



MANI PENINSULA E-BIKE TOUR PELOPONNES E, GREECE

Effortlessly discover the unique allure of Mani by electric bike, traversing the terrain, uncovering abandoned treasures, and savoring the authentic essence of this extraordinary region!

A captivating journey through the undiscovered Mani Peninsula in the Peloponnese, a Mediterranean haven boasting diverse landscapes, rich history, and genuine hospitality. Amidst charming villages and ancient olive groves, find an ideal setting for unhurried exploration with friends. Our expertly guided exploration promises an immersive experience in one of Greece's most compelling and overlooked mainland destinations, revealing deserted beaches, a deep blue sea, and the majestic Taygetos Mountain, shrouded in myth and ancient secrets.

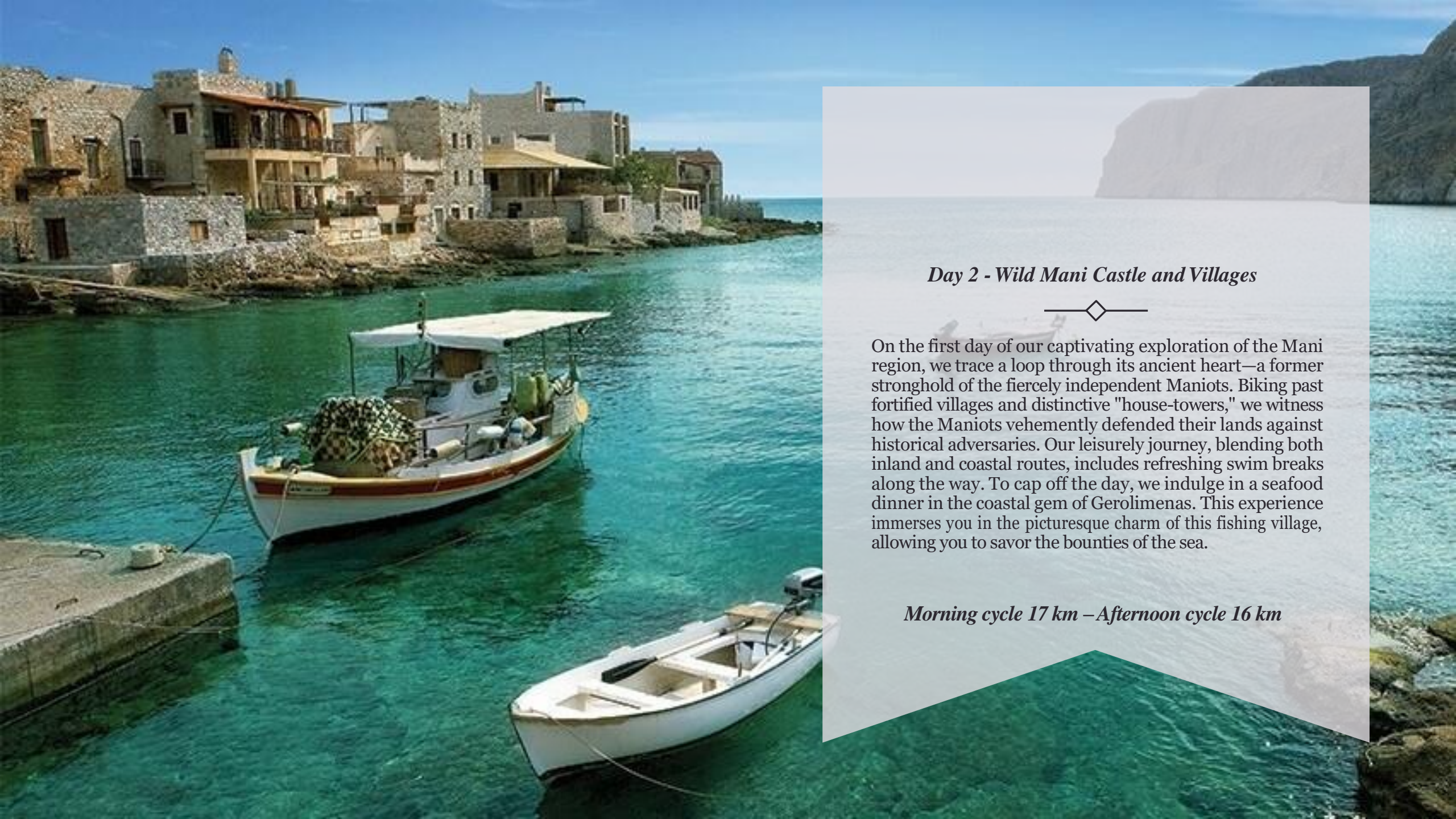


Day 1 - Arrival

Embark on your Mani adventure as our driver greets you at the airport, ushering you into a private minibus for a scenic three-and-a-half-hour drive through Peloponnese's captivating landscapes. Your destination is the charming village of Kitta, near Gerolimenas in the Inner Mani, where you'll be captivated by the tranquillity and warm hospitality of Citta dei Nicliani. This 18th-century gem, now a family-run hotel, offers stunning sea views, picturesque landscapes, and small plunge pools for relaxation. With the possibility of exclusivity for our group, savor the historic ambiance and explore one of the best private wine cellars in the Peloponnese. Tonight marks the beginning of a three-night stay at this enchanting retreat, setting the stage for an unforgettable journey through the heart of Mani.

Road trip 322 km





Day 2 - Wild Mani Castle and Villages



On the first day of our captivating exploration of the Mani region, we trace a loop through its ancient heart—a former stronghold of the fiercely independent Maniots. Biking past fortified villages and distinctive "house-towers," we witness how the Maniots vehemently defended their lands against historical adversaries. Our leisurely journey, blending both inland and coastal routes, includes refreshing swim breaks along the way. To cap off the day, we indulge in a seafood dinner in the coastal gem of Gerolimenas. This experience immerses you in the picturesque charm of this fishing village, allowing you to savor the bounties of the sea.

Morning cycle 17 km – Afternoon cycle 16 km



Day 3 – Unraveling the Underworld in the Mani Peninsula

Today, on our cycling expedition through the Mani Peninsula, we explore Cape Tenaro, the second southernmost tip of mainland Europe and the legendary entrance to Hades. Cycle to the peninsula's southern tip to witness the captivating remnants of deserted Roman Villa mosaics before heading back. Enjoy lunch and a swim in Porto Kagio, a traditional fishing port, and we visit Vathia, the region's best-preserved abandoned castle village. Conclude the day in Kitta for our last evening in southern Mani, seamlessly blending mythology with the scenic beauty of this historical landscape.

Morning cycle 31 km – Afternoon cycle 18 km

Day 4 - Areopolis, Limeni & Northern Mani

Our cycling journey carries us from the Inner to the Outer Mani, commencing our ride from Kitta on e-bikes and pedaling northward toward Areopolis, the capital of Mani, named after the God of War, Ares. After a period of exploration and a delightful seaside lunch in the charming village of Limeni, our journey unfolds further north. We continue cycling through the rugged terrain of central Mani, passing and exploring its picturesque mountainous villages. Our ultimate destination is the vibrant village of Kardamyli, where Liodentra awaits as our home for the next three nights. Nestled on the edge of beautiful Kardamyli, just behind the town's pebble beach, it sets the stage for upcoming adventures in the colorful landscapes of the Northern Mani region.

Morning cycle 24 km – Afternoon cycle 41 km



Day 5 – Kastania Village: Ancient Trails, Churches, and Coastal Vistas

Commencing our day with a visit to Old Kardamyli Castle, we then traverse a coastal road to explore the ancient monk's religious pathways leading us to the secluded hillside village of Kastania. Lunch unfolds in the village's sole taverna, embracing the old authentic Mani way, skillfully prepared by Grandma "Yiayia" Georgia. A highlight of the day is our visit to the most iconic church among the 11 in the area. Departing the 12th-century Anno Domini (aka A.D.) Byzantine village, our return journey to Kardamyli unfolds as a remarkable cycling experience, offering epic views of Kalamata City Bay.

Morning cycle 16 km – Afternoon cycle 21 km



Day 6 – Rural Revelations: Ridomo Gorge and Kampos Village

Today we enjoy a picturesque ride towards Ridomo Gorge, traversing quiet back roads and tracks. A delightful lunch awaits in the meadows, hosted by a local friend and restaurant owner. Continuing our fluid ride, we reach Kampos village, home to a family-run olive press that has been producing exceptional quality olive oil since 1765! The day concludes with a stroll along the coast into Kardamyli, where a sumptuous barbecue dinner accompanied by local music awaits us.

Morning cycle 32 km – Afternoon cycle 16 km



*Day 7 – Depart with Echoes of Moments, Leaving
Nothing but Memories*

This morning marks the conclusion of our memorable journey, and we bid you farewell as we commence your journey back home. Begin your departure day with breakfast, and shortly after, our van will transport you to the airport, ensuring a seamless transition for your return flight.

Road trip 302 km





Accommodation Highlights

- The first three nights will be spent at Citta dei Nicliani in Kitta, near Gerolimenas in the Inner Mani. This historic property, originally owned by the Nicliani clan and later the Greek Royal Gendarmerie, has been beautifully restored by our host.
- The next three nights will be spent at Liodentra, a private villa close to Kardamyli. Surrounded by olive groves and facing a beautiful pebble beach, this place provides amazing views of the Taygetos mountains and the Messinian Gulf. The cozy accommodation, centered around a 13-meter pool, consists of two doubles and three twins, each with their own private bathrooms.
- In Kardamyli, for the last three nights, groups with more than five rooms are divided between Liodentra and a nearby hotel, owned by the same family and only 5 minutes away.



Bikes & Safety

Your safety is our top priority. Wearing a helmet while cycling is mandatory, and we must only accommodate bookings from individuals willing to comply. Our bicycles are electric, and a brief lesson on their effective use will be provided before we commence cycling. Should you encounter any technical issues, from squeaky brakes to punctures, please inform us, and we will promptly address them. Don't fret if you feel your pace differs from others in the group – we have guides at the front and rear to accommodate various speeds. Remember, this is a leisurely journey, not a race; take your time and enjoy the experience.

Guiding & Support

What distinguishes us is our profound local knowledge, enduring and affable connections with locals, and meticulous attention to detail. Throughout your journey, you'll be in the company of an e-bike tour guide, a local cultural expert, and a host. Your bags will be transported ahead each day, and a support vehicle will be available (though not overly close) should you require assistance or prefer a lift.





Culinary Delights

Immerse yourself in the simple, fresh, and exquisite local cuisine—a genuine celebration of organic flavors. The locals, cultivating their vegetables and tending to their animals, infuse authenticity into every dish. Seafood takes center stage, often grilled over an open fire, providing a savory staple. The abundance of local cheeses and extra virgin olive oil elevates the culinary experience. Treat your taste buds to traditional desserts, featuring home-preserved fruits and sweet pastries, perfectly paired with thick yogurt. Enhance your dining journey by savoring some of the nation's most exceptional wines.

Swimming

Dive into the mesmerizing turquoise waters of the Messinian Gulf, a true delight while exploring the Mani. From serene mountain villages to hidden swimming gems, the opportunity to take a refreshing swim is a constant pleasure. Our bike rides and walks in the Inner Mani, especially in the initial days, incorporate stops at charming locations perfect for a dip. Kardamyli, with its alluring pebble beach just a stone's throw from your villa, is an ideal spot for a swim. We've got you covered with swimming towels, so don't forget to pack your swimsuit!





Ideal Time to Visit

Discover the enchanting beauty of the Mani during the spring, summer, and autumn seasons, when the region radiates its unique charm. In April, May, and up to mid-July, vibrant wildflowers blanket the hills and olive groves, creating a picturesque landscape. The sea retains a delightful warmth from the preceding hot summer as late August, September, and October unfold. During these seasons, expect favorable weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from 68 to 86°F. Evenings are pleasantly mild, and while rain is infrequent, it's not entirely unprecedented. Embrace the Mani's allure for a truly memorable experience during these optimal periods.



Packing & Reading

Before your travels, we will provide you with an online Information Pack well in advance. This pack will contain essential details you need to know, including a suggested packing list. Additionally, we'll include a reading list for those interested in delving into Mani's literary history before their arrival.

