

# *Pelion E-Bike Trip*

## *VOLOS, GREECE*







### ***Day 1 - Arrival - Airport - Pelion***

*Upon your arrival at the airport of your choice (Athens, Thessaloniki, Ioannina, Volos), a member of our team will be there to welcome you.*

*From there, you'll be transferred to the picturesque village of Zagora, a gem nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Pelion.*

***Meals: Dinner - Overnight stay in Zagora***





## *Day 2 - Cycling: Zagora – Loop*

*Our first cycling tour takes us on a captivating circular route through the heart of Pelion. Starting in the historic village of Zagora, we ride towards the village of Agioi Saranta, renowned for its stunning beach and crystal-clear waters. As you continue, the coastal road leads you to Xoreuto, a picturesque seaside village offering breathtaking views of the Aegean Sea. From there, we cycle to the charming village of Analipsi, where traditional stone houses and lush greenery create a peaceful charm. Finally, Pouri - is our last stop before we return to Zagora - the northernmost village in Pelion, where the peaceful surroundings and traditional character provide a perfect end to this scenic ride.*



***Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner***  
***Overnight stay in Zagora***  
***Cycling Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate***





### *Day 3 – Cycling: Zagora – Tsagarada*

*Today's ride takes you from the lively village of Zagora on the eastern slopes of Pelion to the picturesque Tsagarada, offering a captivating journey through some of the mountain's most beautiful landscapes. The route winds through lush forests and traditional villages, passing by Makryrachi, renowned for its flower gardens, and Anilio, with its tranquil atmosphere and rich greenery. As you approach Tsagarada, the scenery becomes even more enchanting, with the village's cobbled streets and timeless charm leading you to its iconic landmark: the oldest plane tree in Europe, standing proudly in the central square for over 1,800 years. This route is a perfect blend of nature, history, and local culture.*

*Meals: Breakfast - Lunch -Dinner  
Overnight stay at Tsagarada.  
Cycling Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate*





## *Day 4 - Cycling: Tsagarada Loop*

*Today's e-bike trip takes you along a stunning coastal path with sweeping views of the Aegean Sea to the hidden gem of Papa Nero Beach. This secluded paradise is famous for its crystal-clear, blue-green waters, inviting you for a refreshing swim amidst its tranquil beauty. The trail itself is a journey through nature's splendor, with lush greenery and the sound of waves accompanying you.*

*After your swim and time spent soaking in the serenity of Papa Nero, you'll retrace your steps to Damouchari, a delightful seaside village steeped in charm. Movie enthusiasts may find it familiar—it served as a filming location for the iconic Mamma Mia! in 2007, adding a touch of cinematic magic to its already picturesque allure.*



*Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner*  
*Overnight stay at Tsagarada*  
*Cycling difficulty level: Easy to Moderate*



## *Day5 – Cycling: Tsagarada – Pinakates*

*Day 5 takes you on an unforgettable ride from Tsagarada to Pinakates, weaving through Pelion's lush forests and cultural landmarks. Leaving Tsagarada, you'll follow a serene forest route, where towering trees and the sounds of nature provide a peaceful backdrop. The journey brings you to Milies, a village renowned for its rich heritage and scenic charm. Here, you'll stop at the extraordinary Church of the Taxiarches with rare frescoes, including zodiac symbols. From Milies, the route continues toward Pinakates, where the timeless beauty of its stone houses, cobbled paths, and tranquil square awaits, offering a perfect conclusion to the day's exploration.*



*Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner  
Overnight stay in Pinakates  
Cycling Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate*





### ***Day6 – Cycling: Pinakates – 9 Villages of Pelion***

*Day six is an E-bike journey through the heart of Pelion, connecting you to nine captivating villages in a single ride. Starting from the scenic Pinakates, the route weaves through Agios Georgios Nileias and Agios Vlassios, both brimming with traditional architecture and vibrant local life. Passing through Strofilos and Agia Triada, you'll encounter tranquil surroundings and glimpses of everyday village charm. The ride continues to the twin villages of Ano and Kato Gatzzea, where olive groves and coastal views create a unique contrast. Further along, Kala Nera welcomes you with its lively waterfront atmosphere, while Staurodromi offers a quieter, more secluded ambiance. Circling back, you'll pass through the timeless beauty of Milies and Vizitsa, known for their cobbled streets and grand mansions, before concluding the loop in Pinakates. This ride is a celebration of Pelion's cultural and natural diversity, where every village has its own story to tell.*

***Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner***  
***Overnight stay in Pinakates Cycling***  
***Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate***





*Day 7 – Cycling: Pinakates – Portaria - Makrinitisa - drive to Meteora*

*The day begins in Portaria, with our first stop at the renowned Karaiskos Farm, a shining example of sustainability and farm-to-table living in Pelion. Guests can start by selecting fresh ingredients and vegetables from the farm, which will be used to prepare our meal. From there, we can choose to embark on a scenic e-bike ride through the surrounding landscapes of Portaria towards the beautiful village of Makrinitisa the so called “Balcony of Pelion” or stay at the farm to enjoy relaxing cooking lessons. While riding and exploring, the meal is being prepared.*

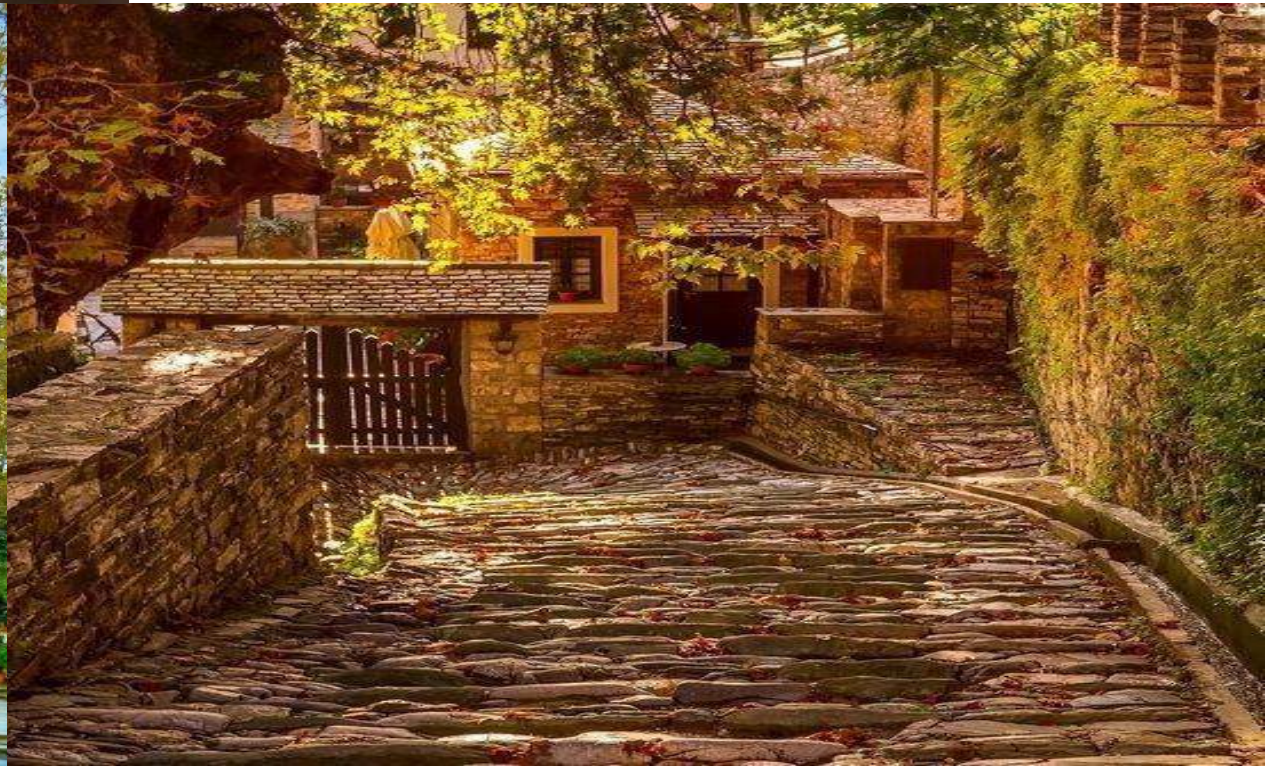
*Upon return, everyone gathers to savor a delicious farm-to-table feast. With its inspired dishes, serene atmosphere, and authentic connection to nature, Karaiskos Farm promises an unforgettable experience.*







*Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner*  
*Overnight stay in Meteora.*  
*Cycling Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate*



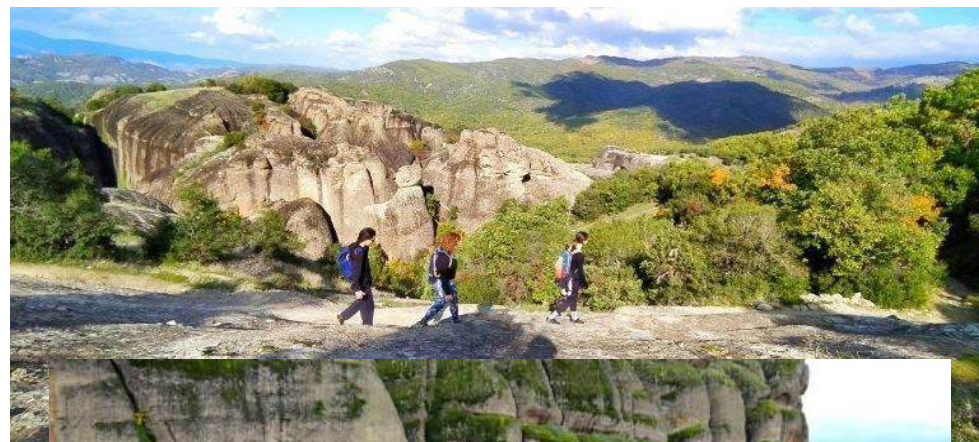




### *Day 8 – Cycling: Meteora (Monastery Visit)*

The path today takes you through the stunning landscape of Meteora, where towering rock formations rise majestically from the ground. Once home to hermits seeking solitude, you'll be immersed in the unique combination of nature, history, and spirituality. The majestic monasteries that crown these rocks have stood for centuries, and you'll walk in the footsteps of monks who once ascended these heights using ropes and ladders. Offering breathtaking views of the surrounding valley, Meteora is truly unforgettable.

***Meals: Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner***  
***Overnight stay in Meteora.***  
***Cycling Difficulty Level:***  
***Easy to Moderate***





## Day 9 - Airport

*As your journey comes to an end, you have the option to depart from one of three airports of your choice: Ioannina, Thessaloniki, or Athens, listed here from the fastest to the slowest in terms of travel time from Meteora. This flexibility ensures a smooth and convenient conclusion to your adventure, tailored to your travel plans.*







## *Accommodation Highlights*

*The places of accommodation are Zagora, Tsagarada, Pinakates and Kalampaka ( Meteora). We will spend two nights in each region-hotel. The hotels are modern-traditional and are rated three and four stars. Hotels are booked according to availability.*





## *Guiding, Support & Safety*

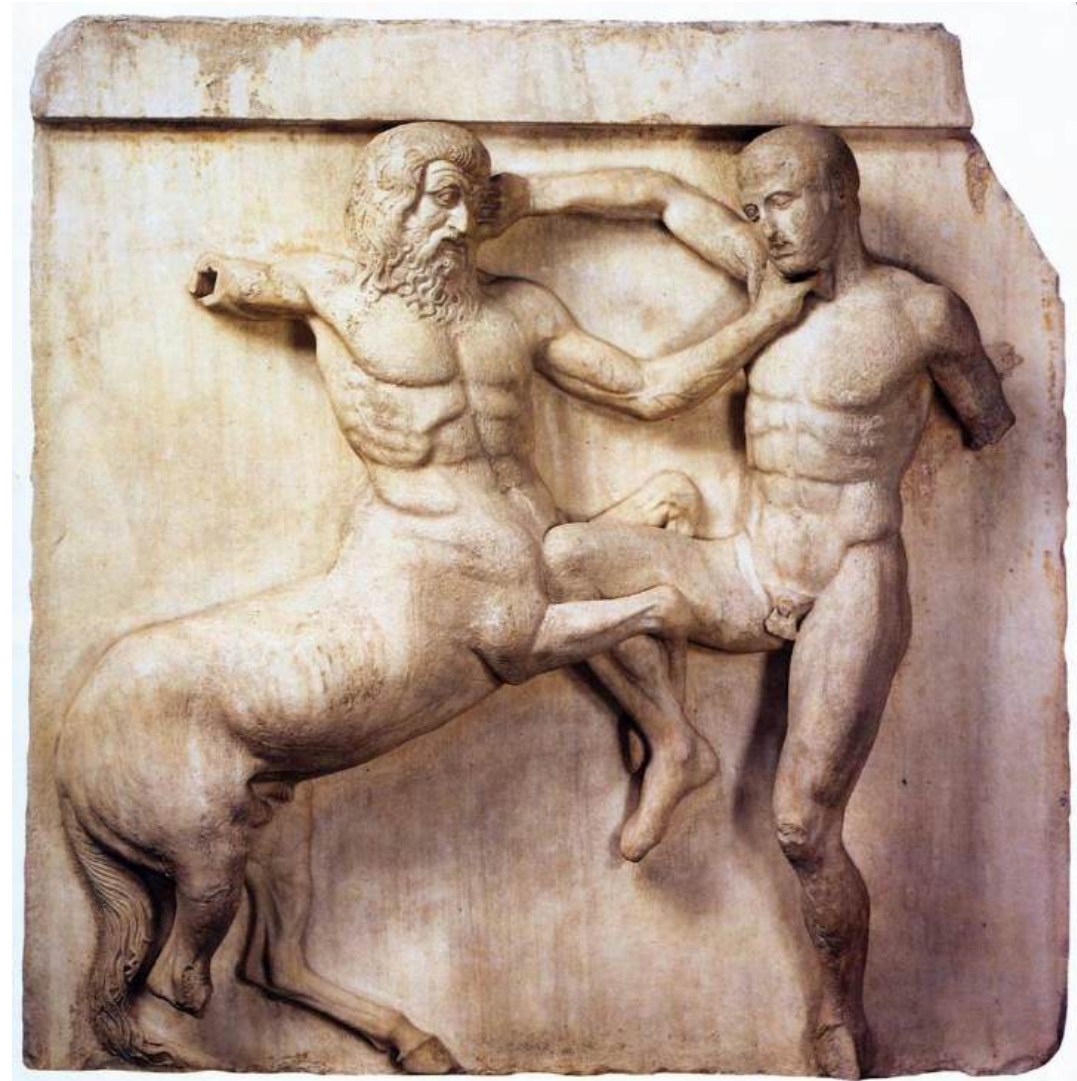
*Your safety is our top priority. Proper preparation is essential for a safe and enjoyable e-bike cycling experience. Please wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing suitable for cycling to protect yourself and ensure ease of movement. Sunglasses, sun protection, and helmets are strongly recommended to shield against the Pelion sun and for your safety on the trails. If you don't have a helmet, we provide high-quality ones for all participants.*

*Before we set out, we'll provide a brief overview of the day's route and helpful e-biking tips to ensure everyone is comfortable. If you experience any discomfort or face challenges along the way, such as fatigue or difficulty with the terrain, let us know, and we'll assist immediately. Our guides will lead the group at a pace that accommodates everyone and ensure no one feels left behind.*

*Remember, cycling in Pelion is about savoring the journey and connecting with the stunning natural surroundings—not rushing to the finish. Take your time, stay hydrated, and enjoy the beauty of the mountain, its shaded forests, and panoramic views. What distinguishes us is our profound local knowledge, enduring and affable connections with locals, and meticulous attention to detail.*

*Throughout your journey, you'll be in the company of a tour guide-local cultural expert and a host. Your bags will be transported ahead each day, and a support vehicle will be available (though not overly close) should you require assistance or prefer a lift.*

*With our e-bikes, you can effortlessly explore the region's unique terrain while immersing yourself in the breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture of Pelion.*







### *Culinary Delights*

*Immerse yourself in the simple, fresh, and exquisite local cuisine—a true celebration of natural flavors. The locals, using seasonal ingredients and traditional methods, create dishes that reflect the authenticity of the region. Freshly grown produce, hand-crafted specialties, and natural oils add depth to every meal. End your dining experience with a taste of sweet local treats that perfectly capture the essence of the area. Whether you're enjoying a light meal or a hearty feast, the culinary journey here is as rich and rewarding as the landscape itself.*

### *Swimming*

*Dive into the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea, a refreshing treat while exploring the Pelion peninsula. From lush mountain trails to hidden seaside gems, the opportunity to take a dip in the sea adds a special touch to your journey. Our hikes in Pelion often pass by serene coastal spots where you can pause to enjoy the invigorating waters. Don't forget to pack your swimsuit so you can fully embrace the natural beauty and tranquility of this stunning region!*





## ***Ideal Time to Visit***

*Explore Pelion on an e-bike during April, May, June, September, or October for the ultimate adventure. Spring brings blooming landscapes and mild weather, while June offers sunny days perfect for coastal and mountain routes. Autumn transforms the forests into golden and red hues, creating a breathtaking backdrop. These months are ideal for uncovering Pelion's beauty on two wheels on an e-bike.*



## ***Reading & References***

*Before your travels, we will provide you with an online Information Pack well in advance. This pack will contain essential details you need to know, including a suggested packing list. Additionally, we'll include a reading list for those interested in delving into Pelion's history.*

### **Pelion:**

- 1) <https://www.pelionculture.gr/en/ancient-greek-myths-about-pelion/>
- 2) <https://www.volosinfo.gr/myths-of-volos-and-pelion/>
- 3) <https://www.explore.com/1390240/visit-birthplace-greek-mythology-mount-pilio-greece/>
- 4) <https://ilovepelion.gr/homepage/culture/pelio/history-55/pelion-history-335>

### **Meteora:**

- 1) <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/455/>
- 2) <https://www.kalampaka.com/en/meteora/history/>
- 3) <https://www.britannica.com/art/Byzantine-architecture>



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*Our E-Bikes*

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FANTIC - SEVEN DAYS LIVING EASY(GREY)



FANTIC - SEVEN DAYS LIVING EASY(BLACK)



*HAIBIKE* – Trekking 5





While you're with us, you can set aside your wallet, unwind, and fully enjoy your experience.

### ***Included***

- *Group airport transfers (1 x arrival, 1 x departure)*
- *Support vehicle, e-bikes and luggage transfers.*
- *Bike Me Up host and English -speaking guides.*
- *All accommodation, meals, snacks, and drinks (including wine)*
- *All activities, including a visit to Karaiskos Farm*

### ***Excluded***

- *Flights*
- *Personal expenses*
- *Tips (optional)*
- *Travel Insurance*
- *Visas if required.*
- *Special Wines*

### ***Info***

- *Duration: 9 days / 8 nights*
- *Type: Cycling Tour*
- *Group Size: Maximum 16, minimum 4 participants.*



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