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PATHS

- 1 Vavouleda Gorge, Palea Roumata 2.5km
- 2 Kidoni-Borianon Gorge, Karanou 6km
- 3 Sarakina Gorge, Meskla 4km
- 4 Dellana Gorge 2km
- 5 Plateau Skafiotou -Rotonda-Mothiana 9km
- 6 Giona 2.5km

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- 14 Palaia Roumata Square Public Library Venitian Villa Renieri
- 15 Household business, Neriana

PRODUCE

- Olives
- Citrus fruits
- Avocado
- Apples
- Vineyards
- Cherries
- Chestnuts
- Potatoes
- Dairy products
- Bee Keeping

TERRAIN

- Highway
- Main
- Provincial
- Path
- River
- Lowlands
- Highlands
- Mountainous

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5.0 Kilometers

MONUMENTS

1 Monumental Olive Tree, Vouves

The Monumental Olive Tree, is considered as the oldest olive tree in the world, aged 3000 to 5000 years, with a trunk perimeter of 12.50m and a diameter of 4.60m. This world famous olive tree is currently visited by thousands of visitors annually and it has officially been declared (by the no. 603/17-2-1997 resolution of the Regional Governor of Crete) "a preservable monument of Nature due to its aesthetic, ecological and historic interest." Special ceremonies were held in the past during which a special branch, "kotinos", was cut for the winners of the Marathon in the Olympic Games of Athens in 2004 and of Beijing in 2008 while, in 2012 and in 2016 the Mayor of Platanias, Mr. John Malandrakis, delivered a "kotinos" to the Greek Olympic Delegation to escort the athletes to the Olympic Games of London and Rio. This gesture sent a message of peace, hope and brotherhood among the people of the world.

2 Monumental Olive Tree, Vatulakkos

3 German Military Cemetery, Maleme

4,465 German soldiers from all over Crete are buried in the German cemetery in Maleme, most of whom were paratroopers killed during the German attack on the Battle of Crete, in May 1941. It is under the auspices of the German Ministry of Culture and many other private entities and non-profit organizations. It is located near Maleme Airport, one of the points of parachuting during the German attack in Crete.

4 Late Minoan Tholos Tomb, Maleme

5 Monument to the Fallen Guards, Afrata



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1 Rotonda, Church of Archangel Michael (6th century)

One of the most important early Christian monuments of Crete, it dates back to the second half of the 6th century AD. Its rhythm, Rotunda, which was created in the style of mausoleums, circular tombs, erected in honor of eminent men during the 4th century, is rare in all Orthodoxy and unique in Crete. The Rotunda of Kissamos was a Cathedral temple and for many years the seat of the Diocese. Its bishop during the Turkish occupation, Melchisedek Despotakis, led the organization of the revolution to find martyrdom in 1821, when he was hanged by the Turks in the square of Splantzia, Chania.

2 Gonia Monastery, Kolymvari (14th-16th century)

One of the most important religious monuments of Kissamos and the whole island of Crete, the Monastery of Gonia in Kolymvari, Kissamos was built at the beginning of the 17th century, in honor of the Holy Mary, by the monks Vlasios the Cypriot and Benedict Tzagaralos. The monastery suffered several destructions during the period of Ottoman rule, however it saved many sacred relics, antiquities and other valuable ecclesiastical treasures, which are now exhibited in the sacred vault, inside the Monastery.

3 Holy Temple of Agios Georgios, Lakki (14th-16th century)

The church of Saint George is built in the settlement of Lakki Kydonia, a settlement that has always associated its name with the liberation struggles of Crete. During the excavations, tombs were discovered inside. In the surrounding area there is an old community fountain.

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1 World War II Shelter-Museum, Platanias

It is an underground complex of tunnels built in 1942 with forced labor imposed by the Germans on the inhabitants of the area, for the storage of ammunition and military supplies. Today it is reconstructed and functions as a Museum, with important exhibits - donations of the inhabitants of the area and is a historical monument in Platanias.

2 Olive Tree Museum, Ano Vouves

The Olive Tree Museum of Vouves is located in the Ano Vouves Settlement of the Municipality of Platanias, right next to the Monumental Olive Tree. It was established in 2009 when it was officially opened by His Holiness, the Patriarch Mr. Vartholomeos, when Kolymvari was a Municipality and the local Mayor was Mr. Polyhronis Polyhronidis. The Museum is accommodated in a traditional 1800 AD building which preserves all the characteristic elements of the folk architecture of an inland olive-growing area of the Municipality of Platanias, with a long tradition in olive growing, where the famous and award-winning Kolymbari olive oils are produced. In the Museum there are exhibits for the cultivation of olive trees, the harvest and transport of olives and the production of olive oil, works of art and many folklore elements of the area.

3 Contemporary Art Museum "Olivepress", Dromonero

The Museum of Contemporary Art "Olivepress" operates on the location of an old oil mill of the Rural Association of Zympagos, which ceased its operations in 1980. It aims at the housing, conservation, preservation, presentation and promotion of the permanent collections which consist of more than 250 works of art from an equal number of artists from Greece and abroad. In the Museum you will see paintings, sculptures, printmaking, ceramics, photography, video art, constructions, installations and films and videos. This is a collection created from the kind offerings of artworks by their creators, but also from donors, collectors, municipalities and contributions made by the members of the Club of Friends of the Olive Mill.

4 Olive Tree & Olive Oil Museum-Folklore Collection Dermitzaki, Vatulakkos

5 Folklore Museum and Textile Workshop, Palaia Roumata

WORTH VISITING

1 Botanical Gardens of Crete, Fournes

Nearly 20 hectares of land, full of fruit trees from all over the world, herbs, medicinal and ornamental plants which was born out of the ashes of a burned land, after a catastrophic fire.

2 Traditional Street Market of Kolymvari

Every Friday, next to the football stadium of Kolymvari, there is a street market for the sale of fresh food. In addition to agricultural food, you may also find other products, like fish, dry nuts, legumes, clothing, shoes, and more.

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Municipality of Platanias

From its coastal villages, with their splendid beaches, through the magical inland routes to the proud mountain peaks, the Municipality of Platanias offers a complete travelling experience that awakens all senses.

A harmonic "mélange" of natural beauty, history, culture and environment-friendly tourist development, that brings out multiple aspects and discoveries at every step. Clear blue water, natural paths, alternative activities, religious routes and historical sites are only a few among the options you have during your exploration.

Don't hesitate to leave yourself to the famous Cretan hospitality and the age long traditions, through rich customs and cultural activities organized in the region. Discover the Municipality of Platanias 365 days of the year, enjoy high quality services and multiple activities of traditional and alternative tourism.

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Absolute blue

Crete's most beautiful coastline can be found at the Municipality of Platanias and includes beaches of all types. Golden sand, sparkling pebbles, breathtaking landscapes, enchanting surroundings with green forests and rocky slopes. The element that unites them is the crystal clear deep blue water.

Cretan Gastronomy

The Municipality of Platanias is famous for its excellent, certified olive oil. Discover the cultivation of the olive tree and age-long experience of Cretans in the Vouves Olive Museum, as well as the traditional open-door olive presses.

Crete possesses a unique relief, ideal for the cultivation of the vine and the production of excellent wines.

Proud nature

Crete's unique relief is visible everywhere in the Municipality of Platanias and those who wish to discover nature are in for some unique experiences. For thousands of years, water has been carving stone and creating breathtaking gorges in Lefká Óri.

Religious monuments

The discovery of Crete's religious history through the unique monuments of Platanias Municipality, is slowly revealed as the visitor explores beautiful churches, picturesque monasteries, frescoes, mosaics and precious documents that prove the strong presence of religion in the region.



Welcome to

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From the great blue of the coastal villages, following the magical inland routes to the proud mountain peaks.

Unique historical, environmental and religious monuments, beautiful natural paths, rocky mountain slopes, stunning gorges, numerous wooded paths, alternative routes for hiking and mountain bike, traditional villages, taverns offering unique tastes and intense night life are just a few of the things that will make your trip to Platanias unforgettable



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