



✕ Knossos Palace & Heraklion

Interests: history, archaeology, culture, mythology

*This full-day tour will let you explore the ruins of the magnificent Minoan palace of Knossos and the nearby city of Heraklion. Perched on the Kephala hill, Minoan Palace of Knossos is one of the most renowned archaeological sites in Greece filled with myths and legends. Your English-speaking guide will offer an insight into the mighty Minoan civilization, guide you through the labyrinths and talk about the archaeological excavations that have been conducted there and describe in detail the numerous restorations and construction the palace has undergone as a result of the island's devastating earthquakes. From the palace, you will then travel into the nearby city and port of Heraklion, where your expert guide will show you around its historical center and point out the city's most popular attractions. See the ornate Venetian fountain of lions as you stroll around the square and marvel at exceptional monuments from the Byzantine era, before visiting the Archaeological Museum, one of the largest and most important museums in Greece displaying artifacts covering a period of 5 000 years. The two-story building houses artifacts from the Neolithic period to Roman times and one of the most impressive collections of Minoan art in the world.*

✕ Knossos Palace & Winery

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*A full-day tour that explores the Palace of Knossos and the nearby city of Heraklion. The palace is one of the must-see archaeological sites in Greece, presenting visitors with a rare glimpse into Minoan civilization. Along with a professional guide who will provide you with an in-depth approach and personal attention, will explore the ruins and excavations of the vast ancient palace, and learn about the Greek mythological tales that are linked to it. After exploring the labyrinth of corridors and rooms on the Knossos tour, you will visit a quaint local winery set on gently rolling*

*hillsides, surrounded by vineyards. After touring the premises you will enjoy a tasting of the estate's wines accompanied by a light lunch filled with Cretan delicacies.*

✕ **Tastes of Crete, hands-on Cooking**

Interests: foodie, culture, cooking

*Embark on an immersive journey through vast culinary traditions of Crete. True foodies will discover the benefits of following a Mediterranean diet, get a hands-on insight into regional cuisine and learn how to highlight even the simplest fresh produce found on the island. This laid-back tour includes a visit to the vibrant local farmers market with a tasting of local cheese and olives, followed by a cooking experience hosted by a Cretan family in the comfort of their 17th-century farmhouse surrounded by organic gardens and just a short drive from Chania. Your cooking lesson will take place under the supervision of a master chef and you will have the option of participating in the preparation of authentic Cretan recipes using fresh local produce and fragrant herbs grown on the property, or of being a more relaxed casual observer. Finally, you will sit down for lunch in a warm atmosphere to enjoy the delicious dishes you have created and sample a variety of fine Cretan wines.*

✕ **Wine & Olive Trails of Crete**

Interests: wine, foodie, culture, farm-to-table

*Get ready for a chauffeured sightseeing tour that will allow you to learn more about Cretan winemaking tradition and give you the opportunity to stroll through vast olive groves and hear about olive tree farming, including the process of growing, picking and pressing the olives. You will travel through some of the most picturesque, whitewashed villages in the region on your way to a traditional olive mill and home to one of the most ancient olive trees on the island. During this part of your private tour, you will sample the olive oil in its final stages and discover why it is considered to be the foundation of one of the healthiest diets in the world – the Mediterranean diet. Finally, your tour will take you to a long-established winery, where you will be given a fascinating insight into the production of wine, starting with the selection of the grapes and ending with bottling the finished product. While visiting the estate, you will have the opportunity to sample 5 quality Cretan wines and experience a traditional island picnic full of mouth-watering Cretan delicacies.*

✕ **Cretan Food & Wine Lovers**

Interests: wine, foodie, culture, farm-to-table

*Embark on a narrated sightseeing tour and get acquainted with the Mediterranean diet and all its secrets, discover Cretan winemaking traditions and olive tree farming processes. This informative tour takes you through some of the most picturesque, whitewashed villages in the region en route to a traditional olive mill and home to one of the most ancient trees on the island. Here, you will hear about the process of growing, picking and pressing olives, whilst sampling the olive oil in its final stages. You will also visit a long-established winery, where you will be given a fascinating glimpse into the production of wine, starting with the selection of the grapes and ending with the bottling of the finished precious liquid. Throughout your visit to the winery, you will have the opportunity to sample a selection of small dishes, (Meze) accompanied by fine quality Cretan wines.*

✕ **Traditional Cooking & Tasting in the Countryside**

Interests: cooking, foodie, culture

*Step back in time and learn more about Cretan traditional cooking techniques and styles with the help of the owners of a traditional Cretan house. Your driver will meet you at the hotel to start your journey through picturesque winding island roads, stopping in remote villages to experience the authentic Cretan lifestyle, walk through vast olive groves and simply enjoy your surroundings. Once you reach the house that will be the stage of your own cooking adventure, you will be greeted by the owners and given an in-depth insight into cooking traditions and techniques of the island. During your hands-on cooking class you will be using fresh products and herbs from local gardens and once the food is cooked you will relish the delicious results, paired with local wine and raki.*

✕ **Olive Oil & Wine Now and Then**

Interests: wine, foodie, culture

*Today's experience starts with a visit to a local traditional Olive Oil Factory in the region of Heraklion. Find out more about the different stages of Olive Oil production from cultivation of olives from the finished product, visit the factory installations and try the renowned Cretan extra virgin olive oil in order to see for yourself why it is considered one of the best in the world. Your next stop will be the prehistoric industrial area of Vathipetro, located at the foot of the Juktas sacred hill. This is the location where the oldest European winery and olive oil press were excavated dating back to 1700 B.C. A visit to a local winery will follow, where you will have the chance to expand your knowledge on today's winemaking techniques, try local labels of wine, visit vineyards and complete your visit with a wonderful meal in the winery.*



#### ✕ Percy Jackson Inspired Experience

Interests: mythology, family, history, archaeology, culture

*This experience is inspired by Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson books and is particularly designed for youth and family. You will start your day by visiting the most important archaeological site on Crete, the mythical Minoan palace of Knossos. During the tour, you will be using 3D tablets, presenting a three-dimensional recreation of the most important parts of the palace. Following, you will experience a private interactive workshop on Minoan style pottery, conducted by an awarded pottery maker specializing in recreations of Minoan pottery. You will find out a lot about clay in general (elaboration, processing, use, results) and especially about the Minoan pottery technics that flourished on the island 5.000 years ago. Your children will have the chance to learn, play and create their own masterpiece. They can choose from a big variety of mythological figures, make their own art piece and have it shipped back home!*

#### ✕ The Samaria Gorge, at its best

Interests: hiking, nature, outdoor activities, off the beaten track

*If you are passionate about hiking, you will love this guided 16km Samaria trail through the longest and the most majestic limestone gorges in Europe, one of many gorges throughout Crete that stretch from the White Mountains all the way to the Libyan Sea. The adventure starts early in the morning with a relaxing drive through the scenic villages and the orange growing region of Western Crete. On reaching the plateau of Omalos and the entrance to the gorge, you will start the 6-hour hike (approximately) through a breathtaking and constantly changing landscape to Agia Roumeli, a laid back coastal village by the South coast, accessible only by boat. The tour will allow you to experience this must-see natural phenomenon at a slower pace, attended to by a specialized guide.*

*At the base of the gorge, you can enjoy a refreshing swim and lunch at one of the local tavernas. After an hour's sail to the nearby port, you will be transferred back to Chania in the evening.*

✕ **Imbros Gorge and Sfakia**

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*Head over to the shorter but equally beautiful as the renown Samaria Gorge, Imbros. It is the perfect choice for those who wish to descend a Cretan gorge and end by the scenic South Coast, through a less strenuous hike. It is 8km long and you will be crossing a pleasantly changing scenery, from its green start by the fertile Askyfou plain, to its rocky end, near the dry south coast. Suitable for anyone in good physical condition and with no hiking experience required, it is a good option for families too. After the hike you will drive to a beautiful beach, to relax and swim in the crystal-clear waters of the Libyan Sea. You can end this beautiful journey through a late lunch at the coastal village of Sfakia, before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon.*

✕ **Phaestos, Gortys & Matala**

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*Set off to explore some of the most interesting archaeological sites across the Messara, the largest plain on Crete. Taking in the idyllic scenery of rich nature, olive trees and vineyards, your first stop will be at the site of Gortys, one of the most extensive archaeological sites in Greece, with 6,000 years of consecutive history, where places of interest include the Roman Odeum and the Great Inscription with the Law Code of Gortyn, the early Byzantine church of Saint Titus, the Antiquarium and the famous Plane Tree. Next, you will proceed to the Bronze Age site of Phaestos, one of the wealthiest most powerful cities of Ancient Crete. Here you will discover the Minoan palace of Phaestos, an almost intact monument depicting Minoan civilization with panoramic views of the adjacent valleys. Your last stop is the coastal Matala, known for its wonderful sandy beach and the caves carved into the rocks. You can enjoy a swim and lunch before the return journey to Heraklion.*



#### ✕ Cretan Villages and Countryside

Interests: history, archaeology, culture

*Embark on a pleasant and immersive journey through some of Crete's most picturesque provinces. Your tour begins with a scenic drive towards the Akrotiri peninsula, stopping off first at the Venetian monastery of Agia Triada Tzagarolon. This 17th-century church is surrounded by lush olive groves and fragrant cypress trees and while at their premises you will learn about their delectable produce, organic olive oil, and wine. From here, you will continue to the province of Apokoronas, stopping at the Fortress of Koules, set in an impressive location with views over Souda Gulf. The tour then continues towards the rural village of Maheri for a short refreshment break in a very traditional "kafenion", before proceeding further inland to visit a ceramics studio. Here, you will be given a fascinating insight into the stages of ceramics production. Continuing your scenic drive along the foothills of the White Mountains, you will then stop for a delicious rustic meal at a family-run tavern, located on a privileged vista point overlooking the valley and the sea beyond. Late afternoon return to your hotel.*

#### ✕ Sailing Yacht Cruise Chania

Interests: sailing, nautical experiences, sea & sun activities

*Explore the beautiful gulf of Chania onboard a private sailboat. You will board the yacht at 10 am, meet your captain, and go over the daily itinerary before setting sail from the Old Venetian Harbor of Chania towards some of the best swimming spots in the area. During the day you will anchor at Maherida bay and the nearby island of Ag. Theodori giving you plenty of time to recharge your batteries with snacks, fruits, drinks, and lunch prepared onboard based on the local Mediterranean cuisine. On your way back to the Old Venetian port you will make a short stop at the beautiful Lazareta islands.*

✕ **Active Sailing Experience**

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*If you are a sailing enthusiast, you will love the day ahead of you. This active nautical experience will make you feel like part of the crew as you attend a mini sailing course guided by a professional instructor. You can participate as much or as little as you like, as the private yacht is fully crewed. Explore the pristine waters, hidden beaches, and isolated bays, snorkel, try your luck in fishing or just relax under the Cretan sun. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal on board along with local wine before returning to port.*