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Day trip “ The Three Monasteries ”

(Level of difficulty: Easy)

Circular walk Kalloni – Three Monasteries - Kalloni

Total Distance of the hike: 10 km,
Duration including stops: 7-8 hours

The trip: The meeting point for our tour is Kalloni, from here we drive to the great bridge behind Kalloni. We start the hike walking on an ancient cobbled track through the hilly countryside to the women’s monastery Myrsiniotissas. This beautiful monastery with its secluded courtyard ran a secret school during the Turkish occupation. Unfortunately, the monastery is not always open – if we are lucky, we can go inside and see it. Our hike continues on the old pilgrims’ route to the Moni Limonos. This monastery of friars was already built before the Turkish occupation. It was often destroyed and rebuilt; the current building dating back to 1527. Moni Limonos is probably the most interesting monastery in Lesbos – we take some time to look around this splendid building. In the pleasant café we sit down for a coffee or refreshment. Once refreshed we resume our hike, with stunning views of the bay of Kalloni through picturesque lava stone formations to the approximately 500 year old monastery Metochi.

After we have seen this monastery we head towards Kalloni, always with scenic views of the bay and to the mountains on the other side of the Gulf. We pass the small village of Dafia and finally reach the starting point.

From here it is only a short drive to Skala Kallonis, where we enjoy a late lunch on the beach. Depending on the season we can try the famous sardines from the gulf. After lunch we spend some time at the beach, relax on a sunbed or go for a swim in the shallow water.

Minimum of 2 people required, meeting point is Kalloni or pick-up from your accommodation on arrangement.

If you want to see the monasteries you need to wear appropriate clothes - long trousers or skirt and no bare shoulders or midriffs! (wear a sleeved top, or you could bring a cotton scarf to cover up.)