

# Backroads of the Pelion Peninsula

**Trip style:** European holidays

**Destination:** 📍 Greece

**Trip code:** PON07-LCL09

**Grades:** 1, 2 & 3



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Located halfway between Athens and Thessaloniki, the Pelion Peninsula rewards with deserted beaches, wild olive groves, and forests of beech and chestnut – all accompanied by the glittering Aegean Sea and 1,624-metre-high Mount Pelion as a backdrop. Highlights include walking on the network of kalderimi (cobble paths), soaking up views of the Pagasetic Gulf, and spending time in the surrounding villages. Also visit-worthy is Volos for its grand buildings, museums, churches, and links to Jason and the Argonauts (in Greek mythology, the city was the starting point of the expedition to retrieve the Golden Fleece).

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Exploring the best of the Pelion Peninsula on foot
- Visiting charming villages and tavernas
- Spectacular views across the Pagasetic Gulf and its islands
- Discovering an area brimming with ancient Greek mythology
- Walking along centuries-old kalderimi (stone paths)
- Journeying through the foothills of Mount Pelion

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Full programme of guided walks led by local HF Holidays Leaders
- Comfortable accommodation
- Half-board (breakfast and evening meal)
- All transport to and from walks
- Return flights from the UK including hold baggage and airport transfers

## TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a level 2 and level 3 graded Activity, Easier walks: 5 to 8 miles (8 to 13km) on good paths, with some rocky sections. Up to 1,300 feet (390m) of ascent in a day. Harder walks: 7 to 11 miles (11 to 17½km) on good paths, with some rocky sections. Up to 1,900 feet (570m) of ascent in a day.

## ITINERARY

## Leda Village Resort - Pelion

The Leda Village Resort sits on the edge of the Pagasetic Gulf on the outskirts of the pretty village of Horto. All the rooms boast magnificent sea views and the resort offers a large swimming pool, tennis courts, mini golf, gym and a private beach. The restaurant is perched just above the beach allowing guests to enjoy freshly cooked Mediterranean meals whilst gazing out over the ocean. The beach bar and pool bar provide comfortable seating for relaxing with a drink in the evenings.

As a guest, you can enjoy:

- An outdoor swimming pool
- Private beach
- Bar and outdoor seating area
- A game of tennis or a round of mini-golf