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Day trip "Agiassos and Mount Olympus"

(Level of difficulty: Medium)

Circular walk Agiassos – Mount Olympus - Agiassos

Total Distance of the hike: 10 km,
Duration including stops: 6-7 hours

The trip: We start our tour of the summit in the village of Agiassos, one of the most fascinating mountain villages of the island of Lesbos. This lovely village is located about 400m above sea level. On ancient Kalderimi (old pilgrim and donkey paths) and narrow tracks we head up to Mount Olympus, at 968m the highest mountain of the island. During the ascent we have stunning views to the impressive White Mountains and the surrounding countryside. Mount Olympus is also known locally as Profitis Ilias because, like many high peaks in Greece, it has a small chapel dedicated to Profitis Ilias (the Prophet Elijah). At the top of the mountain, on a limestone plateau the summit is dominated by a large, white cross and the eponymous small chapel. From up here we have a breathtaking view of large parts of the island and - on clear days - beyond. We stop here to rest and enjoy the view. Slowly we start our descent. We arrive further down at a beautiful view point where we have arranged a welcoming table, covered with small Greek delicacies. Here we rest a while and enjoy the tasty picnic and cool drinks. Feeling stronger after the delicious meal, we start the descent to Agiassos. Once in Agiassos we take time for a stroll through the shady alleys and shops. If you wish, you can visit the famous pilgrimage church of the Virgin Mary (visited by many Orthodox pilgrims for its miracle working icon). In one of the local kafenia we relax after the exhilarating mountain hike and enjoy a coffee or ouzo.

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

As we climb uphill more than 600m you will need proper hiking shoes and a good physical constitution.

If you want to see the church in Agiassos 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.)