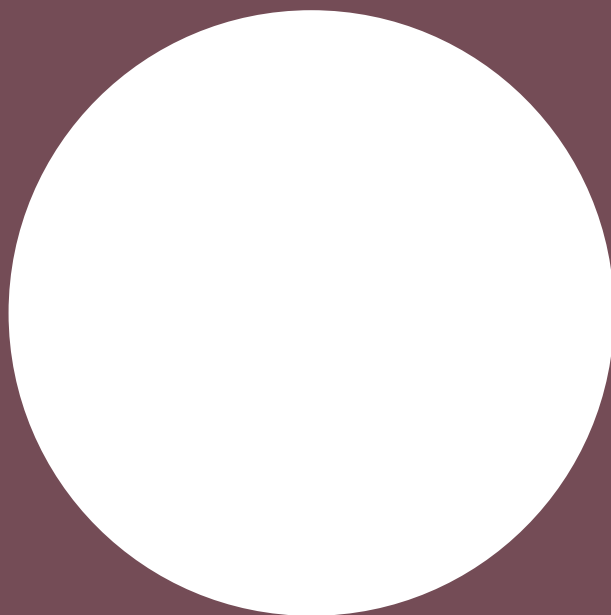


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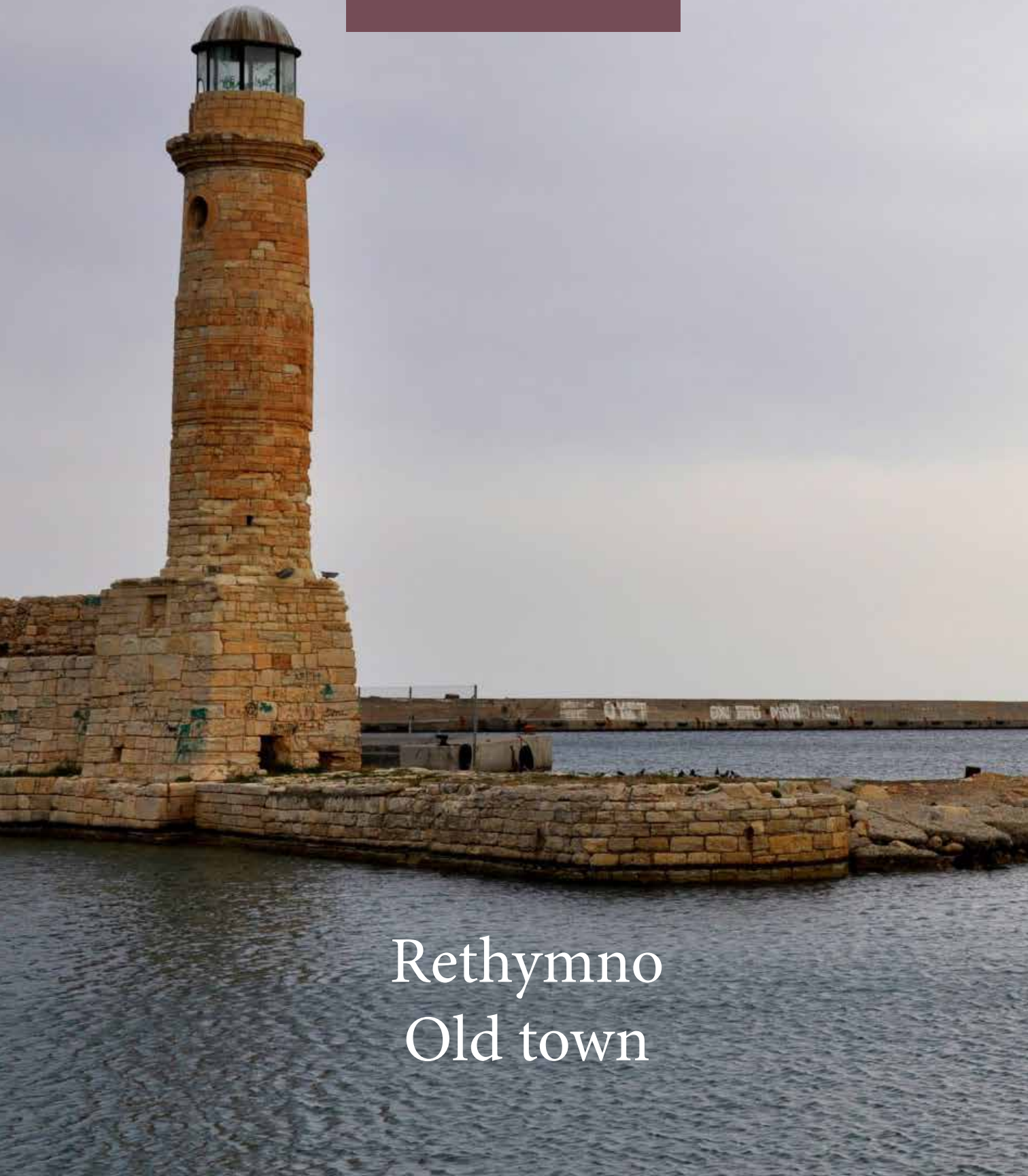
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Rethymno
Old town



Orientation walk of Old Rethymno

Description:

Nested between the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean and the remains of a 15th-century fortress, Rethymnon Old Town offers a labyrinth of narrow backstreets, soaked in history and lined by balconied private homes.

Today's old town is the core of the city. Your escort will walk you to the city's most picturesque locations. It is one of the best preserved old towns of Crete. It still maintains its traditional appearance, with its buildings dating from the 16th century, arched doorways, stone staircases, Byzantine and Hellenic-Roman remains, small Venician harbour, narrow streets and alleys. During our walk, Greek coffee and syrup sweets will be offered.

We will end the orientation walk with the discovery of an old traditional "filo and kadaif" pastry workshop.

Price includes:

English speaking escort

Bottle of Mineral water

Duration: +/- 2 hrs

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Rethymno walking City Tour and Raki Discovery

Description:

The day will start with a visit of the Venetian fortress of Fortezza. Among the well preserved monuments of the fortress are the deposits of the Artillery, the Residences of the Counselors and the Rector Retore, the Mosque of Ibraim Han and the “Erofilii” theatre.

You will continue with a town sightseeing walking tour during which, you will have the chance to explore several of the town’s most important Venetian and Ottoman monuments, such as the picturesque, colourful Venetian harbor, the Loggia, the Guora gate, the Rimondi fountain, the cathedral of St. Francis, the five Mosques of the city, the Turkish school.

The tour will also bring out plenty of hidden spots off the beaten track, which reflects the mix of influences that has given Rethymnon its very unique atmosphere.

A walk through time, promises to help you gain an understanding of how the city’s multilayered history has unfolded.

The tour finishes with a great discovery, the Raki! The cretan drink, witch accompanies every joy and pain of life of the islanders, will be offered nearby the hotel.

Price includes:

English speaking guide

Museum tickets

Raki and mezeh

Bottle of Mineral water

Duration: +/- 4,5 hrs

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Region of Rethymno



Monastery of Arkadi Eleftherna, Margarites

Description:

We start this excursion at the most impressive and historic monastery of Arkadi which is historical symbol, linked to the national pride of the Cretan people as it played a significant role in the Cretan revolt against Ottoman rule in 1866.

We then head to Eleftherna, a village of natural beauty. Here we find the ruins of the ancient city of Eleftherna, one of the most important archaeological sites in Crete. We visit the museum and its exhibits that come mostly from the “Nekropolis”. Let us discover ancient customs and habits related to death and the underworlds, as well as the reality of the descriptions of the poems of Homer.

Our next destination is the village of Margarites, famous for its pottery art and production. Strolling through the narrow streets of Margarites, we will see doorframes of stonemade houses with beautiful decoration from the times of Venetian rule. The village gives a real sense of how Cretan villages used to be in past centuries. There is an optional visit to the pottery workshop.

Enjoy a delicious local traditional meal at the central square of the village with the beautiful view to the olive groves.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Entrance tickets

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration : +/- 5 hrs

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Agia Eirini Monastery, Roussospiti, Chromonastiri, Myloi Gorge

Description:

The tour starts with a visit at the Holy Monastery of Agia Irini, which is one of the oldest in Crete and it is dated from the 2nd Byzantine period. The monastery was destroyed by the Ottomans in 1896 and was deserted for almost a century. The nuns, who now live in the Monastery, are involved in iconography, in making priests' vestments, weaving, and preparation of traditional Cretan products. Afterwards we drive to Roussospiti Village with a splendid view to Cretan Sea, wellknown as "the balcony of Rethymno". Our next stop is Chromonastiri, a picturesque village with a great legacy of the Venetian fortress-like architecture. We will visit the Military Museum which contains exhibits of different eras, such as military uniforms, weapons, medals.

Close to the village the Byzantine church of Panagia Kera is located. This has been originally a monastery with multicolored (Chroma=color) frescos dating to the 11th and 14th century. Even the name of the village comes from that old monastery. It is really worth to visit it.

Next destination is Myloi Gorge. Hosting a great number of trees and plants, the 'gorge of mills' is easily accessible and easy to walk along its trail, offering a wonderful, environmentally rich and naturally scenic hike of 4.5 kms, including small waterfalls and lakes across the river, small empty houses and a tiny deserted village. Many small churches can be admired as well.

Our driver will wait for you at the end of the Gorge to bring you back to the hotel.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Entrance tickets

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration: +/- 4 hrs

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Plakias beach, Kourtaliotis Gorge, Preveli, Myrthios, Kotsyfou Gorge

Description:

Exploring the inland area of Rethymnon and heading to the south coast, we reach the Kourtaliotis gorge, one of the most spectacular natural attractions of Crete. Along its length we see huge cliffs of limestone, reaching 500 meters in height, full of caves, where many species of birds nest, making the Kourtaliotis gorge an important biotope.

Afterwards, we reach the historical orthodox monastery of Prevelis that has played a vital role in the revolt of the Cretan people against their occupants. It is located in a glorious position with an amazing view of the Libyan sea.

Next we visit the popular tourist destination of Plakias with plenty of restaurants, cafes and bars along the south coast. It is here that you can enjoy swimming in the clear waters.

On our way back the village of Myrthios is the next destination where you can enjoy a breath-taking view of The Lybian Sea.

Then, driving through the Kotsyfou Gorge, a place of spectacular wild beauty, we pass several small traditional villages until we return to Rethymnon.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Entrance tickets

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration: +/- 6 hrs

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Kournas Lake, Georgioupoli beach, White Mountains, Argyroupoli Springs

Description:

We start our tour from Rethymno, driving along the north coast before reaching the lake Kournas, the only lake of Crete. The fresh water derives from the towering White Mountains. We can have a coffee next to the lake.

Afterwards, we will visit Georgioupolis beach which is a fine choice for swimming. The sea is clean and the beach is listed as one of the Blue Flag beaches awarded by the European Union.

We will continue to Askifou Village on the White Mountains to visit the war museum which is small, but impressively original. It commemorates the Second World War.

Back on the main road, we continue into the village of Imbros with the famous gorge.

Our next stop is Argyroupolis village which combines unique natural beauty and history. There are small picturesque waterfalls, stone built and wooden watermills and enormous plane trees offering cool shade. We can have a traditional lunch at a beautiful restaurant next to the waterfalls where you may even fish a trout yourself.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration: +/- 6 hrs

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Prasses Village & Gorge, Potami Dam Lake, Patsos Gorge

Description:

We will start our tour from Prasses, a wonderful medieval village. We can see the interaction of different cultures that passed through Crete, the Venetian mansions, the Ottoman farmsteads and the Orthodox churches. The village has been built on the edge of a gorge and is surrounded by lush greenery. This gorge is the departing point for many hiking excursions in summer.

Our next stop is the Potami Dam of Amari. It is an artificial lake where all the water from the surrounding mountains is collected. The place attracts a lot of visitors, who can admire the new created wetland, the lush landscape, the geomorphological features of the area and the dam construction itself.

Afterwards we continue driving through some beautiful villages such as Meronas and Gerakari to reach our final stop at Patsos Gorge. At its entrance there is a water infrastructure with constantly running water next to the river.

Here there is also a traditional tavern “Drymos” for lunch. An exclusive zoological park will add lots of interest since you can see there all the animals of a Cretan farm.

Price includes:

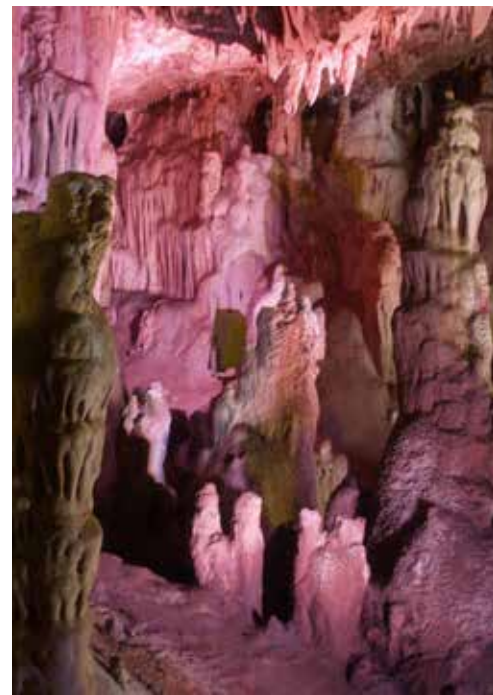
Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration: +/- 5 hrs

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Cretan Villages, Sfontoni Cave,

Description:

This is an interesting route for the experienced travellers that want to explore authentic Crete. No fancy restaurants and touristic places.

Driving through an amazing landscape, traditional villages of Crete, and points with incredible view, we will approach the village of Zoniana. Here we find the Sfontoni cave, one of the biggest and most beautiful caves of Crete, adorned with stalactites and stalagmites.

After that we drive to the traditional village of Axos. It is located at the north side of Psiloritis Mountain, 600 meters above sea level. Ruins of the acropolis' walls can still be seen today. It is estimated that the city was inhabited from the Geometric until the Byzantine period. During the 6th century the number of churches reached up to 46, some of which still stand today.

In the center of the village there is a spring where you can drink fresh water coming directly from Psiloritis, the highest mountain of Crete. You may also visit the museum with handmade statues of olive wood.

Our last stop will be in Drosia Village to have lunch at a traditional tavern. You'll have the chance to taste grilled lamb or pork prepared in the special "cretan way"!

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration: +/- 6 hrs

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Trekking and Sail- ing



Trekking Arkadi, Eleftherna, Margarites

Description:

The starting point of our walk is the famous Arkadi Monastery which played a major role in the Cretan Uprise against the Ottoman Empire in 1866. From there we follow the E4 path towards the East over rocky terrain that gives us a great view on the north coast and takes us along a valley where we can see the ruins of an abandoned monastery and a small spring.

After this we arrive at Eleftherna where we have a short break for refreshments. We will continue through the valleys that surround Eleftherna and will pass quite some remains of this ancient city which we can see from quite close, though they are all behind fences. You can also marvel at very old, beautifully shaped, olive trees. We have a picnic break with a splendid view somewhere along the trail.

After passing by the beautiful remains of a tiny village we will descend into the last valley which is green and lush.

Our final destination Margarites village is well known for its rich pottery tradition and its historical architecture. Here you will have some free time to enjoy all this and maybe try out the local cuisine in the tavern in the village center.

Walking Distance: 12km

Walking Duration: 4-5h

Price includes:

English speaking escort

Bottle of Mineral water

Duration: +/- 8 hrs

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Trekking Anopoli, Aradaina Gorge

Description:

This route takes us to the province of Sfakia, a “wild” area on the Southwest coast of Crete. Our starting point is the village Anopoli which was the birthplace of the most famous Cretan Rebel during the Ottoman Occupation: Daskaloyiannis. The village lies at 580 meters height, on the southern slopes of the White Mountains. Soon after our start we are already rewarded with a splendid view of the Libyan Sea, Gavdos island and the bay and village of Loutro.

After nearly reaching the coast we climb back up again to Liviana where we can have a break for a refreshment or a snack. The trail leads through the highest part of this village and takes us to the eastern edge of the Aradaina Gorge. We enter this wild and rugged gorge from the side and find ourselves right in the middle of it. We follow its course towards the south.

Our ultimate reward is the arrival at Marmara Beach, where we can cool down in the crystal clear waters of the Libyan Sea. We can also enjoy a meal at the small restaurant in the bay.

After our stay here we have to do a short walk that will take us to the meeting point from where our transfer is arranged.

Walking Distance: 9km

Walking Duration: 4-5h

Price includes:

English speaking escort

Bottle of Mineral water

Duration: +/- 7 hrs

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Sailing

Description:

Sailing the Cretan sea is unique! Treat yourself to a trip on a sail boat or yacht for an unforgettable experience during your vacation. Approach quiet secluded beaches, swim in crystal clear waters and enjoy the sun on the Flybridge or on a deck. Don't miss the magnificence of a Greek sunset.

Choose for as long as you decide for a day trip, an overnight trip, and even longer trips. Imagine choosing your own destination and being able to stop and swim or fish wherever you want!

-A half day cruise lasting 4 hours, for up to nine people, with complimentary wine and fruit and stops for swimming at crystal clear waters and at amazing locations around Rethymno.

-A full-day cruise lasting 8 hours, for up to nine people, that can include stop at a beach or village around Rethymnon at a place you choose and a location for swimming or fishing.

-A sunset cruise lasting 3 hours, for up to nine people to watch the fantastic, beautiful colours as the sun sinks in the western seas, while you enjoy complimentary wine and fruit or swimming around the boat or relaxing by fishing.

-A fishing cruise for up to nine people, to places where the team of the boat can indicate likely "hot spots" for keen fishermen. In that case make a combination of all the above and build the cruise you desire.

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Chania Region and City Tour

Description:

The tour starts with an exploration of the province of Apokoronas, where villages preserve the traditional colour and life continues in a relaxed and friendly way. The region offers spots of great natural beauty and interesting drives off of the main highway. We also stop at the village of Gavalochori with its fine Folklore Art Museum and the village of Vamos for a walk in its older part. Here we have a coffee brake at a typical 'kafenion'.

Reaching the city of Chania first we have a short walking city-tour through the narrow Venetian alleys to visit the most important sites. Afterwards we have enough free time for strolling through the romantic old town, for shopping, and visiting the market hall.

Now it is the time to enjoy a traditional lunch at the charming port. After lunch, we return to Rethymno and the hotel.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus
English speaking driver
Entrance tickets
Bottle of Mineral water & Snack
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Duration: +/- 7 hrs

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Knossos Palace, Cretan Winery, Archanes Village, Heracion city & Archaeological museum

Description:

This excursion starts with the visit at the most important archaeological site in Crete, the Minoan palace of Knossos which is associated with thrilling legends, such as the myth of the Labyrinth and the Minotaur.

Later on we drive to a Cretan Winery which is located 18km past Knossos, where we have a guided tour. It includes vineyards, cellars where wine is aged in oak barrels and a wine tasting of 6 wines made from the indigenous varieties of Crete. A unique experience of flavors, fun and knowledge. Our drive continues to the village of Archanes. This beautiful village has many restored sandstone houses from the Ottoman period and an inviting square with high shady trees, for a sampling of Cretan food and drink.

Next destination is the Archaeological museum of Heraklion. It houses representative artifacts from all Periods of Cretan prehistory and history covering a chronological span of over 5,500 years from the Neolithic period to Roman times.

Finally you can then explore the city of Heraklion which offers plenty of options for shopping and food.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Entrance tickets

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

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Duration : +/- 7 hrs

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Gortys, Phaistos, Mattala

Description:

On this private tour we drive through a beautiful scenery, of the mainland of Crete towards the south. Here we visit Gortys, one of the most extensive archaeological sites in Greece, with an unbroken history of 6,000 years, with just some parts open to the public : the early Christian basilica of St Titus, the Odeon which brings on its walls an extended inscription of the 5th century B.C that is considered as the first European legal code and the famous Plane Tree under which Zeus and Europe loved each other.

Our next destination is Phaistos, the second biggest Minoan Palace, founded from King Rodamantys in southern Crete by the side of the oldest productive European valley of Messara. It was also the city that gave birth to the great wise man and soothsayer Epimenidis, one of the seven wise men of the ancient world.

Our final stop will be at the coastal Mattala, the ancient harbour of both Phaistos and Gortys, known for its wonderful sandy beach and the caves carved into the rocks, graves of the Roman times on the island, discovered from the hippies at 1960s-1970s. You can enjoy a swim and lunch before the return journey back to Rethymnon.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus
English speaking driver
Entrance tickets
Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

Duration: +/- 6 hrs

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Specific interests



Botanical gardens of Crete

Description:

In the place of the Cretan landscape stands a walking, educational and entertainment park-unique in its kind in Crete. Get acquainted with the more than 150 species of fruit trees together with the dozens of herbs, medicinal and ornamental plants, while enjoying the walk through a lush natural environment. The dramatic scenery here is composed of rare samples of the local flora and fauna, as well as tropical and subtropical species from all over the world!

This adventure in nature, follows paths of unique natural beauty and provides visitors with the opportunity to get acquainted with the numerous different plants and trees.

Includes

- English speaking Driver
- Entrance Tickets

Duration: +/- 6 hours

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Olive Oil & Crete Winery Tour

Description:

Our first visit is at the modern “Kanakis” olive oil factory to in order to learn about the process of olive oil production and taste the fine Cretan olive oil. Here we meet an ancient olive tree, one thousand years old. We continue to the innovative olive mill where all production steps and details are described to you. We can taste two different servings of the exquisite, extra virgin olive oil. One pure with no addings and another traditional oil with lemon and salt. Little secrets about storage, best use and healthy attributes can be discussed as well.

Our next visit is at one of the best wineries of the region, where we will enjoy a 30-40’ tour. We will learn about the history, tradition and the latest developments in the production of wine as well as legends related with Dionysus, the God of wine. You will participate in a fully guided tour at the plantations of the winery, the cellar and the production area. After the tour, we will continue on to the wine tasting room, where you will be able to taste five types of wine, accompanied with traditional rusks and olives.

Our last stop is at the village of Vrysses in order to end our daytour by tasting local yogourt with honey, while sitting next to the river.

Price includes:

English speaking escort

Bottle of Mineral water

Duration: +/- 4 hrs

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The Sheperds Shelter

Description:

This traditional stone-built Shepherd Shelter (Mitato) is located at 848m height, on a slope of the renowned Psiloritis mount.

The people there are ready to share with you their passion for the distinct Cretan traditions and lifestyle. You have the unique opportunity to view the sheep milking, join the cheese-making, experience the sheep-shearing or participate in the fiesta of raki distillation. Join them in herbs collection and traditional cooking and indulge yourself with the local delicacies and wine they offer.

Visit the Shepherd's Shelter and live like a Cretan for one day.

Price includes:

Transport with a/c deluxe taxi/mini van/mini bus

English speaking driver

Bottle of Mineral water & Snack

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Duration: +/- 6 hrs

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