



# **Late-flowering Orchid Finding Trip**

**June, 2012**

**Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**12<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June**

Cost per person: 980 GBP

*Please note that because of the rarity of some of these orchids, a detailed itinerary with full details of likely finds will not be available until firm bookings are received. Guests are also requested not to publish or distribute details of these sites or to take GPS readings.*

## **Day One – Tuesday**

Guests will be met at Heraklion Airport and driven to their friendly and comfortable accommodation at Olive Grove Apartments, close to the centre of Elounda resort.

## **Day Two – Wednesday**

Trip to the south coast to visit the site of *Himantoglossum samariense* and many other rare orchids. This will be a full day searching for these wonderful orchids in a remote mountain forest.

### **Day Three – Thursday**

Another full day's trip to the mountains around Thriпти and Orino to find a variety of rare orchids.

### **Day Four – Friday**

A relaxed day closer to home looking at orchids still in bloom around Elounda

### **Day Five – Saturday**

A long day today as we travel west along the north coast and then travel inland to an area of outstanding natural beauty where we should find *C. cucullata* amongst other rare and beautiful flowers.

### **Day Six – Sunday**

A free day to explore the area and enjoy orchids fields around Elounda.

### **Day Seven – Monday**

Another drive, this time east along the north coast to a remote and wild area which is home to many rare orchids, including *Himantoglossum samariense*.

### **Day Eight – Tuesday**

Our final day will be spent discussing our finds and, for those with late flights, there is one more chance to go out into the orchid meadows to see the last of the season's blooms.

A 20% deposit is required upon booking, the balance is due eight weeks before arrival date.

Please Note:

Places are limited to a maximum of 5, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please contact Julia for further information.

(A single supplement may apply - please check for further information)

Cost of holiday includes: self-catering accommodation in a quiet and friendly family run apartment with breakfast provided, lunch, all travel costs on the island, including airport transfers, all trips accompanied by

Julia Jones, FLS, Founder and President of 'Flowers of Crete'; information and advice, including flower identification. Welcome drink and farewell breakfast/coffee and cakes.

The cost of the holiday does not include international flights, dinner, international telephone calls from your hotel or beverages other than tea or coffee. Guests are advised to obtain their own travel insurance before their arrival.

The organisers reserve the right to change this itinerary depending on external circumstances such as weather conditions, which are beyond their control.