



# MYCENAEAN-MINOAN RALLY-TOUR 2019

## March 31 - April 17, 2019

### NEWS: JUNE 2018



### Jaguar XKs & E-types explore Greece & Crete

### Entry list filling up fast – don't miss out!



We're delighted that our most ambitious event yet has captivated your interest as much as we knew it should! Entries and deposits have come in apace, to the point where we would strongly advise you to get your entry in now if you're seriously interested in joining us, because we will soon have a 'full house'... We are currently working to a maximum of 20 cars – we might be able to stretch that to 22 but it won't be more, as we will take every boutique hotel room in the unmissable mediaeval seaside town of Monemvasia.

We have now driven the full route, exactly one year in advance of the rally, and can confirm it is absolutely superb! We've checked the roads, the hotels, and the visits we have planned to ensure all are as good as we can possibly make them, to create the ultimate experience for all who participate next year. Driving the route exactly a year in advance gives us a great picture of what the weather and road conditions are going to be like for the rally itself, so we can let you know exactly what to expect. We can't wait to return!

#### Participants said of our last event:

*It couldn't have been better, brilliantly organised... The hotels were splendid...*

*Organisation was immaculate and the choice of routes was inspired...*

*As a rally first-timer, I'm not sure it could be beaten...*

*A fantastic event, we thoroughly enjoyed it...*

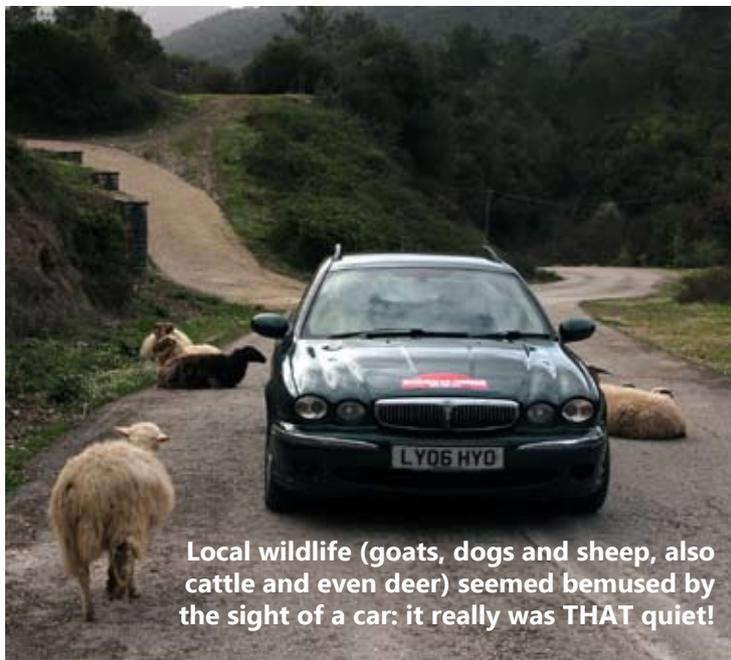
*The hotels and catering were really of an excellent order...*

*A superb rally which we really enjoyed: your organisation was impeccable...*

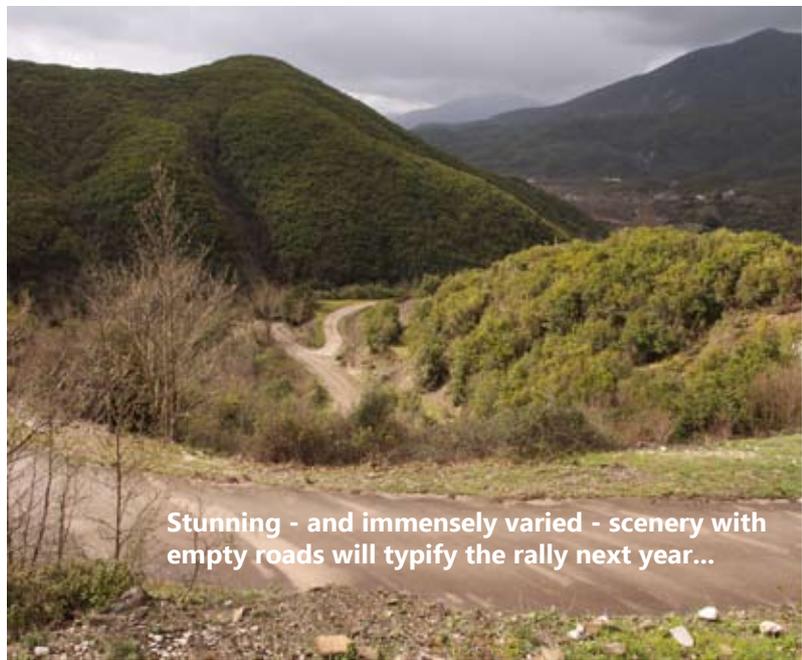
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On this event we can promise the idyllic rallying recipe: warm weather, beautiful spring flowers, terrific camaraderie, breathtaking scenery from serious mountain passes to glorious winding coastal roads, deserted country lanes, fascinating historic relics in the cradle of civilisation, luxurious hotels, great cuisine – and a fun element of competition



Local wildlife (goats, dogs and sheep, also cattle and even deer) seemed bemused by the sight of a car: it really was THAT quiet!



Stunning - and immensely varied - scenery with empty roads will typify the rally next year...

Many of you followed our **recce reports** on [www.facebook.com/LBLRallies](http://www.facebook.com/LBLRallies) – if you didn't, it's worth going to the page and looking back through, as you'll learn far more about the event and the wonderful places we are going, than there is room to include here. You don't need a Facebook account to be able to view the page – once there, just keep scrolling down for the reports.

We know that getting cars to and from Greece is a major issue, especially for those who have jobs and other responsibilities to get back to. So, we're absolutely delighted to have negotiated a far better deal than before: one which makes **transport** look a more appealing option than driving, financially as well as practically. I have used EM Rogers Transport myself within UK in the past and had outstanding service, and they were also recommended to me for international transport by a major classic car dealer.



Beautiful flower carpets transform Greece in the spring

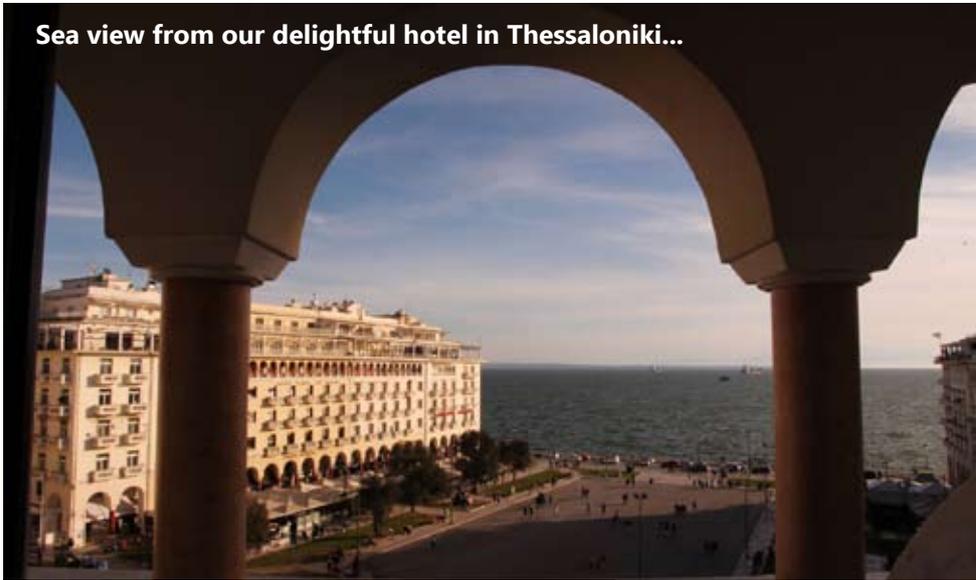
They will run six-car covered transporters from their Northampton base to Bari port for £4500+VAT: £5400 inc VAT, which works out at £900 per car if it's full. You would then need to fly to Bari on Saturday, March 30, to meet up with your car and drive it onto the ferry (which you would need to book separately, using the 30% discount we have arranged). The rally starts on arrival in Greece at Igoumenitsa on Sunday morning. Both British Airways and Easyjet have flights to Bari from Gatwick on Saturday morning; Ryanair also has one from Liverpool.

At the end of the event, we arrive at Piraeus, Athens' port, early in the morning of Wednesday April 17. The day is free to explore Athens and that evening we have dinner and accommodation in a splendid hotel overlooking the Acropolis – but there is absolutely no need to drive the cars into the thick of Athens traffic, because the transport company



You will have time to visit several of the astounding clifftop monasteries of Meteora

Sea view from our delightful hotel in Thessaloniki...



can meet us at Athens port to collect the cars, and transport them back to Northampton from there. This will make it much easier for people who want to stay on for a few more days in Athens, and there are plenty of flights to all UK airports from Athens. The cost of the transport back from Athens is of course higher, but you save on another day's driving to Igoumenitsa and another ferry crossing back to Italy, so it's well worthwhile. They have estimated £7525+VAT, £9030 inc VAT, so c£1500 each if the transporters are full.

This service is not officially part of the rally, of course, and is not relevant to all entrants, but we will do what we can to co-ordinate it.

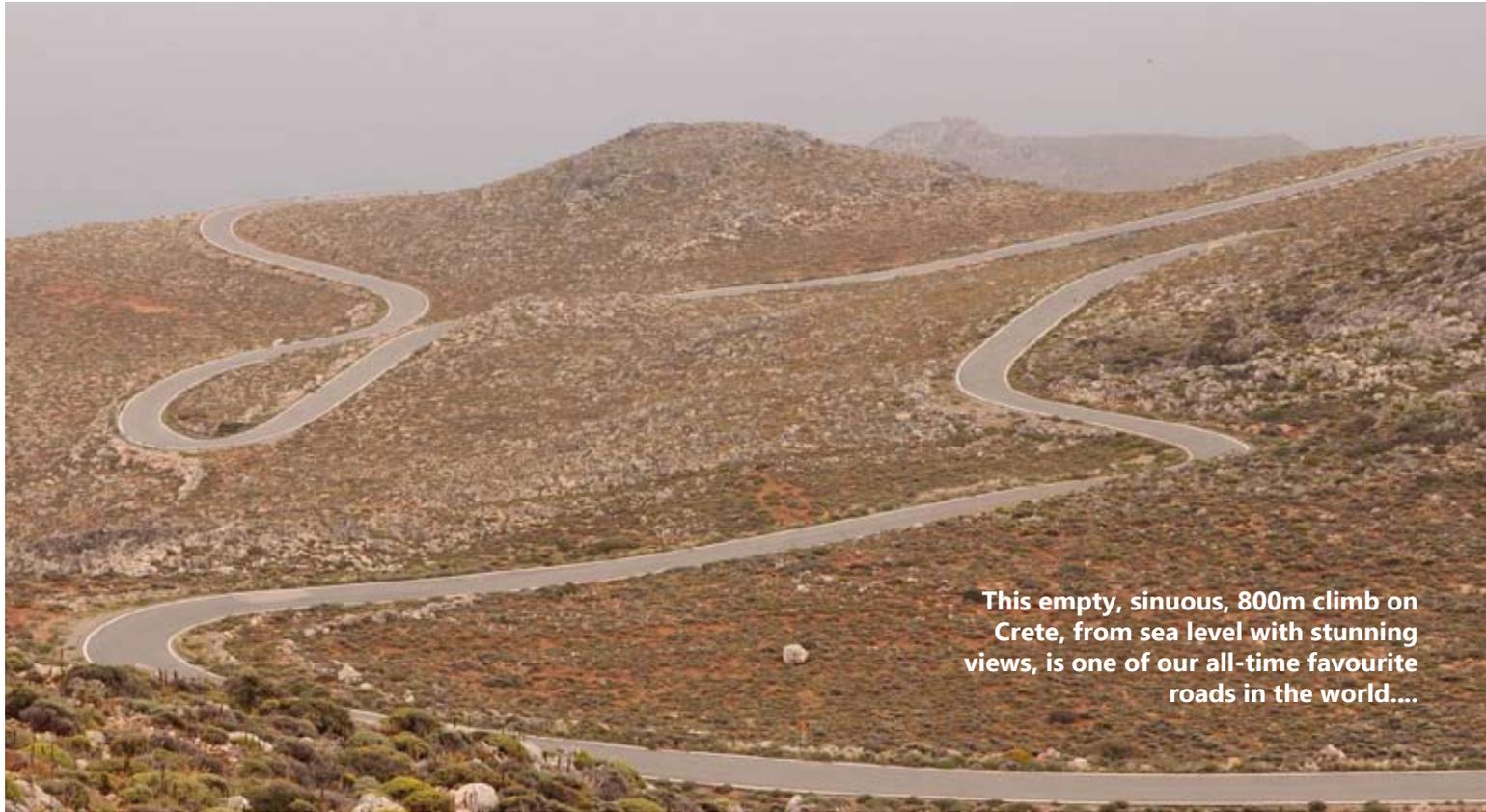
We will also consider booking the rally support cars on (or off) the transporters in the hope of keeping them as near to full as possible and minimising the cost for entrants who do use this service. Please let us know if you would like to make use of this service. For entrants on mainland Europe, it may be possible to arrange a pick-up en route – again, let us know as soon as possible and we will discuss with the transport company. For pick-ups en route, note that the price will be the same, as you will be paying for an empty space on the transporter from Northampton to your pick-up point. We don't yet know the exact route the transporters will follow, but you should be prepared to deliver your car to a convenient depot – the transporters cannot be expected to divert from their scheduled route.

Are you going to **XK70** at Shelsley Walsh on June 9/10? If so, come and see us – and if you are taking your XK or E-type, please come and park with us! We will have a blue gazebo with Greek flags (and Irish, as we've been asked to run an event in Ireland in Spring 2020!). We have been promised a prominent spot in the Jaguar parking area, with room for all to

The blissful blue waters and white beaches of Kefalonia...



Be prepared to fall in love with Kefalonia - it really is out of this world....



This empty, sinuous, 800m climb on Crete, from sea level with stunning views, is one of our all-time favourite roads in the world....

park with us, and you can try self-adhesive versions of the rally plates for size...

The next important piece of news is that the first 50% of your **entry fee** is due by the end of this month – and if you haven't entered yet, the price goes up if you don't get your entry (and 50%) in by June 30, so please don't miss that deadline. Entry Forms and Regulations are available on request, so if you've not already had them and you're interested in joining us, please don't hesitate.

## Mycenaean-Minoan Rally 2019 Provisional Schedule



Even the goats on Kefalonia seem to know the island is special...

- Sun 31 Mar – Start Igoumenitsa, drive north/east, empty roads, beautiful mountain scenery, hairpin passes, night at Ioannina c270km
- Mon 1 Apr – Ioannina-Ioannina, mountains south and east, Oracle of Dodoni, Orraon historic city, cliffside Kipina monastery c325km
- Tues 2 – Ioannina-Thessaloniki, with time to visit several breathtaking Meteora monasteries, stunning views of Mt Olympus c350km
- Wed 3 – Thessaloniki-Thessaloniki, lap consistency test at super Serres Circuit, optional day off for relaxation & sightseeing 166km
- Thur 4 – Thessaloniki-Thessaloniki, wild northern scenery, Lake Kerkini, Oenogenesis winery, Filippi, Krinides mud baths c380km
- Fri 5 – Thessaloniki-Delphi, passing Mt Parnassus ski centre and finishing with time to visit the stunning Delphi Oracle 390km
- Sat 6 – Delphi-Kefalonia, wonderful coast roads, floating bridge to Lefkada, chartered ferry to Kefalonia, coastal hotel at Argostoli 350km
- Sun 7 – Kefalonia-Kefalonia: so many options to enjoy this stunning island, scene of the book & movie, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*
- Mon 8 – Kefalonia-Monemvasia via scheduled ferry to the Peloponnese, visiting fine ruins at Olympia and Benakopoulos Olive Mill 330km
- Tues 9 – Monemvasia-Monemvasia: enjoy this astonishingly untouched mediaeval island walled town, and visit Mystras, Sparta c75km
- Wed 10 – Monemvasia-Overnight Ferry to Crete, via glorious coastal scenery and taking in the impressive remains of Mycenae 300km
- Thur 11 – Ferry-Chania, a day for relaxation and tourism in this stunning harbour town on Crete, plus a great test at Chania Circuit c25km
- Fri 12 – Chania-Chania, exploring the delights of western Crete, plus a brewery, a monastery, a world-beating gorge and more c275km
- Sat 13 – Chania-Heraklion, more lovely Cretan roads, well off tourist routes, including a forgotten Minoan palace and Phaestos c275km
- Sun 14 – Heraklion-Heraklion, tourist day: visit the Minoan splendour of Knossos, superb archaeological museum, relax, and shop! 0km
- Mon 15 – Heraklion-Ierapetra, taking in the whole east coast, lunch on a palm-lined beach, amazing hillclimb, fun circuit test c275km
- Tues 16 – Ierapetra-Overnight Ferry to Athens, wonderful mix of stunning roads, church frescoes, ruined city, cave and winery c250km
- Wed 17 – Ferry-Athens, day off to explore and shop, Parthenon, museums, evening prizegiving dinner overlooking the Acropolis c10km
- Thur 18 – Breakfast in Athens...

The total route amounts to some 4000km or 2500 miles, though it will vary according to individual entrants' chosen options. Longer days involve some motorway driving (also with remarkably low traffic volumes) to cover the ground more efficiently.

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XK		
120C rebuilt	Roy Palmer	UK
140 OTS	Nowell Stebbing	UK
140 FHC	Adrian Turner/Susanne Westgate	UK
XK 140	Paul & Tina Over	UK
150	Nigel & Jane Kaula	UK
150S 3.4 OTS	John & Jan Hunt	UK
150 3.8 DHC	Rod Shears	UK
150 3.8 DHC	Reagan Stone	USA
TBC	Gerry Driessen	NL

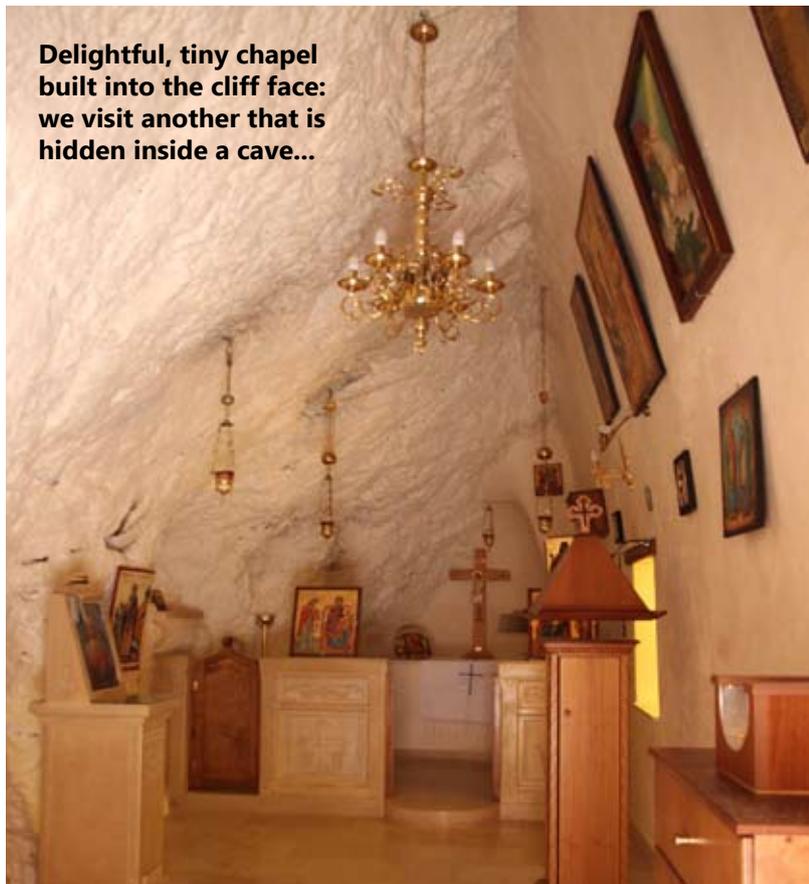
XK or E	Neil & Olivia Donnan	UK
150S OTS/S3 OTS	Christian & Florence Welter	CH

## E-type

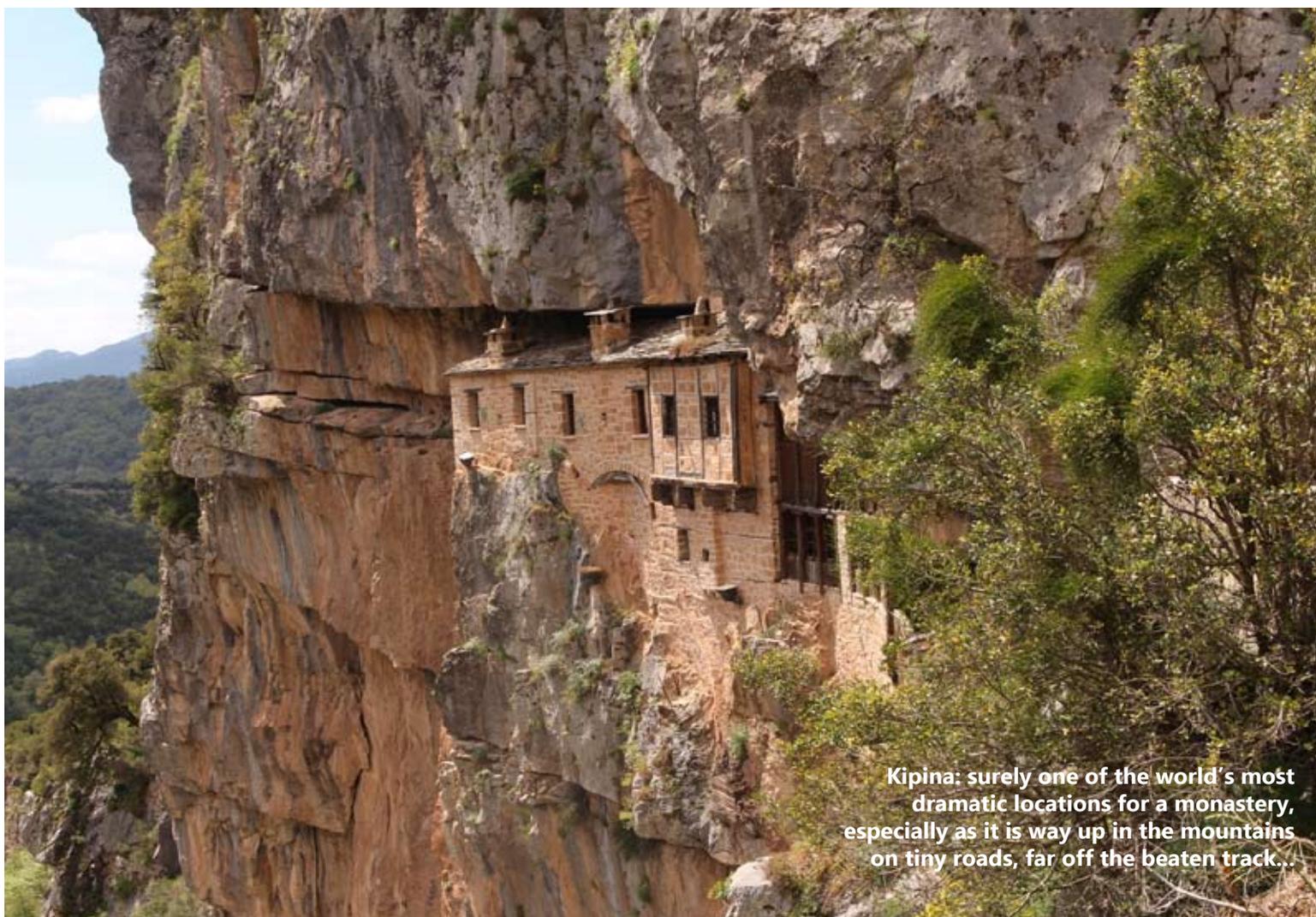
SI 3.8 OTS	Patrick & Anne Dewez	Monaco
SI 3.8 OTS	Peter Gerstrom/Carolyn Brigg	UK
SI 4.2 OTS	John & Dominique Sharpe	UK
SI 4.2 OTS	Dr Wolf Rost	UK
SI 4.2 OTS	Simon Dudfield	UK
S3	Martyn & Elizabeth Oldroyd	UK (CI)
TBC	Jim & Sue McLagan	CA

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Delightful, tiny chapel built into the cliff face: we visit another that is hidden inside a cave...



Kipina: surely one of the world's most dramatic locations for a monastery, especially as it is way up in the mountains on tiny roads, far off the beaten track...