

## Hellenic Alps 4WD Adventure

Athens-Delphi-Karpenisi-Agrafa-Lake Plastira-Meteora-Athens

**Duration:** 8 days  
**Level:** Easy to Moderate  
**Tour Pace:** Moderate  
**Tour comfort:** Standard  
**Suitable for:** All travelers  
**Available:** All year round



### Description

If you love **4WD off road adventures** through **unbeaten mountain trails**, if you want to escape and revitalize yourself in an entirely refreshing lush landscape and if you are looking to combine **soft adventure with cultural activities** and visits to some **UNESCO Worldwide Heritage Sites**, such as the archaeological site of **Delphi** and the spectacular top-cliff monasteries of **Meteora**, then this is the right exploration for you!

Available all year round, the “Hellenic Alps” tour will give you a different experience, depending on the season you are visiting Greece. Whether you seek for **winter adventures** or for a **fresh getaway** during the hot summer, this exploration can offer you all that you want!

### Tour Highlights

- Visit the **archaeological site of Delphi**, the place that in ancient times was considered as the center of the known world, the place where heaven and earth met.
- Drive **off road** through some of the most beautiful and unspoiled mountains of mainland Greece, also called the “Hellenic Alps” or the “**Switzerland of Greece**”
- Enjoy **river trekking** in the spectacular “**Panta Vrechi**” canyon or **rafting** in Trikeriotis river
- Visit **traditional small villages**, untouched by time
- Explore the dreamy **Plastira Lake** on a **canoe or hydro-bike**
- Hike at the cliff – top monasteries in **Meteora** and explore the centre of the Greek orthodox spirituality

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1: Athens

Upon arrival in Athens International Airport, you are met and welcomed by our team. You transfer to your hotel and, since your fellow travel companions arrive in different times of the day, you have the day free to explore the city of **Athens** and its numerous **cultural and historical places of interest**.

Depending on your arrival time, there is an optional **Athens bike tour**, 90% car – free. Alternatively, you can opt for the **Athens guided walking tour** and explore the centre of Athens and the principal sites of historical interest on foot under the guidance of our professional guide.



In the evening, you will meet with the group to get to know each other and we will discuss the trip details, while enjoying a traditional dinner at a Greek tavern in **Plaka**, one of the most beautiful, picturesque and traditional neighborhoods in Athens!



Dinner



3\* or 4\* Hotel in Athens

### Day 2: Athens - Arachova - Delphi



After breakfast, we depart for **Arachova**, a traditional mountainous picturesque village located at the foot of Mt. Parnassos. From there, we will take a short **hike in Mount Parnassos**, to the renowned **Korikion Antron cave**, home of the ancient god Pan and the Corikian Nymphs. This is the right place to unplug and relax in an entirely refreshing landscape... Depending on the season, we can alternatively reach the cave by car (during the winter months the hiking path gets very challenging, because of the snow).

In the afternoon, we head to Delphi. Dinner at the balcony of a local tavern, admiring the grove valley of Amfissa and Itea port and overnight in Delphi.



Breakfast, Dinner



3\* Hotel in Delphi

## Day 3: Delphi - Ano Chora



Today we visit the **archaeological site of Delphi**, one of the most important archaeological sites in Greece. We will visit the **Oracle of Delphi** and the Museum. Our professional guide will take you on a trip through the **ancient Greek history** and the **Greek mythology!**

After visiting Delphi, our amazing **off road driving adventure** starts!

Today, we will cross **Mount Giona**, Greece's 5<sup>th</sup> highest mountain, while we will admire its impressive alpine landscape, deep fir forests and gorgeous ravines. This is one of the best off – road driving routes in Greece, perfect for 4x4 enthusiasts and nature lovers.



Late in the afternoon, we will arrive at the picturesque village of **Ano Chora**, where we will overnight.



Breakfast, Lunch (picnic)



Traditional Guesthouse in Ano Chora

## Day 4: Ano Chora - Karpenisi

Driving through wild mountains, high peaks and beautiful landscapes, today we head to **Karpenisi**, the capital of Evrytania prefecture. on our way there, between Mt Kaliakouda and Mt Platanaki, lies a well hidden **nature paradise**, the spectacular **canyon of "Panta Vrechi"** (translated to "it always rains"), which you cannot miss if you are visiting Central Greece! After a short hiking path, we enter Krikelliotis river canyon and we start walking under massive rocks and huge trees until we arrive at the **waterfalls!** Waterproof clothes and swimming suits are necessary since we can swim under the beautiful waterfalls!



Crossing Mount Kaliakouda, we reach the picturesque village of **Megalo Chorio**, where you have free time to explore the village, walk through its narrow streets and enjoy a coffee or some shopping.



Breakfast, Lunch (picnic), Dinner



Traditional Hotel in Karpenisi

\* River trekking in Panta Vrechi is available only between June – October. The rest of the year, there are other alternatives to this activity, such as **canioning** through the **Via Ferrata** or **rafting** in Trikeriotis river, at an extra cost.

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## Day 5: Karpenisi

**Karpenisi** is one of the most beautiful, unspoiled and clean areas in Greece, ideal both for **nature lovers** and **history/culture enthusiasts**.



After breakfast, will visit the **Prousos Monastery**, one of the most beautiful monasteries in Greece, built on a steep rock and above a deep canyon. After the monastery, we will **hike to the gorge of Mavri Spilia (Black cave)**, passing through ponds, cascades and small stone bridges, ending at a magnificent 7m waterfall and the black cave.



At the end of our visit, we will arrive at the village of Prousos, where the local butcher shop of “Stremmenos” produces high quality cold cuts, naturally matured with no preservatives! You are free to try the “**Greek prosciutto**”, or the salami from the delicatessen and you can buy whatever you like from the shop.

On our way back to Karpenisi, we will off road drive through Mt Chelidona, a beautiful mountain trail offering stunning views over the **Lake Kremasta**, the meeting point of 4 rivers in Central Greece.

You have your evening free for optional activities in the area, such as horseback riding, mountain biking or simply relaxing in this refreshing natural surroundings.



Breakfast, Lunch (picnic), Dinner



Traditional Hotel in Karpenisi

## Day 6: Karpenisi - Lake Plastira (through Agrafa)

Early in the morning, we leave Karpenisi and we bound to **Viniani Bridge**. After a sort coffee/tea break, we continue our **off road driving** in one of the most remote and unspoiled areas in Greece, through **Agrafiotis River canyon** with destination **Agrafa village**. We visit the village and we have lunch in a local tavern, where we can eat locally fished trout, from the rivers of Karpenissiotis and Krikeliotis. Crossing the famous wild mountains, we continue to the dreamy **Lake Plastira**, a synonymous to peace & endless natural beauty.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Traditional Hotel in Lake Plastira

# TRAILS BEYOND

## Day 7: Lake Plastira - Meteora

We start our day with **canoe or hydro - bike tour** in the Lake. For the biking lovers, you can explore the lake on **mountain bikes**.



Around noon, we arrive at the “**stone forest**” of Meteora and after lunch below Meteora pillar, we will take a hiking sunset tour, visiting the impressive monasteries.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



3\* Hotel in Meteora

## Day 8: Meteora - Athens

After breakfast, we depart for Athens. We stop for coffee and lunch at the coastal town of Kammena Vourla and we arrive in Athens late afternoon.

Depending on your flight schedule, you can either head straight to the airport or spend your last night, enjoying the city's nightlife.



Breakfast, Lunch



### What is included:

- Trails Beyond tour guide for the whole trip and local guides & activity instructors
- 6 days of accommodation in 3-4\* hotels and traditional guesthouses, based on double occupancy
- All meals, as indicated on the trip notes
- 4x4 Car rental for all days, fuel consumption during the whole trip and tolls
- Entrance fees to sites listed in the tour itinerary
- Cost for all activities included in the tour program
- Licensed guide in the archaeological site of Delphi
- All taxes

### What is not included:

- International airfares
- Travel insurance, mandatory
- Hotel transfers to/from airports other than Athens International Airport
- Any meals not specified in the itinerary
- Any beverages or alcoholic drinks during meals
- Additional hotel nights that may be necessary due to airline schedule changes or other factors
- Optional activities that are not included in the day-to-day itinerary
- Other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, and so on) and tips