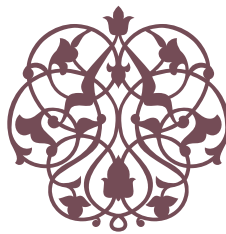


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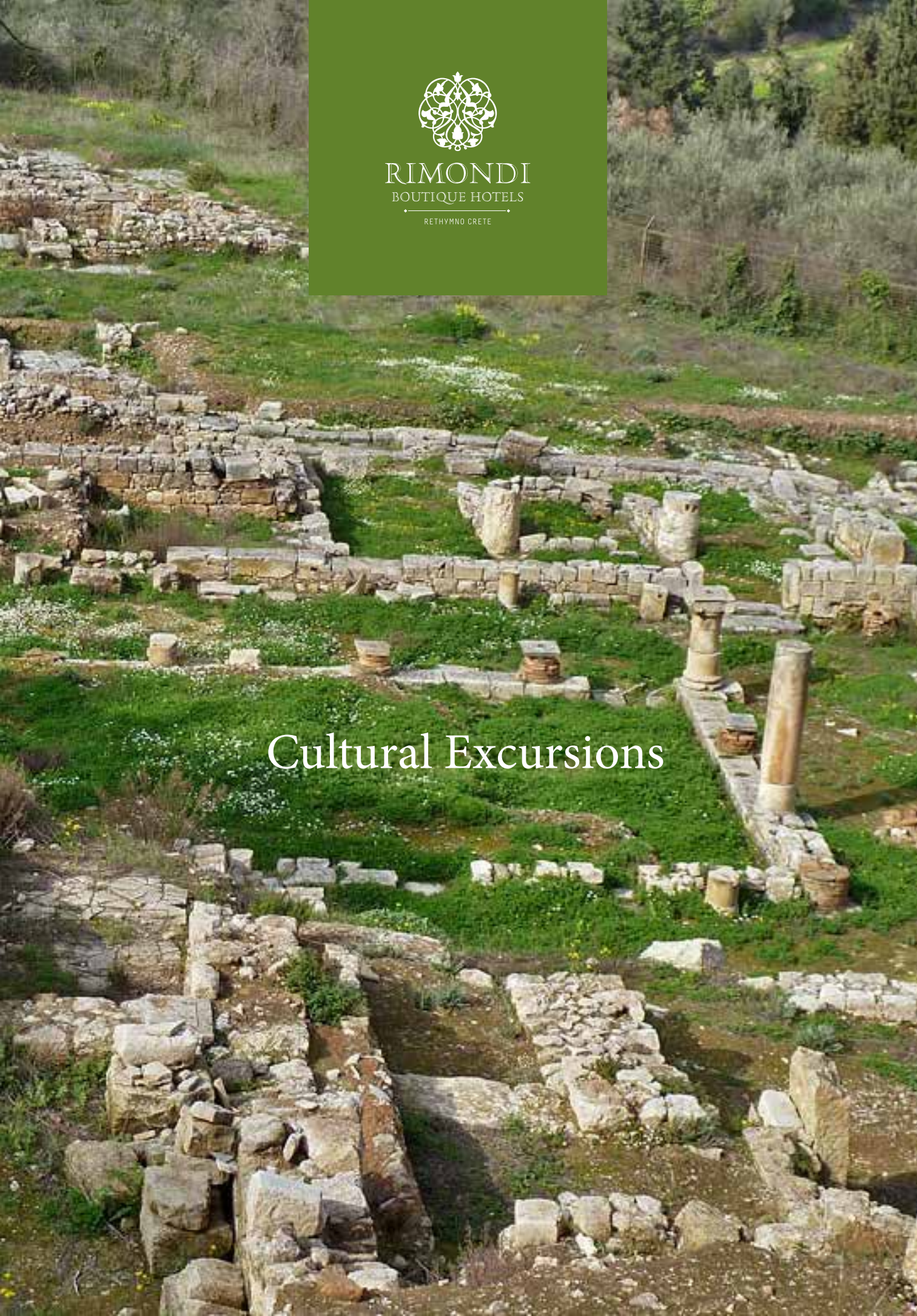
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Cultural Excursions





Knossos, Archaeological Museum of Heraklion

Description: After a comfortable bus trip along the North coast you will reach the first destination of the tour, the archaeological site of Knossos.

The famous palace of king Minos is one of the most visited archaeological sites in the world. Knossos was the prosperous Minoan Capital and the residence of King Minos, as well as the first civilization in Europe. The ruins and rebuilt parts belong to the last and largest Minoan Palace, the labyrinth of Knossos, built 3700 years ago. The throne of King Minos is still intact.

In Knossos you will stay approximately 2 hours and have, a very interesting journey through the incredible Cretan ancient history. Our next stop is the city of Heraklion. The next guided tour takes part in the archaeological museum. After that you have free time for a coffee, lunch, shopping or for a walk through the city.

Duration: 08:00 – 17:00

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes

-Entrance tickets Knossos/Museum 16€

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



Cultural trail of Amari valley, Arkadi Monastery

Description: The Amari valley, or “Lotus Land”, is bordered by wild mountains and has remained quite untouched by modern development. It is full of picturesque villages, old Byzantine churches, Hellenistic and Roman settlements.

Arkadi Monastery has been a great part of the Cretan history during the last eight centuries. It is famous for its participation at the uprisings against the Turks, especially in 1866 when the Cretans blew themselves up rather than be surrender.

Next we drive to the villages of Thronos and Meronas, where there are the lovely 11th century churches of the Virgin Mary and the Panagia. They both have rare wall frescoes. At Thronos we walk up to the top of Kefala hill and visit ancient Syvrita which was one of the most important cities of west Crete.

Before lunch we visit the archaeological site of Monastiraki where there is a middle Minoan palace site. It is situated on a small hill in the valley and has a commanding all round view.

Duration: 08:00 – 17:30

Includes

- English speaking Guide
- Picnic lunch

Excludes

- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities



Eleftherna, Arkadi, Melidoni Cave, Margarites

Description: On this excursion you will have the opportunity to see many places that represent the traditional lifestyle of Crete. Our tour will start from Melidoni Cave which is a cave full of history and dates back to the Neolithic Period based on items found inside.

Our second stop is at the village of Margarites. Apart from its beautiful panoramic view, the village boasts Venetian buildings with magnificent doorframes, the Byzantine churches of Agios Ioannis Theologos and Agios Georgios, as well as a good number of typical pottery workshops spread around its tiny alleys, as the traditional art of pottery is still flourishing here.

We will continue to visit the Museum of Eleftherna the first archaeological site museum in Crete and one of the most important museums in Greece. You will make a tour of the Museum and then you will go to the oldest monastery of Crete the Arkadi Monastery with a rich history, an eternal symbol for the Cretan fights for freedom and independence.

Next is the village of Apostoli and here we will visit an old olive oil factory where you can have lunch in a traditional tavern enjoying the beautiful sound of live Cretan music. At the end of this amazing trip you are going to stop at Saint Antonios Gorge and also the Fragma Potamon.

Duration: 8:30- 18:30

Includes:

English Speaking Guide

Excludes:

- Entrance tickets 9€
- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities



Agios Nikolaos, Spinaloga

Description:

Driving to the eastern part of Crete, along the north coast, we reach the charming town of Agios Nikolaos. The lovely bay, the colorful streets and especially the unique fresh-water lake in the center of the town, make Agios Nikolaos one of the most picturesque locations of our island.

From there we will take the boat to visit and explore the island of Spinaloga. On the way to the island we stop for a swim in the clear waters of Kolokitha beach. There we can observe the remains of the ancient sunken city of Olous.

After that, we reach Spinaloga island. It has been a Venetian fortress which later on was used as a Leper Colony until 1957.

Duration: 08:00 – 19:30

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes

-Additional costs: boat & entrance 18€

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



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Beach Excursions & Activities





South Trip Special, Preveli Region

Description:

This excursion starts with the traditional village of Spili. Here you will have time to explore the village and have a look at the venetian fountain.

Passing through the extravagant scenery of the Kourtaliotiko Gorge you reach the Preveli Monastery. Next stop is the Palm Beach of Preveli. From the top you have a breathtaking view to the Libyan sea, the lagoon and the palm forest. After enjoying the beach for 2 hours , the boat will take you from Preveli to Damnoni where you will have a break for lunch or refreshments.

After that you will be taken back to the hotel.

Duration: 08:30-17:30

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes

-Boat Ticket and entrance 11€

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



Elafonisi Island

Description:

This tour takes you to the southwestern part of Crete at the magnificent sandy beach of Elafonisi . After a coach ride, that offers a remarkable sightseeing of traditional villages and Mediterranean scenery you arrive at the beach. You will have at least 3 hours to enjoy the beauty of the nature and swim in the amazing water.

Elafonisi is a place of rare natural beauty, so it has been included in the Natura 2000 Protection Program. The characteristics of the area of Elafonissos that makes it such an exotic place, is the small sandy islet , the shallow turquoise sea, that looks like a lagoon, and the white sand that pinkish at several spots due to the crushed shell powder.

Duration: 8:30- 19:30

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



Gramvousa, Balos

Description:

You will travel west through beautiful scenery to the port of Kastelli. A boat will take you to the small island of Gramvousa with its imposing Venetian castle and breathtaking views. After 2 hours the boat will take you to the lagoon of Balos.

Balos is famous for its exotic scenery with the turquoise waters, and the pinkish beach. The area forms a lagoon with shallow waters. The fabulous crystal clear water of the lagoon and the white coral sand makes an irresistible paradise for all guests. This place is meant to be one of the most beautiful beaches in Greece.

Duration: 8:30- 19:30

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes.

-Additional costs: boat & entrance 28€

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



Chania City, Falassarna Beach

Description:

Driving to the western part of Crete, the city of Chania is our first stop. We will have 3 hours free time to explore the city. Romans, Byzantines, Muslims, Venetians, Ottomans... they have been here in Chania, creating a multicultural corner of Crete. Wandering through the old town, you'll see the Venetian lighthouse, the old harbor, the Grand Arsenal etc.

Our next destination is Falassarna Beach. It has been awarded for being one of the top beaches in Europe. Long magical waves, coloured sand and crystal clear waters, characterize the spot. Here you will have 3 hours to relax and enjoy the sun, before our return trip to Rethymnon.

Duration: 8:30- 19:30

Includes:

-English speaking Guide

Excludes:

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



3 hours Aegean Cruise

Description: Sailing through Aegean sea, in beautiful waters in a pirate boat under the sun. In this cruise you are going to sail towards east coast until we reach the sea-beaten pirate caves and the “camarola” arch. After that, you will have enough time to swim off the boat into the crystal clear waters. Upon returning to rethymnon you will sail in front of the venetian fortress, Fortezza.

Cave cruise

Description: Enjoy a short cruise in the Aegean sea, with a speed boat and have the opportunity to get into the pirate caves and and see the “camarola arch”. On the way back you’ll have a magnificent view of Fortezza and the city of Rethymnon.



Scuba diving

Description: With Scuba Diving, you will experience the thrill of diving – a mix of excitement and adventure, a sense of freedom and serenity. Together with your dedicated Instructor, you will first step into shallow water and do some practice on the surface. Then, you will both start your descent to a maximum depth of 6 m. The underwater life in the Libyan Sea and Mediterranean sea is very rich and there are lots of colorful fish to be watched in their environment, as well as octopuses, big shells, starfish and an amazing underwater landscape. After the dive, explanations about the flora and fauna will be given to you.

Shipwreck or Cave dive

Description: If you search for an adventure you should dive for this Shipwreck 25 meter under the surface of the sea in the clear water where you can see many forms of aquatic life that nested here 18 meter hull, which is still fully intact and visible from the surface. Alternatively you may dive into a cave under the water. The entrance of the cave starts at 9 meters under the sea and is covered with a wealth of sea life and inside, you can find lots of stalactites and stalagmites. The total length of the cave is approximately 165 meters, leading straight into the mountain. After the first 40 meters, the water gives its place to some air. The height of the roof of the cave from the water level can reach a peak of 14 meters.



Snorkeling

Description:

After a short theory session about how to use the equipment, you will learn the marine life that you will get to see. Then in small groups you are going to jump into the water for 45 minutes guided tour. You start in very shallow water and will progressively swim around the bay. You may use your snorkeling equipment all day long and go back to the water for more fun after the guided tour.

Bubblemaker

Description:

An incredible experience for children aged 8-10! In a one-day session, a dedicated instructor introduces each child individually to the use of the diving equipment and to actual diving. Youngsters can join the family fun of scuba diving or even start a trend. Also, the dive goes to a maximum depth of 2 m and even in the very shallow water, colorful fishes, starfish, shells and a bit of luck octopuses can be seen.



Watercity

Description: A beautiful drive along the northcoast of the island takes you towards Heraklion and the east side of the island. Close to the village of Anopoli located on a mountaintop is the beautiful park of Watercity, the biggest water park in Crete. Watercity provides people of all ages with the chance to enjoy their holidays, a day filled with fun on the many exciting “slides”, but you can also swim, play many water games, relax and enjoy the sun in and around the many pools or on a sunbed in the green and beautiful park of Watercity.

Includes:

- English speaking Guide
- Entrance Tickets

Excludes:

- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities



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Adventurous Excursions
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Samaria Gorge

Description: The Samaria gorge is the longest trekking gorge in Europe. It is an area of stunning natural beauty. Rare flora and fauna have survived in this area and are protected. The mountains that have formed it are wild, high and steep.

You will pass through forests of ancient cypresses and pines and descend between vertical cliffs through breathtaking and constantly changing landscape. The path starts from Xyloskalo (near Omalos) in the White Mountains at an altitude of 1230 meters and comes to an end (16km)- down to Agia Roumeli, a fishing village by the South coast to the Libyan sea, accessible only by boat.

Walking through the gorge usually takes anything from 3 to 5 hours (excluding the breaks).

Duration: 06:30 – 19:30

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes

-Additional costs: boat & entrance 16€

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities

Note

Because of the extensive walking during the tour, comfortable shoes and a hat are recommended.

Participants are encouraged to bring the following:

Solid sneakers or light hiking shoes/Backpack/Light jacket for the first morning hours/
Hat/ Sunscreen/Swimsuit/Sandals/light shoes for the beach/Small towel

Snacks and small water bottle, to be refilled in the numerous springs along the route.

The latter two can be purchased in Omalos plateau during our short stop prior to the hike.



Imbros Gorge

Description:

Imbros is the perfect gorge for those who want an easy hike. It is 8km long, not steep and easy to walk through. Crossing a changing scenery, from its green start by the fertile Askyfou plain to its rocky end near the dry south coast, with some very spectacular sections, especially the several very narrow passages and with a good shade for several parts. We walk through the gorge, guided from our licensed trekking guide, who is going to point you the native plants and give you more information about the whole area. After our walk through this spectacular path (about 3 hours), we arrive to the village Komitades, The bus will be waiting for you at the exit of the Gorge at the village.

After the walk we drive to a beautiful beach, have a relaxing break and swim in the crystal clear water or enjoy a meal at the local taverns. After, we will return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Please contact concierge for further information

Includes

-English speaking Guide

Excludes

-Additional costs: Entrance 2,5€

-Personal expenses

-Tips and gratuities



Cretan Nature, Wild flowers & herbs

Description:

Flower enthusiasts have the opportunity to see some of the remarkable 1700 wild plants found on the island. Our botanical tour is based in the Amari valley, half an hour south of Rethymno, and focuses on orchids and endemic tulips of the Amari Valley and the GiousKampos plateau.

We will also identify other flowers, birds and butterflies, as well as visit historical sites and Byzantine churches, always at an easy pace. With the help of our expert you will see some of the most endemic flowers. One of the highlights of this plateau is the extremely rare Tulipa “doerfleri” and it occurs in such great numbers that the fields are coloured red. However, it only flowers for a short period. In the beautiful Amari valley, located between Mount Kedros and the snow-capped peak of Psiloritis, the scenery is stunning, the views magnificent and the flowers abundant.

Duration: 08:00 – 17:30

Includes

- English speaking Guide
- Picnic lunch

Excludes

- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities



Safari

Description:

One of the most exciting adventures in Crete is exploring the island in an off-road vehicle. Our experience will guide you to explore the wild beauty of Crete. You will be taken to remote unexplored places to admire the spectacular views and feel the excitement of traveling off-road to the unique landscapes of Crete. Breathtaking gorges, mountain lines, magic forests, lakes, rivers extinct species and cultural monuments will be the highlights of this safari. Experience a safari adventure with a qualified driver and guide. Starting this adventure you will pass through the Gorge of Prasses, then you will spend some time at traditional villages such as Karines and Spili for lunch. After that you will stop at the famous Preveli beach with the palm forest and its exotic beach. You will have free time to relax and swim in the Libyan sea. At the way back you will visit also the beautiful Kourtaliotiko Gorge and finish the trip with an unforgettable panoramic view of the city of Rethymno.

Duration: 8 hours

Includes

- Land Rover Defenders
- Experienced and informative drivers
- Traditional meal (Menu of your choice : fresh fish, pork, chicken or vegetarian meal, with a variety of appetizers and Greek salad) and unlimited Cretan wine.

Excludes

- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities



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Culinary Excursions





Cooking Class

Description: Based on authentic recipes and using fresh ingredients from the Cretan land we will take you on a unique journey of flavors and tradition. Experience the Cretan gastronomy, learn to create healthy dishes and cook them. A fun and interactive cooking class for any level of experience. Guests will receive a small lecture on Cretan cooking terminology at our exquisite garden and hands on lesson and participation on the kitchen where they learn how to prepare and cook typical Cretan dishes.

In the end you have written recipes and you can consume your own creation, a five course lunch or dinner includes appetizers, salad, first course, main course and desert with a glass of wine, raki and a bottle of water.

Duration: 4 hours (combining cooking and eating time)

Includes

- costs of ingredients
- chefs time
- lunch or dinner
- glass of wine, raki, bottle of water



Farmer for a day

Description:

Play Farmer for the Day” at the Agreco Farm and learn just how it feels to make and eat home-made traditional Cretan food.

Get a ‘hands-on’ experience including:

- Preparing stuffed vegetables.
- Making farmhouse bread and baking it in the wood-burning oven. Try it fresh from the oven, dipped in virgin olive oil.
- Visiting the wine press to taste organic wines and see where grapes are pressed by foot in the autumn.
- The raki still that produces Crete’s famous tsikoudia.
- Picking vine leaves to make the famous Greek dolmadakia. The Agreco cook makes wrapping the leaves look so easy – so see if you are as good!
- Pick vegetables from the organic gardens to enjoy later.
- We won’t ask you to catch the hens, just collect their eggs to make village-style scrambled eggs.
- Milk the goats and help shear the sheep! See how local cheese is made and taste the fresh milk.
- Make Cretan cheese pies
- In the Farm square, visit the Chapel of St. Nicholas, watch our artist at work and pop into the Farm Shop to buy Agreco organic products to remind you of your day at the farm.

At the end of the day, relax under the shady pergola with views over the olive groves down to the sea and enjoy a farmhouse lunch including the fruits of your labour.

“Farmer for the Day” is arranged on Wednesdays from 11.00 to 15:30hrs.

PRICE LIST

Cultural Excursions

Knossos, Museum, Town	35 €
Agios Nikolaos - Spinalogka	30 €
Cultural Trail of Amari Valey	95 €

Beach Excursions & Activities

South Trip Special	35 €
Preveli	20 €
Elafonisi	35 €
Gramvousa - Balos	45 €
Chania-Falassarna	35 €
3 Hours Cruise	25 €
Caves	20 €
Watercity	45 €

Adventurous Excursions

Samaria Gorge	35 €
Imbros	30 €
Wild Flowers	95 €
Safari	80 €

Culinary Excursions

Cooking Class	80 €
Farmer for a Day	55 €



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