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Flowers of Crete

Mohos to Krasi and Lassithi Plateau - Autumn Squill, Sternbergia and Crocus.

Countless beautiful flowers await you in the mountains

The day starts at 10.00 a.m. with collection from your accommodation. We will then travel west along the north coast to the sand dunes of Malia. Then up into the mountains to search for the autumn species that in Northern Europe would be found in bloom in springtime. Depending on rainfall, we can expect to find cyclamen, crocus, colchicum, scilla, sternbergia and in an early autumn season, even the beautiful and elusive Autumn Ladies' Tresses orchid; found in only a few places on Crete.

Morning coffee will be taken in the village of Krasi, famous for its ancient plane tree and its reputedly life-giving spring.

We will enjoy lunch in a small taverna on Lassithi plateau before we continue our exploration to two smaller and lesser known plateaus, situated above the main plateau and affording wonderful views.

There will be plenty of opportunities to stop to photograph and take in the wonderful scenery. Birds of prey also abound and there is a possibility to spy a breeding pair of Golden Eagles as they soar over the mountains.

The day will finish between 4 – 5 p.m. with our return to Elounda.

Trip from Elounda/Aghios Nikolaos/Malia area

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