

# EXPERIENCE CRETE

**THE BEAUTY  
OF THE  
MOUNTAINS**

**HIDDEN GEMS**

**UNSPOILED  
BEACHES**

**CRETAN DIET**







# Road trips - Excursions - boating

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CHANIA

RETHYMNON

HERAKLION

LASSITHI

BALLOS BEACH

PREVELI BEACH

KNOSSOS PALACE

CAVE OF ZEUS

FALLASARNA

PLAKIAS

MUSEUM

RIGHTIS GORGE

ELAFONISSI

FRAGOKASTELO

ASTEROUSIA MOUNTAINS

SARAKINGA GORGE

SAMARIA GORGE

VAI BEACH

XEROKAMPOS BEACH





# *Itinerary planner*

CHRISTOS MANOUSAKIS

Crete is the largest island in Greece and the most popular tourist destination.

It is a round year destination for the tourism visitors which reach 3,000,000 (excluding cruise).

According to the statistics is the number one tourist destination in Europe in repeat visitors. This is due to the wonderful climate and natural environment, the Cretan philoxenia, the island's history and the Cretan diet. In Crete, the tradition is alive.

There are hundreds of Cultural associations which they organize events throughout the year everywhere on the island, with dance, song and theatre. The visitors can attend even participate and become one with the locals dancing, singing, drinking and tasting the Cretan diet.

Visitors in Crete can relax or discover the beauties of the island. The mountains and the sea, the towns and the country side. The inhabitants are familiar with the Foreigners. As a itinerary planner of Crete, occasionally we organize presstrips and we will be glad to see you at one of them.

My work as a planer, is to schedule road trips and daily excursions include all the above and give to our visitors the taste of Crete.!

At the end of the Day you'll tell us if we made it awesome..!!

Enjoy !!

*Christos*



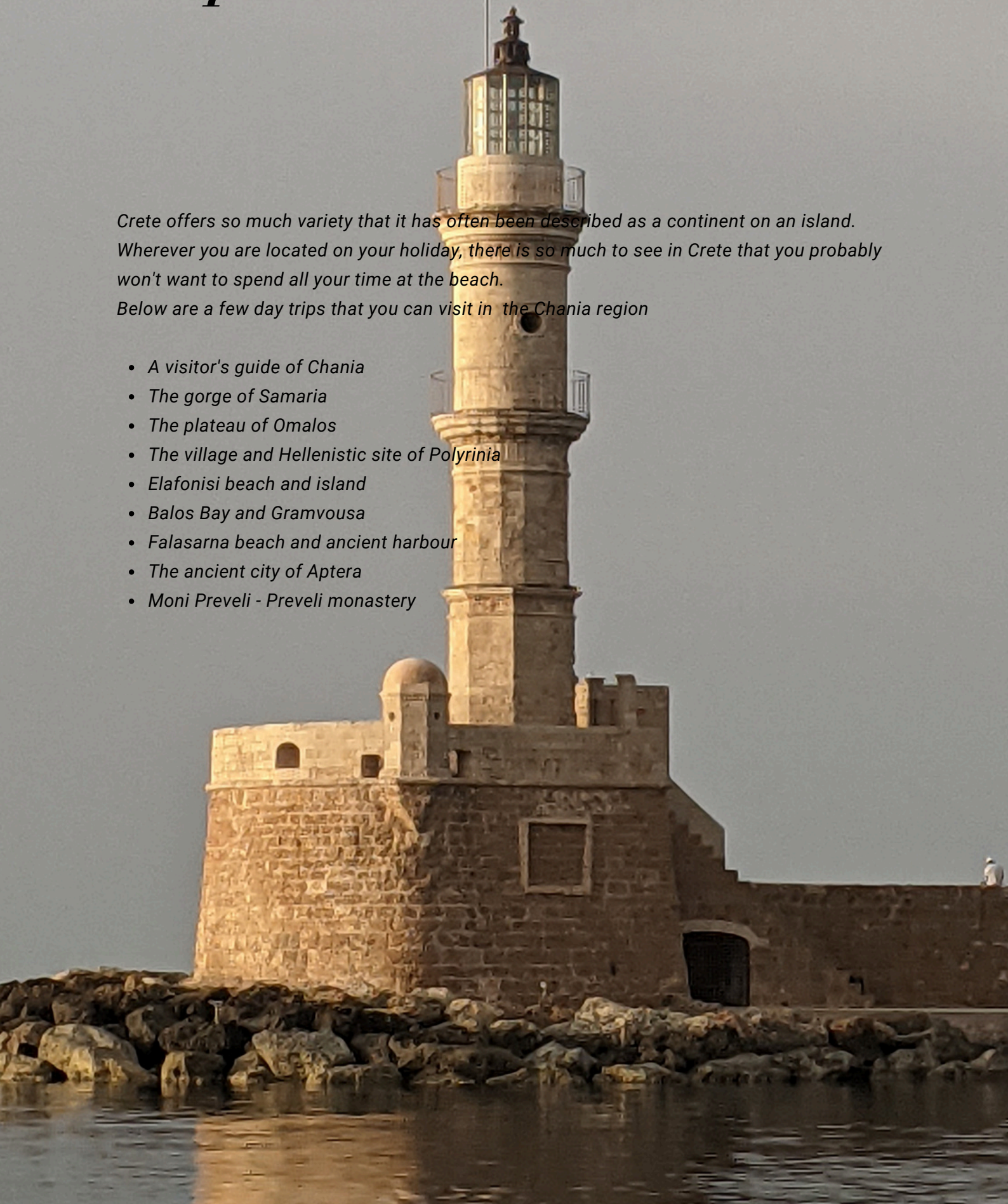


# *Explore the West Crete*

*Crete offers so much variety that it has often been described as a continent on an island. Wherever you are located on your holiday, there is so much to see in Crete that you probably won't want to spend all your time at the beach.*

*Below are a few day trips that you can visit in the Chania region*

- *A visitor's guide of Chania*
- *The gorge of Samaria*
- *The plateau of Omalos*
- *The village and Hellenistic site of Polyrinia*
- *Elafonisi beach and island*
- *Balos Bay and Gramvousa*
- *Falasarna beach and ancient harbour*
- *The ancient city of Aptera*
- *Moni Preveli - Preveli monastery*





# Balos beach



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

Balos is among the best beaches in Greece and one of the most beautiful beaches in Crete that lies 60 km north west of Chania Town. It is seen as a lagoon from the hills above the beach.

The beach captures your heart twice over: Once with a heart-stopping view and then from up close as a dream swimming spot.

Balos has white sand, soft seabed and crystal water. Opposite the beach, there is a rocky island called Gramvousa and on top of this island, there is a steep Venetian castle with gorgeous view to the region and the sea.

Balos is reached through a track road from Kaliviani, a village close to Kissamos. This track road is about 10 km and can be crossed by a 4-wheel car. Otherwise, visitors can go by excursion boat from Kissamos.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 500 km

Departure 09:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 12 hours

Offroad ●●

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# Elafonisi



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The drive to Elafonisi Beach is a captivating journey through the picturesque landscapes of Crete, Greece. As you depart from the bustling city centers or quaint villages, the road gradually unfolds into a scenic route adorned with olive groves, rugged cliffs, and azure glimpses of the Mediterranean Sea. The journey weaves through traditional villages, where whitewashed houses and colorful bougainvillea create a charming backdrop against the rugged mountains.

As you continue your drive, the anticipation builds, and glimpses of turquoise waters tease through breaks in the hills. The road twists and turns, revealing breathtaking panoramas of the Cretan coastline, with every bend offering a new perspective of the island's natural beauty.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 650 km

Departure 09:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 12 hours

Offroad ●

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# falasarna



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The drive to Falasarna is a captivating voyage through the rugged beauty of western Crete, Greece. Departing from the charming towns or vibrant cities, the road winds its way through olive groves and vineyards, offering glimpses of traditional Cretan life against a backdrop of majestic mountains.

As you journey towards Falasarna, the landscape evolves, revealing sweeping vistas of the azure Mediterranean Sea. The road meanders through quaint villages, where time seems to stand still, and locals go about their daily routines with a warmth that is characteristic of Cretan hospitality.

As you approach your destination, the anticipation builds, and the scent of sea salt fills the air. Suddenly, the road opens up to reveal the breathtaking expanse of Falasarna Beach, with its golden sands stretching as far as the eye can see and the crystal-clear waters beckoning you to dive in.

Falasarna Beach is a sanctuary of tranquility

## KEY FACTS

Distance 500 km

Departure 09:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 12 hours

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# Seitan limania



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The drive to Seitan Limania (or Seitan Limanaki) in Crete, Greece, is an adventure that immerses you in the rugged beauty of the island's coastline. Departing from the bustling towns or serene villages, the road winds its way through olive groves and rocky hillsides, offering glimpses of the azure waters of the Aegean Sea. As you approach Seitan Limania, the landscape becomes more dramatic, with steep cliffs plunging into the sea below. The road narrows, leading you through a maze of twists and turns until suddenly, the vista opens up to reveal the breathtaking cove of Seitan Limania.

Nestled between towering cliffs, Seitan Limania is a hidden gem with crystal-clear turquoise waters that contrast starkly against the rugged terrain. The beach itself is small but enchanting, with golden sands inviting you to relax and unwind in this secluded paradise.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 480 km

Departure 09:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 12 hours

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# Samaria Gorge



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The hike through Samaria Gorge is not just a physical challenge; it's a spiritual journey that connects you with the raw beauty of nature and the ancient history of Crete. Whether you're an avid hiker or simply seeking adventure, a visit to Samaria Gorge is an experience that will stay with you long after you've left its majestic confines. As you approach the entrance to the gorge, the anticipation builds, and the air becomes thick with the scent of pine and wildflowers. The path leads you into the heart of the White Mountains, where sheer cliffs tower above, and the river winds its way through the canyon floor.

Entering the gorge, you are enveloped by a sense of awe as the towering walls rise around you, narrowing into a dramatic canyon that stretches for over 16 kilometers (10 miles). The trail winds its way through a diverse landscape of rocky terrain, lush vegetation, and hidden pools, offering glimpses of wildlife and rare plant species along the way.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 560 km

Departure 06:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 16 hours

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu







# *Explore the East Crete*

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*Below are a few day trips that you can visit in the East Crete*

- *Cave of Zeus*
- *The gorge of Sarakina*
- *The plateau of Lasithi*
- *The Elounda villages*
- *Chrissi island*
- *The gorge of Milonas*
- *The gorge of Richtis*
- *The beach of Xerokampos*
- *Moni toplou - Vai Beach*



# Sarakina Gorge

Sarakina Gorge is a natural wonder located near the village of Mythi, on the island of Crete, Greece. It is a narrow, steep-sided canyon, carved by a small stream that flows through it. The gorge is approximately 1.5 kilometers long and varies in width from 3 to 10 meters. The gorge is surrounded by impressive limestone walls that tower up to 150 meters high, creating a dramatic and imposing landscape. The limestone cliffs are adorned with small waterfalls and lush vegetation, adding to the beauty of the gorge.

The walk through the Sarakina Gorge is an unforgettable experience, with breathtaking views at every turn. The path follows the stream that flows through the gorge, and visitors have to wade through the shallow water at certain points. The walk is relatively easy, with no significant elevation changes, but it can be slippery and rocky in some areas, so proper footwear is recommended. The sound of the stream and the songs of the birds create a peaceful and serene atmosphere, making the Sarakina Gorge an ideal place for a relaxing stroll and a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Along the way, visitors will come across several small caves and niches, which were used in the past as shelters by the locals. These caves also served as hideouts for the resistance during World War II.

At the end of the Sarakina Gorge, visitors will reach a small waterfall and a refreshing pool, where they can take a dip and cool off. The waterfall is surrounded by greenery, creating a serene and tranquil environment.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- SUV Vehicle
- Driver/Guide
- Fuels
- Water
- Lunch menu



PRICE

Distance 120 km

Departure 10:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 6 hours

Offroad ●●

Scenery ●●●●●



# Knossos Palace



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The journey to Knossos Palace in Crete, Greece, is a step back in time to the heart of the Minoan civilization, Europe's oldest advanced society. Departing from the modern towns or serene villages, the road winds through the picturesque Cretan landscape, where olive groves and vineyards punctuate the rugged terrain.

Arriving at Knossos, you are greeted by the remnants of a once-great palace complex that dominated the landscape over 3,000 years ago. The site's grandeur is immediately apparent as you encounter the iconic red columns and intricate frescoes that adorn the ruins.

We pick you up from your hotel and we are driving to Heraklion . The capital of the island. We are going first to visit the archaeological museum and then straight ahead to Knossos Palace.

After we are going to visit a taverna for lunch and back to the hotel

## KEY FACTS

Distance 140 km

Departure 08:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 5 hours

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

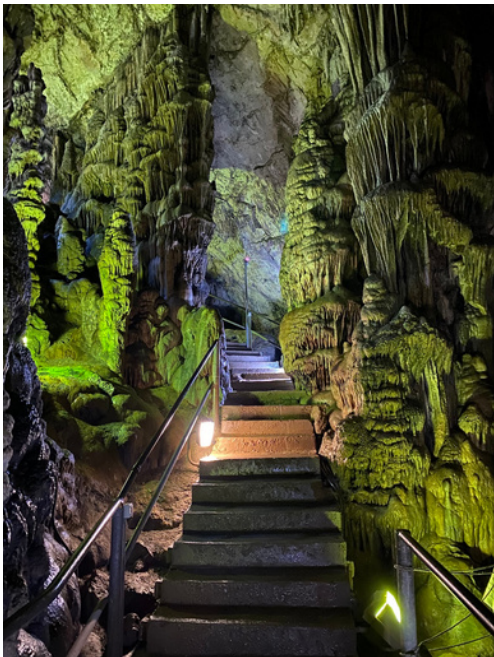
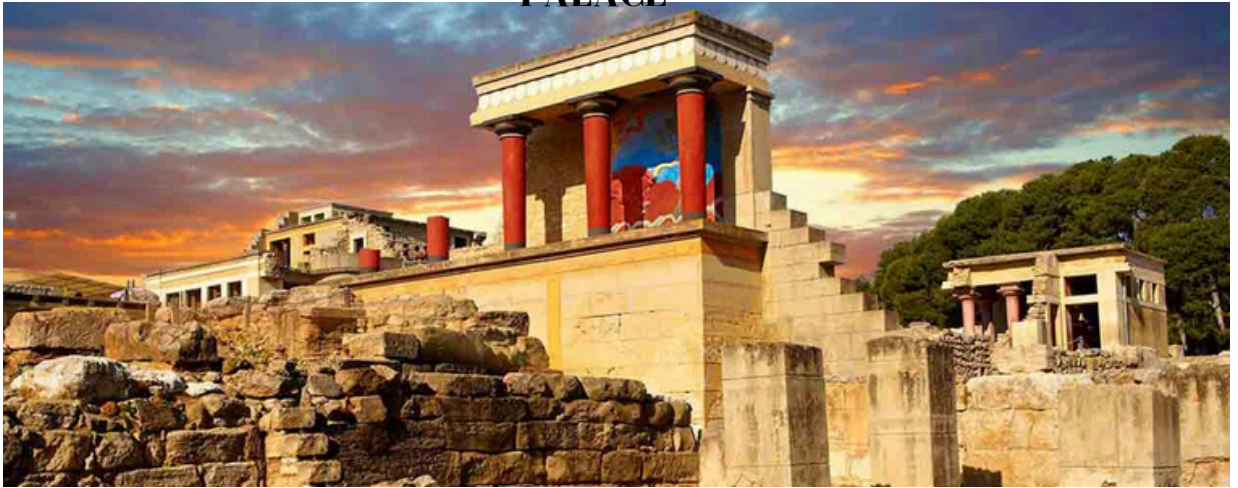
Water

Lunch menu





# PRIVATE MYTHOLOGY TOUR TO ZEUS CAVE AND KNOSSOS PALACE



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

Beyond its historical significance, Knossos Palace is also a place of wonder and intrigue, where the myths of the Minotaur and the labyrinth come to life against the backdrop of ancient ruins. Whether you're a history enthusiast, an archaeology buff, or simply a traveler in search of adventure, a visit to Knossos Palace is an experience that will leave you with a newfound appreciation for the rich tapestry of human history.

The journey to Zeus Cave, or Dikteon Cave, in Crete, Greece, is a mystical adventure into the heart of Greek mythology. Departing from the bustling cities or tranquil villages, the road winds through the rugged Cretan landscape, where olive groves and vineyards mingle with rocky cliffs and ancient ruins.

Located high in the mountains of central Crete, Zeus Cave is shrouded in myth and legend as the legendary birthplace of Zeus, king of the Greek gods. As you approach the cave's entrance, you are struck by its imposing facade, nestled amidst the towering peaks of the Dikti range.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 140 km

Departure 09:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 7 hours

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu



# cave of Zeus



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The experience starts from the cosmopolitan city of Agios Nikolaos and heads West to the traditional village of Mochos. We have a stop for a coffee at the square next to the Church. You will take a glimpse of how the locals live. Our next destination is the impressive Lassithi Plateau (altitude 1150m). More than 10,000 traditional windmills operated in the area until a few decades ago. In the 1950s and 1960s, the Plateau was actually one of the first wind farms in Europe. The Diktaio Cave, that is, the birthplace of Zeus, is located in the village of Psychro (altitude 840m).

As we descend, we make a short stop in the village of Krasi and photograph the favorite plane of the famous Cretan writer Nikos Kazantzakis. The perimeter of the plane tree is about 24 meters and is estimated to be 2400 years old. It is also said that each measure of its perimeter corresponds to the age of 100 years.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 130 km

Departure 10:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 6 hours

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# Richtis Gorge



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

We depart from Agios Nikolaos heading east with the Gulf of Mirabello on our left side. We go through Istron and the stunning beaches of Karavostasi, Agios Panteleimonas and Voulisma beach and we arrive at the village of Kavousi.

We descend to the mouth of the mindboggling Richtis Gorge. We follow an amazing trail within the gorge and we reach the falls of Richtis. Wonderful images that they worth the effort of walking along the trail, which leads to a pebbled beach. The hike is very easy even for young children.

On our way back, we stop at Voulisma Beach. It's the Blue flag awarded beach and one of the most beautiful beaches on the island!

## KEY FACTS

Distance 120 km

Departure 10:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 6 hours

Scenery ●●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# Palm beach Vai



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

The experience starts from Agios Nikolaos heading east. It is an excellent opportunity for you to admire the sublime Gulf of Mirabello. This is eastern Crete Riviera. We pass through many picturesque village and we reach the 15th-century Toplou Monastery. The compound features a small museum with notable exhibits of Christian Orthodox art, such as sacred utensils and chalcography by monks of Mount Athos. There is also an olive press which produces olive oil of outstanding quality and wine making facilities. Both the olive oil and the wine produced in the monastery are exported all over the world.

You may participate in a wine and spirit tasting session (optional) at the monastery's cellar. Then we pay a visit to one of the main attractions in eastern Crete, that is, the protected Vai palm forest. It is unique in Europe and is located next to one of the most beautiful beaches of the island. There will be plenty of time for you to enjoy swimming and the rare beauty of the landscape.

## KEY FACTS

Distance 180 km  
Departure 10:00 a.m.  
Duration approx. 6 hours

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle  
Driver/Guide  
Fuels  
Water  
Lunch menu





# Xerokampos beach



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

We set off from your hotel and head south on an unforgettable route which combines the wild beauty of the mountains with the breathtaking view of the blue sea.

We go through the Mountains of Thripti, (altitude 900 metres), reach the village of Oreino and head towards one of the most beautiful beaches in southern Crete, Xerokampos, with its turquoise, clear waters and soft, golden sand. We are going to visit Argyl beach having natural SPA on the beach

After our swim, we head towards the fishing village of Zakros, where we will enjoy a unique meal overlooking the sea.

Our tour ends in the beautiful, vibrant city of Sitia

## KEY FACTS

Distance 215 km

Departure 10:00 a.m.

Duration approx. 06 hours

Scenery ●●●●●

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SUV Vehicle

Driver/Guide

Fuels

Water

Lunch menu





# Boating & Cruises



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

A fantastic activity not only for the fishing lovers but also for the people who like the sun and the sea.

Enjoy the crystal sea under the Cretan sun, sailing along the coast, fishing, swimming and snorkeling everyone will have an unforgettable experience. For individuals or for small groups 2-33 persons you have the opportunity to enjoy our boat for all day or for a few hours and follow the route of your choice. Visit the best sea sides, beaches archeological places and marvelous isolated islands around the fantastic Mirabello.

Bay of Crete. Try the pleasure of the sea, swim and sunbathe in private as you were in your own yacht. Full fishing and snorkeling and water sport equipment is available and we offer a full sea or meat meal with drinks cocktails and fresh juices. This will be one of the best days, which will last long in your memory, after your holiday is over.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Sunst cruise /Wedding Proposal- and

Safety  
Life Jackets  
Life raft  
Fully equipped First Aid Kit  
Safety flares  
VHF Radio  
Fire extinguishers

WHAT'S INCLUDED:  
Cranchi Zaffiro 34 with an overall length of 34 feet and 12 feet wide.  
Snorkeling Gear  
Fuels  
Water





# Sailing





# Chrissi Island



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

We depart from the port of Ierapetra for a journey into the emerald green waters of Southern Crete. Our destination is Chrissi Island, where we arrive within just about 20 minutes.

Disembarkation takes place at the location “VouyiouMati”, where you will have time for a walk on the white sand, made of millions of shells and explore the extraordinary beauty of Europe’s southernmost natural park. After your return to the yacht we cruise to a quiet bay where you can dive into the crystal clear waters and use the snorkeling gear we provide, to explore the untouched and beautiful seabed of Chrissi Island. We can also provide fishing equipment at any time.

While our crew freshly prepares the rich lunch, which is cooked according to your personal preferences, always using fresh, local ingredients, guests can relax with a drink.

You can continue your swim in the mesmerizing waters and enjoy gazing at the unique landscape and the breathtaking colors of the sea. Our cruise closes with our return to the port of Ierapetra, with our minds travelling on the deep blue of the Libyan Sea.

## WHAT’S INCLUDED:

- M/Y Yacht
- Fuels
- Water
- Lunch menu





# CRETAN DIET



## FINE DINING EXPERIENCE.

Experience in a Selected Tavern in Crete.."

Looking back on nearly 2 centuries ago, one will encounter the purest traditional cooking process. Processes that have been passed down to us from generation to generation. This is the value of the ultimate taste experience of the

Cretan Tradition..

Cretan Olive Oil:

Symbol of health & strength, medicine, as well as a source of magic & admiration.

Ultimate Taste Experience:

The value of good food springs up memories & travels the mind to unexplored destinations.

Pure & Fresh Raw Materials:

We produce & create delicious values through what nature offers us.



# Feedback

## CRETE EXPERIENCE

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**Silvia Trombini**

Local Guide · 13 reviews · 18 photos

★★★★★ 2 months ago


I had the very best service in Cretel I definitely recommend Christos and his staff 👍 😊



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**Response from the owner** 2 months ago

Dear Silvia thank you for your kind words . See you soon

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**Marc Chanard**

Local Guide · 3 reviews · 1 photo

★★★★★ 2 months ago

We made a day excursion to visit the Sarakina Gorges on a private and comfortable trip. The day was amazing. Christos gave us a tour of the villages, giving us the time we wanted to take a walk. He also stopped to show us typical places and to make us enjoy the local products. He also drive us to a great Cretan restaurant that tourists don't know! I really recomande to make excursions with Crete Experience!!!

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**Becky Loring**

1 review

★★★★★ 2 months ago

We had the best day out with Crete Experience. We booked them as we were travelling with children who have some additional needs, and didn't want to be on a coach if things went wrong. We asked them to adjust the itinerary to include a trip to a beach and they happily obliged. Our driver (Costas) was on time, really friendly and informative and the children really liked him too. He took care of us all really well and we all had a lovely day. I only wish I'd booked the trip earlier in the holiday as we definitely would have booked another if we had more time. Thank you so much for a lovely family memory.

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**Viktoriya Elik**

2 reviews

★★★★★ 2 months ago

The Agency organised for me a private excursion to Knossos palace and Heraklion Archeological Museum. It all went nice, I skipped long lines and was able to fully focus on enjoying the sightseeing. Thanks Christos

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**Lucas Forest**

2 reviews

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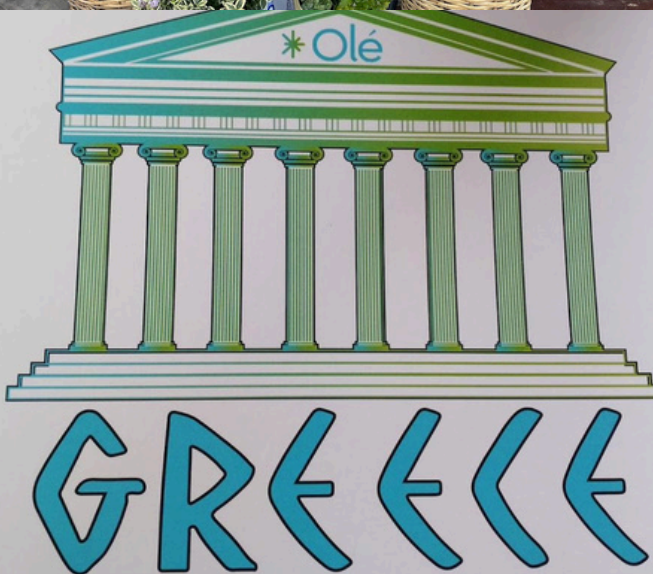
(Translated by Google) A welcoming and caring person, Christophe knew how to embellish our excursion thanks to his knowledge of the island and its heavenly places. Always smiling in the image of his very appreciable guided tour, thank you for that!

(Original)  
Une personne accueillante et bienveillante, Christophe a su embellir notre excursion grâce à sa connaissance de l'île et à ses endroits paradisiaques. Toujours souriant à l'image de sa visite guidée très appréciable, merci pour cela!

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