

DESTINATION: GREECE

CRETE



AIRPORT
CODE



CURRENCY
Euro



LANGUAGE
Greek



HIGH / LOW SEASON
June – Aug. / Nov. – March



TRAVEL
Rental Car



SUGGESTED STAY
3+ Nights



On Greece's largest island, long beaches spread across the feet of rugged mountains, while olive groves and vineyards sprawl into the horizon. As for the culture, discover marks of Byzantine, Ottoman, Middle Eastern, Venetian, and Roman traditions across Crete's four prefectures, from luxurious Rethimno to touristic Heraklion.

WHERE TO STAY

Abaton Island Resort & Spa* ★★★★★

Iberostar Selection Creta Marine ★★★★★

Elounda Bay Palace* ★★★★★

Mirabello Bay Luxury Resort ★★★★★

The Royal Senses Resort & Spa Crete, ★★★★★

Curio Collection by Hilton*



*Luxe by ALG Vacations® Collection



CAN'T-MISS LIST

Uncover Minoan history at **Knossos**, a Bronze Age archaeological site.

Visit one of Europe's most significant museums: the **Heraklion Archaeological Museum**.

Stroll the pink sands of **Elafonisi Beach**, and search for sea turtles.

Take in stunning views at **Samaria Gorge**, part of Crete's only national park.

See why **Balos Beach** is considered one of the most beautiful in the world.

Browse the cafés, shops, and historical buildings of Chania's **Venetian Harbor**.

Dine in a tavern in Rethimno's seafront **Old Town**, also home to museums.



Knossos



Samaria Gorge



Elafonisi Beach



Venetian Harbor

5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Kick off your time in the mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis with your choice of an interactive dinner show: a family-friendly heroic performance or an artistic extravaganza complete with DJ tunes to end the night.
- Day 2** After breakfast outside of Rethimno, continue to the lair of the minotaur, the Palace of Knossos, for a guided tour. After, you'll have free time to visit the Heraklion Archaeological Museum or explore the city center.
- Day 3** Sail by catamaran from Heraklion to the uninhabited island of Dia for a day of snorkeling, swimming, and standup paddleboarding. Reenergize with a Mediterranean lunch before your journey back to Crete.
- Day 4** After touring by sea yesterday, today explore Heraklion by land on a bike tour, learning about the city's rich history and delectable cuisine. Pass the Venetian Walls, Old Venetian Harbor, Archaeological Museum, and Koules Fortress, stopping for coffee along the way, then ending with a wine tasting.
- Day 5** Grab breakfast in Lions Square at the center of Heraklion's Old Town for a traditional Greek coffee and *bougatsa*, a phyllo pastry filled with slightly sweetened cream, or *loukoumades*, fried honey balls, then head to Ammoudara Beach for some last relaxation before your flight home.



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