

## GREECE – KARPATHOS ISLAND IN THE SOUTH-EAST AEGEAN SEA

8-day / 7-night moderate **GUIDED** inn-to-inn walking visiting 9 villages & uninhabited Saria Island



Situated in the south-east of the Aegean Sea, Karpathos is a hidden island paradise, framed by towering mountains and crystal-clear waters. Including nearby Saria Island, it stretches about 85 km and offers a traditional, unspoilt side of Greece. Less crowded than popular destinations, Karpathos retains its authentic charm, with warm local hospitality and beautifully preserved villages.

Our journey explores the island's scenic trails, taking us through traditional villages like Olympos and Avlona, as well as across Saria Island. Highlights include hiking up Mount Kali Limni, the island's highest peak at 1215 m, discovering ancient ruins, and strolling along quiet beaches. After each day's walk, you can relax in a local taverna or enjoy a refreshing swim in the Aegean.

The people of Karpathos take pride in their culture, celebrating festivals with music, dance, and local traditions. You'll enjoy fresh seafood, mountain dishes, and the warm hospitality of the islanders, while experiencing the unique history and spirituality of this remote Aegean gem. Karpathos is not just a destination—it's an immersive journey into Greek tradition.

**Dates:** 24 May 2026, 4 October 2026

**Cost from:** **\$3410** per person (twin share)  
Single room supplement on request

**Includes:** 7 nights' accommodation with breakfast in local hotels, 1 x cooking class with dinner, luggage transfers, transfers including return airport transfers, local guides, boat tickets to Saria Island.

**Not included:** Insurance, drinks, other meals, entrance fees, tips, or personal expenses

**Difficulty:** This tour is graded as **Moderate** with walking mostly on narrow tracks over rough, rocky and undulating terrain. Daily walking of 4 to 7 hours per day and daily ascent & descent of 270m up to 1215m. In summer, warm temperatures make the routes more difficult.

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## Suggested itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrival in Pigadia (capital of Karpathos)

On arrival at Karpathos airport, your guide will meet you and transfer you to the hotel in Pigadia. Once you have settled in, the rest of the day is yours at leisure – we recommend a stroll through town, taking in the architecture and visiting the historical museum. You stay two nights in Pigadia.

### Day 2: Mount Kali Limni

**walking @ 4-5 hours**

A challenging hike today as we climb the highest peak of Karpathos, Mount Kali Limni (1215m). The view from the top is impressive and on a clear day we can see across to neighbouring islands such as Kasos, Rhodes, and Crete. After enjoying the silence and views, we descend and return by bus to Pigadia, with the afternoon free to relax and unwind.

### Day 3: Spoa - Olympos

**walking @ 6-7 hours**

This guided hike explores the wild heart of North Karpathos, following scenic trails from the peaceful village of Spoa to Olympos through a protected natural landscape. Along the way, your guide shares insights into local nature and traditions, with dramatic views and rare plants leading you to the cultural village of Olympos.

### Day 4: Avlona – Vroukounta

**walking @ 2 hours**

We leave Avlona and walk to the quiet bay of Vroukounta, where history can still be felt in the landscape. With our guide, we explore ancient ruins, old walls, and tombs, learning about the Doric city that once existed here. Afterward, we enjoy a simple picnic in the shade before returning to Avlona with a greater knowledge and connection to the history of Karpathos.

### Day 5: Diafani – Saria Island

**walking @ 4-5 hours**

We leave Diafani by boat and sail to the island of Saria and the bay of Giaplos. We walk across the island through wild landscapes and visit the old village of Argos with its stone houses. On the way back, we stop at Palatia beach and a small medieval pirate settlement, then end the day swimming and snorkeling in the clear waters of Saria.

### Day 6: Olympos – Profitis Ilias – Diafani

**walking @ 4-5 hours**

We start in the mountain village of Olympos, known for its stone houses and traditions, then hike up to Profitis Ilias through rugged slopes and ridges with stunning sea views. The trail descends toward the coastal village of Diafani, where the scenery softens and the Aegean comes into view. We arrive in Diafani with time to relax and enjoy its peaceful harbor and calm atmosphere.

### Day 7: Karpathos Scenic Drive

Enjoy a relaxed drive around Karpathos, seeing mountains, coastlines, and traditional villages. Stop at archaeological sites, quiet beaches, and viewpoints, while your local guide shares stories about the island's history and culture. This easy-paced tour lets you take in the beauty and daily life of Karpathos.

### Day 8: Departure day

After breakfast transfer back to Karpathos airport from Diafani, or you can take the ferry to Rhodes, Crete, or other Dodecanese or Cycladic islands.

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