



'Flowers of Crete' Flower Finding Trip with John Fielding

4th- 11th April, 2017



4th April, Day One:

Arrivals

6.00 p.m. Illustrated talk on the Flowers of Crete – John Fielding

7.00 p.m. Welcome drinks at the Pool Bar followed by dinner at nearby Vachus Taverna,

5th April, Day Two:

9.00 a.m. Breakfast at the Pool Bar

10.00 a.m. Depart to nearby Plaka for impressive orchid meadows and to the north coast for a variety of maritime plants.

Coffee break en route and lunch at Psomi kai Alati taverna in Vrouhas.

Free evening

Himantoglossum robertianum, *Anacamptis papilionacea* ssp *alibertis* and *heroica*,
Ophrys cretica, *Ophrys bombylifera*, *Ophrys tenthredinifera*, *Ophrys spruneri*.

6th April, Day Three:

8.00 a.m. Breakfast at the Pool Bar

10.00 a.m. Depart for Katharo Plateau. Coffee en route at Panagia Kera cafe followed by picnic lunch on the plateau. A day for finding endemic plants.

8.00 p.m. Dinner at 'The Hope' Taverna at Mavrikiano, Elounda.

Paeonia clusii, *Arum creticum*, *Trifolium uniflorum*, and orchids *Ophrys pauciflora*, *Orchid boryi*, as well as *Onosma erecta* and *Oreganum microphyllum*.



7th April, Day Four:

8.00 a.m. Breakfast at the Pool Bar

10.00 a.m. Depart for the south slopes of Thripti mountains. Coffee en route and late lunch at beachside taverna in Pachia Ammos with beautiful views over Psira island. We will be searching the ancient woodlands for a variety of orchids.

Free evening.

Orchis anatolica, Orchis anthropophora, the endemic Tulipa cretica, Aristolochia cretica, Campanula pelviformis

8th April, Day Five:

8.00 a.m. Breakfast at the Pool Bar.

10.00 a.m. Depart for north slopes of Thripti mountains, famous for their orchids We will also visit the ancient olive tree of Vronधा. Coffee en route and lunch in a traditional mountain taverna on the Thripti high pasture.

Free evening.

Ophrys bassilissa, Orchis thriptiensis, Ophrys thriptiensis and rare endemics Fritillaria sphaciotica, Ornithogalum sibthorpii, also Tulipa saxatalis, Asphodeline lutea, Daphne sericea.

9th April, Day Six:

8.00 a.m. Breakfast at the Pool Bar.

9.00 a.m. Depart for Mount Oxa and the north slopes of Mount Dikte for some unusual finds for east Crete. Coffee in Neapoli and an *al fresco* picnic lunch.

7.00 p.m. Illustrated talk by Julia Jones on the endemic flowers of Crete and threats to their habitats.

Free evening.

Cyclamen creticum, Dracunculus vulgaris, Anacamptis collina, Ophrys grammica ssp knossia, Orchis intacta.

10th April, Day Seven

8.00 a.m. Breakfast at the Pool Bar

9.00 a.m. Depart for Kroustas and mountain road to Prina and Kalamafka (another orchid 'hot spot') Coffee en route. Lunch at the delightful Panorama Taverna, with stunning views of the south coast.

8.00 p.m. Farewell gala dinner and drinks at Lotus Eaters Taverna in Elounda.

Ophrys fleischmanii, Ophrys iricolor, Orchid italica and Cistus creticus, Cistus salvifolia.



11th April, Day 8:

8.00 a.m. Breakfast, farewells and departures.

Cost per person: (single occupancy) 1,400 euros; twin occupancy 1,180 euros
Including airport transfers, but excluding flights. All meals as described, but excluding alcoholic drinks.

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