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KARDAMYLI

A year in the Mani

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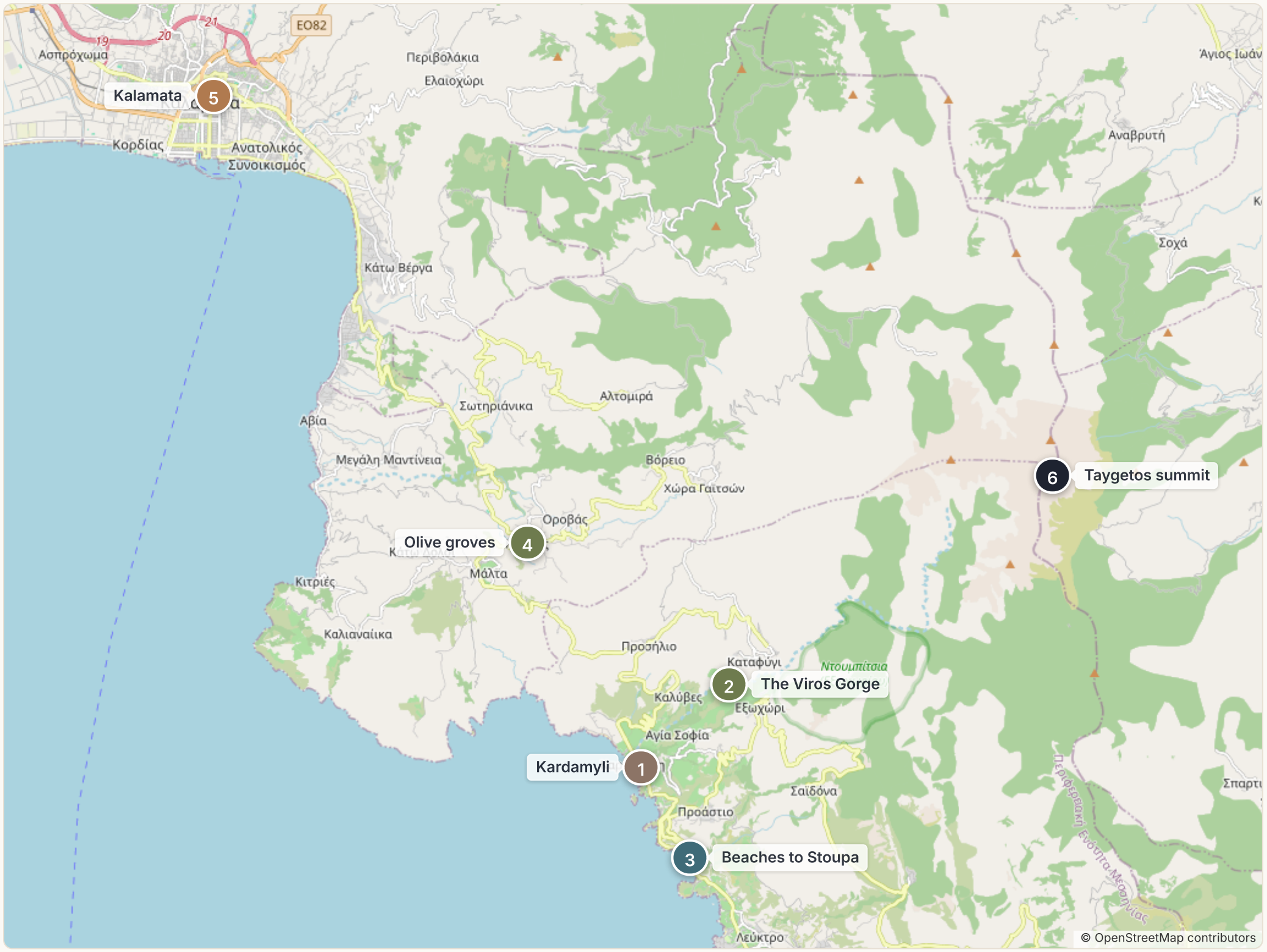

Spring · March to May

Wildflowers and orchids, the best walking weather and a warming sea. Greek Easter falls on 2 May in 2027. The Kardamyli jazz festival fills the second half of May.

Summer · June to August

The hottest, busiest weeks. Swim early or late, take the gorge walks at dawn and book well ahead. Kalamata's dance festival is usually in July.

Autumn · September to November

A warm sea into October, the Kardamyli Festival in early October and the olive harvest from late October. Quieter roads and villages.

Winter · December to February

Mild, green and very quiet. Olive mills busy, snow on the Taygetos peaks, long walks and longer lunches. Some tavernas close.

Around the village

1. **Kardamyli** all year
   Easter services in the village churches; the jazz festival in May; the Kardamyli Festival in early October.
2. **The Viros Gorge** best March to May and October
   Spring flowers and running streams; avoid it after heavy rain.
3. **Beaches to Stoupa** swimming June to October
   The sea is warmest from August into October.

Further out

4. **Olive groves** harvest late October to January
   Nets under the trees, the smell of new oil from the mills.
5. **Kalamata** all year
   A working city with its market, museums and seafront, and its summer dance festival.
6. **Taygetos summit** 2,407 m
   Snow often caps the peak in winter and spring; a serious climb for experienced hikers only.

Festival dates change each year: check before you book. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors.

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