

Zonari

Zonari-Sarazinaschlucht

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Κρήτης / Crete **Subregion:** Νομός Λασιθίου / Lasithi Regional Unit **Town:** Metaxochori

Difficulty: not as difficult

Grading: v3 a1 II

Total time: 4h10

Approachtime: 5min

Tourtime: 4h

Returntime: 5min

Altitude entry: 710m

Altitude exit: 125m

Delta Altitude: 585m

Canyon length: 3400m

Highest rapell: 40m

Amount rapells: 13

Transport: Car required

Rock type:

Drainage area: km²

Season: February - April

Orientation: East

Best Time:

Rating: ★ 1.4 (1)

Info: ★ 0 ()

Belay: ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary: (machine translated)

Rappel and downclimb canyon, the continuation in the Sarazina canyon is a tourist hike.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Ierapetra in the direction of Viannos westward along the sea (rarely seen) to Myrtos (14 km). Passing the village, we turn off the main road in northern direction (Mithi, Males). We pass through Mithi and a few km after this village we turn left to the exit of the Sarakina canyon (dam). On the large parking area we park the lower vehicle.
With the second vehicle we go back to the road and continue on it again in northern direction. Again we do not take the road to Males, but follow the road to the left, which leads us to Hristos. The tarred road brings us further - finally over some serpentines - up to Metaxochori. We drive south through the village, the tarred road turns into a dirt road and we continue on it. About 2,5 km after Metaxochori we pass a gate and 1,5 km after it we reach first the streambed of Zonari and a few meters after that the place where we can park the second vehicle (conversion about 17 km).
With the second vehicle we go back to the road and continue on it again in northern direction. We then again a few km further do not take the road to Males, but follow the road leaving to the left, which leads us to Hristos. The tarred road brings us further - finally over some serpentines - up to Metaxochori. We drive south through the village, the tarred road turns into a dirt road and we continue on it. About 2.5 km after Metaxochori we pass through a gate and 1.5 km after this we reach first the streambed of the Zonari and a few meters later the place where we can park the second vehicle (realization about 17 km).
The distance data in Bromirakis' book referring to the access road should be treated with caution.

Approach: (machine translated)

From the car directly down into the streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)

You can 'enrich' the tour a little bit, if you 'take' the right side canyon (called 'Canyon Right' on the topographic view in Bromirakis' book) at the beginning. One reaches this narrowly cut and at least in spring water-bearing side canyon after having downclimbed the Zonari a bit; one then takes the path on the right directly after the tributary, which brings us in about 10 min. up to the beginning of the gulch and to our descent into this side stream (max. rappel height here about 15 m).

Return: (machine translated)

After the confluence of the Zonari canyon with the Sarazina canyon (with continuous water flow), we now follow the river downhill to the exit of the canyon. At the water intake we take the path that brings us to the lower vehicle.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [35.0618 25.5512](#)

Canyon End [35.0540 25.5769](#)

Parking at Entry [35.0621 25.5511](#)

Parking at Exit [35.0541 25.5771](#)

Parking at Exit [35.0532 25.5787](#)

Alternative Canyon End [35.0514 25.5757](#)

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