



EXPERIENCE *Elounda*

Spinalonga Island Boat Trip

Embark on a captivating journey starting from the traditional village of Plaka.

Hop on a quaint boat for a private trip to Spinalonga, a site of great historical significance. Transformed into a fortress in the 16th century, Spinalonga showcases remarkable Venetian defensive architecture.

Explore the island's treasures on a guided tour. Afterward, your private boat will whisk you to serene bays for a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear waters of Crete and a chance to fish, accompanied by onboard drinks, snacks, and beverages.

Experience the allure of Crete's history and coastal beauty in one memorable adventure.





Knossos Palace & Heraklion

Embark on a captivating journey to the Palace of Knossos, a significant Greek archaeological site that provides a rare window into Minoan civilization.

Accompanied by your experienced guide, explore the palace's ruins and excavations and delve into Greek mythology. Venture into central Heraklion to discover its historic core, visit key sites, and explore the recently revamped Archaeological Museum.

The museum houses the world's most impressive collection of Minoan art and culture, spanning 5,000 years, making it one of Greece's most frequented cultural treasures.



Knossos Palace & Winery

Immerse yourself in the culture and history of Crete with today's tour, taking you to the mesmerizing Knossos Palace, a prominent archaeological gem in Greece offering a unique insight into Minoan civilization. Accompanied by your experienced guide, delve into the palace's extensive ruins and excavations, uncovering the exciting stories of Greek mythology.

Continue to a charming local winery nestled amid picturesque vineyards on rolling hills. Tour the estate, savor a wine tasting, and relish a delightful Cretan delicacies lunch, embracing the essence of this magical region.

Knossos Palace with Minoan-Style Lunch

Experience the rich flavors of history with an immersive experience of Crete's paramount archaeological site, the Minoan palace of Knossos.

The tour unveils the prehistoric city where Europe's earliest civilization thrived 5000 years ago. Following the palace exploration, a brief 15-minute drive leads you to a captivating nature park.

Here, a Chef and Archaeologist will introduce you to Minoan cuisine, shedding light on the ancient Cretan diet and culinary traditions dating back 4000 years.

Relish a cooking presentation and savor a freshly prepared Minoan-style light lunch complemented by aromatic Cretan herbal tea.



Minoan Cooking Class by the Beach

Immerse yourself in the Cretan history and flavors with a captivating drive to the east of Elounda, where a charming seaside village and a historically significant island await. The island's archaeological discoveries, dating back 5,000 years, include Minoan shrines, workshops, and a pre-palatial cemetery, showcasing its rich past.

Once a thriving center for various industries, crafting gold jewelry, stone vases, and faience 4,000 years ago, this destination unfolds a fascinating history. Accompanied by your experienced Archaeologist, learn more about Minoan cuisine and participate in preparing Minoan-style lentils and crafting herb or dried fruit-flavored pita on a hearth.

Following this culinary adventure, create your Minoan-style ceramic pots, painting them with provided designs and colors. This hands-on experience allows you to take home beautifully crafted souvenirs, capturing the essence of Minoan culture.



The Organic Farm Premium Experience

Discover the principles of biodynamic and reenacting agriculture, explore the farm's crops and animals, and immerse yourself in both ancient and contemporary organic farming methods in Crete.

Following that, you're invited to harvest your own crops and vegetables from the farm and bring them to the table.

Under the guidance of your hosts, participate in a fully interactive cooking class featuring recipes from the Bronze Age and Classical Crete, practices that have endured for over 4,000 years and are still observed in our local villages.

Your menu is inspired by ancient recipes from the coastal areas and mountain regions of Crete, seamlessly combining products from the sea and land, as well as incorporating elements of ancient history and tradition.





An Evening with Locals

Spend an evening discovering the Cretan hospitality with the locals at their lovely home. Unravel the rich history of Cretan villages, both past and present, as they share stories and showcase their olive garden.

Learn local crafts like lace knitting and olive oil soap making. Savor treats like yaya pies, organic olive oil, and regional produce. Immerse yourself in Cretan hospitality, meeting the family, enjoying traditional lyra music, and perhaps joining a spontaneous dance. This experience offers a delightful insight into the warmth of Cretan culture, creating lasting memories with new friends on sunny afternoons.

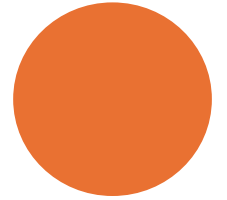
The Wine Experience

Experience Crete's flavors and aromas with a captivating journey along the fertile central and south-central coast.

These regions, renowned for their ancient and thriving winemaking traditions, showcase a significant production any wine lover must review. Visit two local wineries, starting with an insightful visit to vineyards and cellars, where you will unravel the intricacies of wine production.

Indulge in the flavors of four organic, award-winning wines at the initial stop. Move on to the second winery, where a detailed tour awaits, concluding with a tasting of five delightful local labels.

Complete your experience savoring a light lunch, expertly paired with wine and featuring small plates showcasing the region's culinary specialties. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Crete's vineyards and winemaking legacy.



Percy Jackson Inspired Experience

Embark on a Percy Jackson-inspired adventure designed for families, starting at Crete's key archaeological site, the Minoan palace of Knossos.

Using 3D tablets, witness a dimensional recreation of the palace's crucial parts.

Next, engage in a private interactive Minoan-style pottery workshop led by an acclaimed Potter and Artist. Discover the fundamentals of clay and Minoan pottery techniques, and enjoy a hands-on experience creating your masterpiece.

Children can choose from various mythological figures, crafting their unique artwork, which will be shipped home, ensuring a memorable and educational family experience.



The Cave of Zeus with Pottery Class

Embark on a tour where you will have the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of the mountains of Dikti. Reaching an altitude of 850m above the sea level, and driving through verdant greenery and mountains with a breathtaking view, you will reach the fertile plateau of Lassithi with its unique traditional villages, beautiful windmills, and byzantine churches.

The first stop of the day will be the byzantine nunnery of Panagia Kera, renowned for its miraculous icon. Then, you will visit the Cave of Zeus, the birthplace of the father of mortals and immortals. Enjoy a moderate 20-minute hike to head up to the cave.

A beautiful meal at a local restaurant will follow, where you will explore the traditional mountain cuisine. Your last stop of the day will be at a local pottery workshop where you will find out about pottery in Crete and you where you will have the chance to create your own art piece.





A Day in a Cretan Village

Immerse yourself in the charm of a typical Cretan village, where the essence of traditional architecture comes alive.

Explore ancient folk arts like sheep bell crafting and basket weaving, delving into the island's rural crafts.

Discover the nuances of Orthodox religion and Byzantine church architecture while savoring unique local products such as olive oil, local wine, herbal tea, honey straight from the source, and local cheese.

Visit a honey workshop and unveil the secrets of Cretan honey production before savoring a delightful restaurant meal featuring the family's organic produce and offering breathtaking views.



The Minoans & Ancient Greek Music

Your day begins with a visit to Crete's renowned Minoan palace of Knossos, dating back to 1700 BC and steeped in mythical lore.

Following this, a stroll through the historic heart of Heraklion unveils its Venetian and Ottoman heritage.

Lunch awaits at the town's top restaurant, offering authentic Cretan gourmet cuisine. Then, delve into an engaging workshop on ancient Greek music theory and practice.

Experience surviving ancient melodies firsthand and try your hand at playing simple ancient rhythms under expert guidance.

Spinalonga, Agios Nikolaos & Kritsa

Embark on an excursion through Elounda's highlights. Commence your journey with a drive to Plaka, where you will board a traditional fishing boat, setting sail for

Spinalonga Island, known as the Leper Island due to its Venetian fortifications and history as a leper quarantine site until 1957. Explore the islet and its restored structures before returning to Plaka.

The next stop takes you to the 15th-century Panagia Kera church, renowned for its exquisite frescoes. Then, visit the charming village of Kritsa, nestled on Kastellos mountain's slopes, for a stroll through its vibrant alleyways.

Conclude this wonderful day in Agios Nikolaos, exploring its delightful center, featuring lively cafes along the lake and charming shops.



Phaestos, Gortys & Matala

Explore the picturesque Messara plain in southern Crete on this tour. Driving through stunning landscapes, reach Gortys, a vast archaeological site with a continuous history spanning 6,000 years.

While only some areas are open to the public, you will visit key sites, including the Church of St. Titus, the Odeon, and the famous Plane Tree. Continuing to Phaestos, a pivotal hub of Minoan civilization, explore its magnificent palace.

Conclude your day in the coastal Matala, celebrated for its sandy beach and rock-carved caves, where you can swim and savor a delicious lunch.



Off Road Safari Adventure

Embark on an exciting adventure, a Land Rover Safari in the mountains of Dikti in East Crete, exploring unique nature sceneries, soaking in stunning views, and visiting lesser-known traditional areas.

Traverse a beautiful plateau, navigating through the island's largest forest in an off-road journey and mountains reaching 1,500 meters. The adventure intensifies along dirt tracks, goat valleys, and river crossings.

Arriving at the plateau, indulge in the traditional mountain cuisine and savor fine local wine at a charming kafenion restaurant, rounding off your thrilling journey through the Cretan wilderness.



East Crete Hiking Experience

Embark on a captivating adventure with a scenic drive along the Gulf of Mirambelo in East Crete. After a 40-minute relaxing drive, you will arrive at the entrance of the breathtaking Kritsa or Havgas gorge, near the historic village of Kritsa.

Surrounded with plane trees, oak trees, and endemic Cretan plants, you will be stunned by the imposing landscape. Birdlife thrives within the gorge's towering walls.

A moderate hike leads you to the charming village of Kritsa, where you'll relish a local brunch in the central square.

Continue your journey to the Byzantine church of Panagia Kera, a late 13th-century marvel housing the best-preserved Byzantine frescoes in Crete, showcasing the Cretan Paleologian Renaissance Art.





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