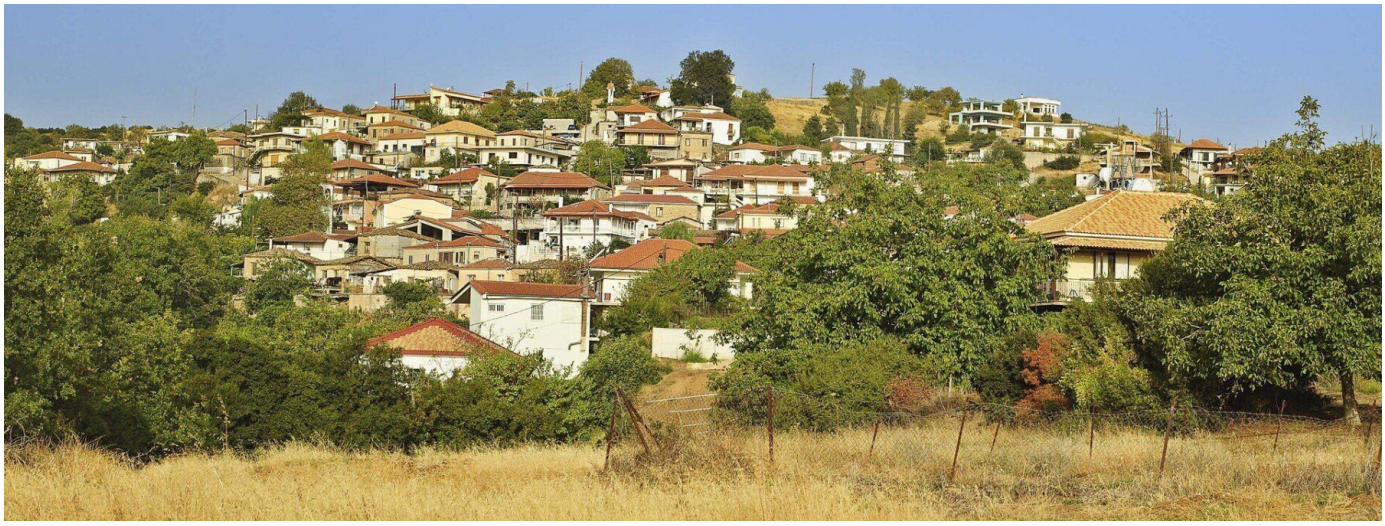
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Kryoneri



About

Kryoneri lies in the mountainous hinterland of Sikyonia, above Kiato. Its name says it plainly: the area is known for its **cold running waters**.

The observatory

The **Kryoneri Observatory** operates here, taking advantage of clear skies and altitude. It is one of those things that give mountain Corinthia a character nobody expects.

The village

A quiet settlement with a square, fountains and views down the valley. It makes a good stop on a route climbing from the coast up into the mountain villages.

History and character

Until 1955 the village was called Matzani; that year it was renamed Kryoneri.

The Kryoneri Observatory belongs to the National Observatory of Athens and was founded in 1972, at about 900 metres. Its 1.2-metre telescope is used in the NELIOTA research programme, which records small asteroids and meteoroids striking the surface of the Moon.

Practical notes

- About 30 km from Kiato.
- The road is winding; allow time.
- For the observatory, check whether public observing evenings are scheduled.

Useful information

Best time to visit	April–June & September–October (mild, uncrowded)

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