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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 7 by Beautiful Plakias (<https://beautifulplakias.com>)

Take the road across from the parking in Lefkogia (across from a taverna alongside the main road) which has a road sign with Shinaria on it (right when you got there by bus) - don't take any turns till the road splits in two - take the road straight up and not the one that curves right to Shinaria - you pass an old donkey sanctuary - keep following this road - right after the road goes steeper up for a short stretch you pass a chapel on your right hand - after this do not take the first left - at the next fork in the road -

### **Optional walk up to the top of Timios Stavros:**

*-take the left dirt road that goes up - from here on the road goes up through 7 hairpins - the dirt road turns into recently made steps - when you reach a bench and a cross the steps stop - take a right turn and find the path up over and between the rocks ( blue dots) and keep your eyes on the path in between enjoying the views - don't lose the path or you get lost - you pass several stone benches and still a few recently added steps - you will not see the chapel on top till you're right in front of the gate (don't forget to close) - ring the bell, sign the book in the chapel and enjoy the spectacular views!*

- pass the dirt road up to the top of Timios Stavros - you walk around Timios Stavros - do not take any right turns - you pass a small chapel half build in the rocks - take the second left turn after the chapel - start walking up with solar panels directly at your right hand - follow the road up till you reach a cross section on the top - go straight ahead and you will walk into a corner with a chapel - enjoy the magnificent views over Kourtaliotis and Frati Gorge and over the valley - round the

U-turn corner and you walk straight into Gianniou - take a right turn when you get to the main road - go left when you see a steep road up in front of you - you pass an old donkey sanctuary - at the next fork in the road take a right turn - the dirt road (it might be paved unfortunately -2019) goes up for about 750 meters to the top (don't take the left turn just before the top) - from here you walk down to the Preveli Monastery - the first right turn to the monastery is private - keep walking to the main road and turn right there - enjoy this beautiful monastery - walk back on the main road - the paved road bends to the right - at the following left turn you will see a viewpoint - after 40 meters you take the path off the main road on your right going down - follow this path down (you might have to cross a field) - at the cross section take the path straight ahead towards the building you see - you usually go to 2 gates before you arrive at the building, a taverna and mini market - walk passed the 2 big aloinas (threshing circles) and turn right after the fence - you walk into the parking lot and the next right turn leads you to the 450 steps down to Preveli Beach, Lagoon and Palm Forest - pass the taverna and after 50 meters you will see the entrance to the palm forest on your left hand

*To go back you have a few options. For the bus you need to walk back up the steps, over the parking lot (till here for a taxi you called) and up to the main road. The bus will stop right where you hit the main road. Easier and also very nice is taking the boat which will depart multiple times a day right from the beach.*

## PREVELI PALM FOREST

TIP

At the end of the path on the left side of the river keep going for another 300 meters, climb some rocks and enjoy little waterfalls, lagoons and, if you are lucky, fresh water turtles.

