The Folklore Museum of Lafka: mountain village life in a stone house



In Lafka, at about 700 metres below the peaks of Mount Oligyrtos and south-west of Lake Stymphalia, a small stone building keeps the memory of the village. It is the "Georgios Milios" Folklore Museum.

A museum made by the villagers

The museum has been open since 1993 and was created by the Brotherhood of the People of Lafka. It is housed in a stone building that in 1930 temporarily served as the magistrates' court of Stymphalia. The exhibits were donated by the villagers themselves, which gives a very personal picture of life in a mountain village.

What you will see

The exhibits are arranged in themed sections:

- the home and food
- traditional costume
- wedding customs
- farming and herding
- music and musical instruments
- old trades
- religious life

The village

Lafka is built on a hillside, with stone-built neighbourhoods and century-old plane trees in the main square. It is known for its stream and little stone bridges, and there are hiking paths around the village. You will find more in our guide to Lafka.

Practical tips

- Entry is free, by arrangement with the Brotherhood of the People of Lafka. Arrange your visit before driving up.
- Combine it with Lake Stymphalia and the Environment Museum of Stymphalia.

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