



DISCOVER CRETE

7 days - 6 nights

Crete is more than an island—it is a world of its own, where myth and history blend seamlessly with dramatic landscapes, vibrant towns, and warm Cretan hospitality. This carefully designed journey invites you to discover the island at your own pace, traveling through its most iconic regions while enjoying the freedom of a self-drive adventure.

Your exploration begins in **Heraklio**, the island's lively capital and gateway to the legendary Minoan civilization. Walk along imposing Venetian walls, visit world-class museums, and step into myth at the Palace of Knossos, where the story of King Minos and the Minotaur comes to life. From here, follow the coastline eastward to the tranquil beauty of the **Mirabello Gulf**. Agios Nikolaos, Elounda, and the historic island of **Spinalonga** reveal Crete's softer side—azure waters, charming harbors, and poignant history set against breathtaking scenery.

As you continue, discover unspoiled **Eastern Crete** with palm-fringed beaches, ancient ruins, and timeless monasteries before reaching the lively resort area of **Hersonissos**. The journey then leads west to **Rethymno**, a town of elegant Venetian mansions, Ottoman influences, and a magnificent fortress overlooking the sea. Every corner tells a story.

Western Crete unfolds with dramatic mountain roads, wild gorges, and some of the island's most beautiful beaches. **Chania** enchants with its romantic old harbor, colorful streets, and rich multicultural heritage. Optional adventures—from hiking the **Samaria Gorge** to exploring hidden coastal villages—add unforgettable moments to your journey.

Balancing culture, nature, history, and relaxation, this itinerary captures the true essence of **Crete**. Let the island's landscapes inspire you, its history fascinate you, and its people welcome you as family. **Crete** is calling—come and discover it with us.

DAY 1 HERAKLIO

Arrive at Heraklio by airplane or boat and pick up your hire vehicle. Heraklio is the capital of Crete and the largest city of this island, and there is plenty to explore: the massive Venetian walls, the medieval castle in the harbour, Morozini's fountain and many other Venetian buildings and monuments, as well as the beautiful old town is a must see. Its museum, devoted to the Minoan civilisation is one of the most important museums in Europe. You can of course travel to the archaeological site of Knossos, located 10 Km south-east. This Minoan palace is part of the most ancient city in Greece, a place of Legend. Overnight in Heraklio:

DAY 2 HERAKLIO- AGIOS NIKOLAOS

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from Heraklio and drive east along coast towards Agios Nikolaos area. Agios Nikolaos is the beautiful gulf of Mirabello on the north coast is the capital of Lassithi province. There are lots of beaches nearby and good taverns in town. On the way, you can visit ancient Malia, or continue to Elounda and enjoy the panoramic views of the Gulf of Mirabello, a quiet fishing village. From there you can take a boat and sail to the island of Spinalonga with its Venetian fortress, a former leper colony. Admire the coastline when driving to Agios Nikolaos, with its picturesque port. Overnight in Agios Nikolaos (B)

DAY 3 AGIOS NIKOLAOS - HERSONISSOS

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from Agios Nikolaos, and before reach Hersonissos, you can choose to either relax in Agios Nikolaos or at a nearby beach or decide to explore Sitia before reach Hersonissos: Near Sitia is the ruin of Ancient Zakros, the Toplou Monastery, and the famous Vai Beach with its forest of palm trees, unique in Europe. Take the road towards Hersonissos and overnight in Hersonissos. (B)

**PRICE PER PERSON
IN DOUBLE OCCUPATION**
EUR 1.058.-

Surplus Single Room **EUR 342.-**

HIGH SEASON INCREMENT
(July – August) **EUR 150.-**

DEPARTURES 2026

**Every day from April
through November.**

FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE!

If you have another plans, adding or changing some items, extending your stay, talk to us and we will update your trip

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Heraklio town, in the selected hotel category including breakfast
- 1 night in Agios Nikolaos town, in the selected hotel category including breakfast
- 1 night in Hersonissos, in the selected hotel category including breakfast
- 1 night in Rethymno town, in the selected hotel category including breakfast
- 1 night in Chania town, in the selected hotel category including breakfast
- All excursions mentioned on the itinerary
- Entry tickets to visits mentioned on the itinerary are included

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- 6 days rental of selected car type, tp be delivered/returned at the airport in Crete
- Parking costs and fuel
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters.
- Personal expenses





DAY 4 HERONISSOS-RETHYMNO

Breakfast in the hotel. Depart from Heronissos and drive along the main coastal road towards Rethymno. On the way before reaching Rethymno, you can choose to stop at Panoramas- small traditional fishing village- and continue for a visit to Arkadi Monastery, a place with special historic interest. Then arrive in the town of Rethymno, which is a picturesque city which retains its ties with the past, with Venetian influences. The old quarter is rich and elegant, well-preserved Venetian and Ottoman architecture with historic houses. The huge Venetian Fortress, built in the 16th Century, overlooks the picturesque harbor with its charming 13th century lighthouse. This city has great choices of cafes and good restaurants. Overnight in Rethymno. (B)

DAY 5 RETHYMNO-CHANIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from Rethymno to Chania and drive along the main coastal highway; alternatively you can drive south out of Rethymno, towards the coastal village of Plakias. From there drive west, along the coastal road to Hora Sfakion via picturesque Frangocastello. Along this stretch of coastline are some of the most beautiful and natural beaches in Crete. After Hora Sfakion take the main road back north, following the signs to Chania, one of Crete's largest cities. This particular scenic drive climbs over high mountains, alongside a steep gorge and offers spectacular scenery with sweeping views of the coast.

Overnight in Chania (B)

DAY 6 CHANIA -HERAKLIO

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning spend time in the city of Chania. The city of Chania and the western part of Crete has much to offer to the travelers. You'll be able to choose from a walk around the old city's maze of streets, wander around the covered market or walk along the sea wall and take in the sight of Chania's recently restored ancient Venetian lighthouse, or hike around Samaria Gorge, one of the Crete's most beautiful sites, with 16 Km of rugged landscapes or go sightseeing on the peninsula of Gramvousa, featuring archaeological sites and heavenly beaches. Why not extend your stay to see a lot more!!! Then you can drive towards Heraklio town. Overnight in Heraklio (B)

DAY 7 HERAKLIO - ATHENS - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy your final moments in Crete, taking time to reflect on a journey filled with history, breathtaking landscapes, and authentic island experiences. Depending on your departure schedule, you may wish to enjoy a last stroll through Heraklio, savor a Greek coffee, or pick up a few local delicacies and souvenirs to take home. At the agreed time, drive to the airport or port to return your vehicle and continue to Athens for your onward journey. As your Discover Crete experience comes to an end, you leave the island enriched by its ancient legends, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. From Minoan palaces and Venetian towns to turquoise seas and mountain villages, Crete offers memories that linger long after departure. We hope this journey has inspired you and that Crete will remain in your heart—inviting you to return and explore even more of its timeless beauty. End of our services. (B)

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

