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The picture clip is fun to watch and visualizing the walk will make the following directions even easier.

Don't forget sunblock, a hat and your camera! Enjoy! The map is on the 2nd page.

Directions Walk 5 by Beautiful Plakias (<https://beautifulplakias.com>)

You start at the bridge in Plakias and walk towards the pier - you take the first right in between the supermarket and the "hippie" shop - you pass the bio shop, some tavernas and other shops - right after you pass big parking areas on both sides the road curves to the left and back to the right - at the following cross section keep going straight ahead - the road goes up slightly and then changes into a dirt road - at the next split in the road keep left - stay on this winding road up through the olive groves - when you hit a paved road go right - stay on this road till you hit the main road, turn left and you are walking into Sellia - after 250 meters you get to a square with a taverna and a supermarket - *a good time to have a drink or a snack before continuing* - take a left turn after the supermarket - after 150 meters you will see the village church on your left hand

*- here you have the option to walk up the hill to the cemetery and the church you can see from all directions, from where you have stunning views towards the village, Plakias Bay and to the west - just walk up the road behind the church to the right, or you can continue the walk -*

take the steps going down across the church on the other side of the road - you end up on a road where you go straight ahead (don't take the left turn) - stay on the left at the fork in the road - stay on the paved road - at the following fork in the PAVED road (you will see the cheese factory on your left) stay on the right - take a right turn when you see a sign with Souda to the left (they put a new sign to the monastery here as well) - you will cross the river that ends up on Souda beach and the road takes a sharp left - you pass a small shed - 350 metres after this shed the roads splits - take the road up to the right passing a single house (looks like a private road bit it isn't) - the road goes steep up for less than 150 metres - follow this road, enjoy the spectacular views and you will see the monastery appear on your left side after 600 metres (sometimes you have to open and close two gates on the way) - at the following t-section take a left turn and walk down to the ruins of Finikas Monastery - *enjoy the monastery and the museum* - continue the walk by following the path down - you will pass a house after going up for a short time - 135 metres after the next house you pass you take the sharp U-turn to the right - stay on this road, at the first fork in the road you stay on the right - the road meanders further downhill (don't take any right turn away from the paved road) - you will walk into a metal fence with a renovated old water mill behind it just when the road makes a right turn - about 100 meters further turn left (instead of straight ahead on a dirt road) - you pass some houses on your right hand -

*if you want extend the walk to the tip of the dragon (see walk 4) you turn right just before a beautiful house and garden on your left hand*

- at the following t-section after 175 metres take the right turn - do the same at the next t-section and you will end up on Souda beach - *have a rest, a swim, a drink or something to eat if you feel like it* - follow the coastal road to the east back to Plakias, passing Fotinari Beach and the new harbour





**FINKIAS  
MONASTERY**



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**SELLIA**

14.3km - 240min  
Hilly - longest uphill 2.3km to Sellia

**NEW  
HARBOR**

**SOUVA**

**PLAKIAS**

-  **START/FINISH**
  -  **TAVERNA**
  -  **CHURCH**
  -  **MONASTERY**
  -  **BEACH**
-  **CONNECTING WALK**
  -  **FISHING BOATS**