

Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:

Platani

– an abandoned village in the southeast of Crete,
with still well-kept **Chapel Agios Nikolaos**



You reach the village from Goudouras toward Agia Triada. After a few miles you come to a crossing, at which you can drive both on the right and left to Agia Triada. Here we took the left branch according to the sign-posting (see fig.). After about 1 mile we reached the village ruins, right and left of the road; the today still maintained chapel of the formerly inhabited place is located on the right of the road.

Google coordinates: N 35°01' 41.8; E 26°07' 07.3.

It is scarcely anything to find out about this former village; however the building method and some architectural elements point to the Venetian time, possibly also Byzantine. Some hardly intact premises are however still used today occasionally as overnight accommodation by olive harvest hand. The chapel also still serves for Easter celebrations or at the St. Nicholas' day; an inhabitant from Agia Triada feels here responsible and maintains the chapel, which is always open.



The following pictures give an impression of the present condition of the earlier villiage Platani with the Chapel of Agios Nikolaos.



