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Full Itinerary & Trip Details

The Labyrinth of Crete



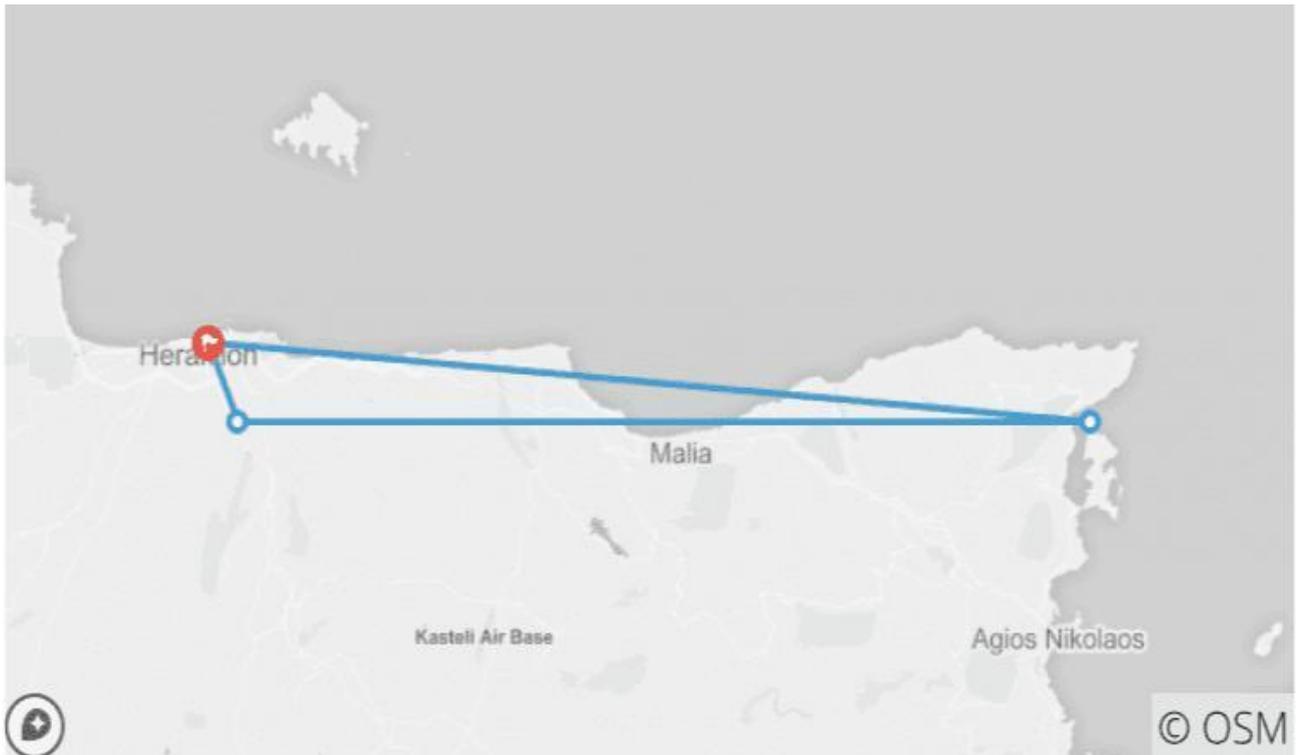
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Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

€149,024

DURATION

5 days

IDEAL AGE

10 to 99 year olds

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Heraklion → Heraklion

STYLE

Discovery

OPERATOR

Destination Services Greece

TOUR CODE

#129621



Itinerary

Introduction

To Greeks, Crete is the Megalonissi (Great Island), a hub of spectacular ancient art and architecture. Fabled as the land of King Minos, it is a unique world where civilization is counted by the millennium. From every point of view, travellers discover landscapes of amazing variety. Mountains split with deep gorges and honeycombed with caves rise in sheer walls from the sea. Snow-capped peaks loom behind sandy shorelines, vineyards, and olive groves. Miles of beaches, some with a wealth of amenities and others isolated and unspoiled, fringe the coast. Join us to discover the Palace of Knossos, explore Spinalonga island, admire Lassithi Plateau and much more during this memorable five-day tour of the island. **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Palace of Knossos: Known for being one of the oldest cities in Europe, Knossos is the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on the beautiful island of Crete.

Lassithi Plateau: The tranquil Lassithi Plateau, 900m above sea level, is an arrestingly beautiful expanse of green fields interspersed with almond trees and orchards.

Spinalonga: Boat trip to the magnificent island with fortresses dating from the Venetian period.

Elounda: Visit the picturesque fishing village in the lovely Mirabello Bay.

Day 1: ARRIVAL CRETE/ TRANSFER TO HOTEL (16–22km / 20–30 minutes)

Start Point



Heraklion,
Greece

Arrive at the airport, where our representative will meet and greet you. Then transfer from Heraklion airport the hotel in Gouves or Chersonissos area. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the delightful surroundings on your own. Dinner is included Overnight in Gouves or Chersonissos area

Day 2: CRETE: BOAT TRIP TO THE ISLAND OF SPINALONGA (130km – 8 hrs)

After a tasty breakfast, you will be picked up at your hotel to start discovering the hidden treasures of Greece. Spinalonga is one of the most famous spots in Crete, and sometimes called the 'island of tears' due to its past as a leper colony. It was initially a Venetian fortress but then it became the home for hundreds of Greece's lepers who were shipped there and formed a colony. Once there, you'll take a guided walk around the enchanting remains of the colony. See its main street, still lined with the shops and houses where the lepers attempted to live ordinary lives. Later, you'll sail back to Elounda, where you'll have a typical Cretan lunch. Then, walk around on your own, do some shopping or go for a swim. Lunch and dinner are included. Overnight in Gouves or Chersonissos area.

Day 3: CRETE: PALACE OF KNOSSOS – HERAKLION TOWN (42km – 7/8 hrs)

After the delectable breakfast served , you will be picked up at the hotel and transferred to the imposing Palace of Knossos. The landmark dates back to 1900 BC, and it was the hub of Crete's Minoan civilization and the place where the fearsome Minotaur was said to have lurked in the labyrinth. Admire the treasures of this fascinating palace during an interesting tour, while your guide explains the myths surrounding it and its kings. Afterwards, visit lively Heraklion, see the Venetian lion fountain and the loggia that is now the Town Hall. The magnificent tour ends at the entrance to the old harbour, the place where you begin to explore on your own. If you want to get even closer to the stunning past of the Greeks, take advantage of the guided tour in the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion. Your day ends with a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Gouves or Chersonissos area. Dinner is included. Overnight in Gouves or Chersonissos area.



Day 4: CRETE: LAND ROVER TOUR – EXPLORE THE BIRTHPLACE OF ZEUS (120km – 7/8 hrs)

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel and head towards the central part of Crete to explore its two different plateaus, learn about its mythology, culture, and the local life, while having lots of fun. Your day starts from the moment you meet your drivers, who will take you to your first stop, the Potamies Reservoir water dam. Continuing our journey through mesmerising paths and olive trees, we reach the ruins of the Roman aqueduct of Lyttos. Admire the beauty of the site and continue towards the quaint village of Kastamonitsa, where we join the locals for a coffee break in the traditional cafe. Afterwards, the real off-road adventure begins! We will climb high into the mountains and follow the ancient Minoan path that leads us to the cave of Zeus where, according to mythology, the father of all the gods was born. Then, you have the chance to take some memorable photographs of the Lassithi Plateau, before we drop down to the plateau for a delicious BBQ lunch with unlimited wine! The journey continues with a stop at Lassithi plateau, where time has virtually stood still and the local people are mainly farmers. Enjoy this idyllic place for a moment, before we make our way to Seli, for more impressive photos of this unique scenery. We continue the adventure until we reach the village of Krassi our last stop of the day. Catch a glimpse of the 2,000-year-old plane tree and learn about its natural spring water source. End this thrilling day with a transfer back to your hotel. Lunch and dinner are included. Overnight in Gouves or Chersonissos area .

Day 5: DEPARTURE CRETE (16–22km / 20-30 minutes)

End Point



Heraklion,
Greece

Begin your day with a rich breakfast at the hotel. Then, enjoy a transfer to Heraklion airport and continue with your travel arrangements. Breakfast included.



What's Included

Accommodation

4 Nights' accommodation

Day 1-4 Gouves or Chersonissos area:

- Standard Room Category = Hotel Hara Ilios or similar 3*
- Superior Room Category = Hotel Astir Beach or similar 4*

Guide

Operated with English- speaking guides

Meals

4 Breakfast

2 Lunches (1in Elounda village tour & 1 in Landrover tour)

4 Dinners

Transport

Air-conditioned transportation for outbound and inbound transfers from/to Heraklion airport and during the excursions mentioned in the program.



Others

All Entrance fees to the Archaeological sites and the boat trip (shared basis) to the island of Spinalonga/ Elounda village

Landrover Tour:

- Pick – up from hotel

Experienced & informative drivers

BBQ Lunch with unlimited wine

Fuel and insurance

Meet and Greet on arrival at Heraklion airport



Departure Dates

| STARTING IN Heraklion | → | ENDING IN Heraklion |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 05 May 2019 | | 09 May 2019 |
| 08 May 2019 | | 12 May 2019 |
| 12 May 2019 | | 16 May 2019 |
| 15 May 2019 | | 19 May 2019 |
| 19 May 2019 | | 23 May 2019 |
| 22 May 2019 | | 26 May 2019 |
| 26 May 2019 | | 30 May 2019 |
| 29 May 2019 | | 02 June 2019 |
| 02 June 2019 | | 06 June 2019 |
| 05 June 2019 | | 09 June 2019 |
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| 30 June 2019 | 04 July 2019 |
| 03 July 2019 | 07 July 2019 |
| 07 July 2019 | 11 July 2019 |
| 10 July 2019 | 14 July 2019 |
| 14 July 2019 | 18 July 2019 |
| 17 July 2019 | 21 July 2019 |
| 21 July 2019 | 25 July 2019 |
| 24 July 2019 | 28 July 2019 |
| 28 July 2019 | 01 August 2019 |
| 31 July 2019 | 04 August 2019 |
| 04 August 2019 | 08 August 2019 |
| 07 August 2019 | 11 August 2019 |
| 11 August 2019 | 15 August 2019 |
| 14 August 2019 | 18 August 2019 |
| 18 August 2019 | 22 August 2019 |
| 21 August 2019 | 25 August 2019 |

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