



# Lefka apartments

## NATIONAL PARK OF SAMARIA

### Information to the visitors by the Chania Forest Protection Service

- ▶ Visits to the National Park are allowed: from **May 1st to October 15th** (from October 16<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, the operation of the National Park is managed and regulated in accordance to Decisions issued by the Local Prefecture of Chania).
- ▶ Visiting hours for the Park are from **07.00 to 15.00** (from 15.00 till the sunset, visitors are allowed to walk a distance of only 2 km within the Park, either from Xyloskalo or from Agia Roumeli).
- ▶ Within the- National Park, is strictly prohibited: to camp, to stay overnight, to light fires and to swim in the streams of the Gorge.
- ▶ You are kindly requested to obey the Park's regulations.

### How to make the walk through the Samaria gorge

- ▶ There are daily buses starting from Chania to the head of the Gorge, which is called Xyloskalo. The buses say on the front OMALOS and depart from the Central Bus Station the following hours: **08:30**.

**Bus fare: 5.90 €**

- ▶ By taking any of the morning buses, you get to Xyloskalo after approximately one hour.
- ▶ The length of the Gorge is 16km (10 miles), and you need five to six hours to walk through it.
- ▶ At Xyloskalo you can have meals and drinks. For those wishing to stay overnight at the Omalos Plateau, there are two hotels in-the village of



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Omalos, 5km-before-Xyloskalo. From there you can get any of the morning buses going from Chania to the head of the gorge.

**Entrance fee: 5.00 €**

- ▶ There is plenty of drinking water all along the Gorge. Tennis shoes or walking boots are recommended.
- ▶ At the end of the Gorge is Agia Roumeli village, where you can find restaurants and accommodation. From there you can take boats either to Chora Sfakion or to Sougia and Paleochora. Those willing to come back to Chania the same day should take the boat that goes to Chora Sfakion only, at the following hours: **17:30**. Duration of the trip 1 hour.

**Ticket price: 7.50 €**

- ▶ From Chora Sfakion you can take the bus back to Chania. Duration of the trip is 2 hours. Bus departures from Chora Sfakion to Chania at: **18:30**.

**Bus fare: 6.50 €**

- ▶ The bus **always waits** for the boat to arrive before it departs.
- ▶ The tickets for the two buses can be reserved at the ticket office of the bus station. The ticket of the boat can only be bought at the exit, in Agia Roumeli.
- ▶ Cost of the trip per person:

Bus fare (Chania to Omalos):	5.90 €
Entrance fee:	5.00 €
Ticket price (ferry from Agia Roumeli to Chora Sfakion):	7.50 €
Bus fare (Chora Sfakion to Chania):	6.50 €
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24.90 €</b>

- ▶ **ATTENTION: THE DEPARTURE HOURS CAN CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!!!!**