

DES ROSES HOTEL

Do you know that South Pelion has natural water springs? Let us take you on a fantastic journey in one of Greece's most beautiful places.



Dear friends, As part of our new eco-tourism activities, we are proud to present our 2nd natural activity in South Pelion. [Click here to view our 1st mythological and cultural activity](#). To start with, we will visit the picturesque post-Byzantine chapel and monastery of the settlement "Mousgies" and we will walk across the mountain to discover the rich flora of this great place. Our activity will start from our hotel **Des Roses Hotel** in Platania Pelion South. We will be driving for about 15 minutes with our cars towards the monastery of Agios Spiridonas which was built in the mid-18th century.

There we will learn about its history and its active role during the Greek revolution against the Ottoman Empire. From this point, we will admire the beautiful view of the Aegean Sea. Afterwards, we will drive back to "Mousgies" settlement and walk into the forest towards the tiny post-Byzantine church dedicated to Virgin Mary. Once there, you will be able to admire the remarkable ecclesiastic paintings «fresco» of the 19th century. After we take photos of the church and rest for a while in its courtyard, we will follow a hiking trail, while observing current water.



Reaching the first spring, which is surrounded by colorful flowers and dense vegetation such as chestnut, cherry, orange, lemon and olive trees, you will be able to see how the water rises from the earth and how local people use it to cultivate their land.



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Our next stop will be at the picturesque "Mousgies" settlement, where you will get the chance to discover its wonderful water springs and quench your thirst. There, you will be offered homemade Tsipouro (pomace brandy from Thessaly). Moreover, you will learn about herbs and other therapeutic plants that grow on this mountain. Some of those are laurel, thyme, mint, oregano, balm, alisfakia (Greek tea), chamomile and many more.

After finishing our natural activity, which will last about 2 to 2.5 hours, we will safely drive you back to **Des Roses Hotel** where you will be offered homemade red wine and light snacks. If our garden grill operates on that day you will be able to try our delicious meat dishes. For **safety reasons** you must bring with you trekking shoes, water and a walking-stick, if possible. Our tour guide will provide you walkie-talkies for recreational and safety reasons. In addition, a medical tool kit will be brought by our staff. If you suffer from injuries or any other health problems, please inform us before participating to the activity. The **price** per person is **10 €**. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or telephone. You may also visit our new Facebook page on <http://www.facebook.com/desroseshotel> and like us!

Duration: **2 to 2.5 hours**

Starting time: **17:30 pm**

Price per person: **10 €**

Scale of difficulty: **easy to moderate**

We look forward to having you with us on this fantastic journey!



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