apartments,
- ✓ All transfers at the destination,
- ✓ Visits to all locations according to the itinerary,
- ✓ Canyoning through the Fonias Canyon,
- ✓ Canyoning through the Karagianaki Canyon,
- ✓ Boat cruise,
- ✓ All necessary technical equipment for the entire duration of the adventure,
- ✓ Services of a licensed tour guide,
- ✓ Organizational costs and trip leadership.

Price does not include:

- ✓ Other meals,
- ✓ International travel insurance with an additional charge for extreme sports,
- ✓ Personal expenses.



ACCOMMODATION: Guesthouse-style apartments in one of the island's villages. Rooms are double or multi-bed.

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING: Spare sneakers, a change of clothes, sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen, swimsuit, and towel. Optional: bring sweets, snacks, refreshing drinks, and water. Pack everything in a small backpack.

PAYMENT TERMS: A 50% advance payment of the total arrangement price is required at the time of booking. The remaining amount must be paid no later than 20 days before the start of the trip (with the option of installment payments). This program is based on a minimum of 8 registered participants. In case of changes in the monetary market (or the market of goods and services) or an insufficient number of registered participants, the tour organizer reserves the right to adjust prices, modify the program, or cancel the trip no later than 5 days before the scheduled departure.

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