



# JOURNEY TO CRETE

9 days - 8 nights

*There are journeys that take you to new places, and then there are journeys that awaken something deeper — a sense of wonder, connection, and timeless beauty. This carefully designed itinerary invites you to experience **Greece** not simply as a destination, but as a living story that unfolds day by day, from the cradle of Western civilization to the soul-stirring landscapes of **Crete**.*

*Your adventure begins in **Athens**, a city where ancient marble temples rise above vibrant neighborhoods, and where philosophy, democracy, and art were born. Walking its streets is like stepping through layers of history, from classical glory to Roman grandeur and Byzantine devotion, all seamlessly blended with modern life. As the sun sets behind the Acropolis, you'll feel the unmistakable magic that has captivated travelers for thousands of years.*

*From there, the journey flows naturally to **Crete** — an island of legends, dramatic coastlines, and warm hospitality. Here, time slows down. Olive groves stretch to the horizon, Venetian harbors shimmer under golden light, and mountain villages preserve traditions passed down through generations.*

*Whether you choose to explore ancient Minoan palaces, relax on pristine beaches, or simply wander charming old towns, **Crete** offers a profound sense of authenticity and freedom.*

*The rhythm of overnight ferry crossings adds romance and anticipation, as the Aegean Sea gently carries you between worlds. Each morning brings a new setting, a new perspective, and new memories waiting to be made.*

*This is more than a vacation — it is an immersive experience filled with iconic sights, meaningful moments, and space to explore at your own pace. A journey designed for those who wish not only to see Greece, but to truly feel it.*

## DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN ATHENS

Arrival in Athens after your international flight. Reception at the airport and transfer to the chosen hotel and registration. Athens is the capital of Greece with a history of more than three thousand years, making it one of the oldest inhabited cities on the planet and which played a fundamental role in the development of democracy and philosophy and which influenced the development of Greece, Rome and Western culture. City rich in archaeological remains, of which the most famous is the Parthenon in the Acropolis, although they are not limited to buildings of the classical Greek era but also include Roman and Byzantine monuments. Enjoy your time at leisure for private activities and explore its streets or discover the Acropolis at your own pace or go shopping on the Plaka District, where you will also find typical restaurants with delicious and fresh menus.

## DAY 2 ATHENS — Overnight ferry to Heraklion

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel and join a half-day guided tour of Athens, including a bus tour at the Panathenaic Stadium, the Presidential residence, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial of the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). Then you will proceed with a guided visit of the Acropolis and finally the New Acropolis Museum. After the end of the tour transfer back to your hotel for a free afternoon. Late in the afternoon you will be transferred to Piraeus port. Embarkation on your ferry and sail off to Heraklion port, capital of Crete Island. Overnight in sailing to Heraklio. (B) (D)

## DAY 3 HERAKLION

Breakfast at the hotel. Arrive early in the morning at Heraklion Port, where your driver will be waiting for you to be transferred to your hotel. After some time to refresh, you set out to discover Heraklio, the dynamic capital of Crete and a city deeply connected to the island's ancient Minoan heritage and Venetian past. Your city tour starts at the impressive Venetian Walls, among the best-preserved fortifications in the Mediterranean, offering insight into Crete's strategic importance through the centuries. You will visit the iconic Lion Square, the heart of the city, dominated by the Morosini

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through November**

### FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE!!

If you are planning to make changes in the program, please let us know to update the costs and prepare a wonderful plan for you.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Private transfers from/to the airport
- ✦ 8 nights accommodation in 3\*\*/4\*\*\* hotels including breakfast.
- ✦ Overnight ferry Athens-Heraklio
- ✦ Overnight ferry Chania-Athens
- ✦ Dinner and breakfast during the traversy
- ✦ City tour in Athens, Heraklio and Chania
- ✦ Entry tickets according to the

### NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- City taxes (to be paid directly at the hotels)
- Meals and drinks and other services not mentioned in the program.
- Tips for guides, conductors and porters.
- Personal expenses







Fountain, where locals gather and daily life unfolds. Continue toward the Venetian Loggia, an elegant building that once served as a meeting place for nobles and today stands as a symbol of Heraklion's rich architectural legacy. The tour also includes the exterior of the Koules Fortress at the old harbor, guarding the entrance to the port and providing beautiful views over the sea. As you stroll through the historic center, you will experience lively markets, traditional shops, and vibrant streets that reflect modern Cretan life rooted in tradition. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Heraklio. **(B)**

#### DAY 4 HERAKLION

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is at leisure to further explore Crete according to your interests. You may choose to relax or join an optional excursion, such as visiting the legendary Palace of Knossos, discovering charming villages, or enjoying the island's stunning coastline. Crete's diversity of landscapes and history ensures a rewarding day, whether spent actively or at a relaxed pace. Overnight. **(B)**

#### DAY 5 HERAKLION - CHANIA

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, transfer across the island to Chania, passing through scenic landscapes of mountains, olive groves, and coastal views. Upon arrival and check-in at your hotel, the rest of the day is free to begin exploring this enchanting town. Chania is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Greece, known for its romantic old town and picturesque Venetian harbor. You may wander through narrow cobbled streets lined with colorful houses, artisan workshops, and traditional tavernas, or enjoy a leisurely walk along the waterfront as fishing boats sway gently in the harbor. **(B)**

#### DAY 6 CHANIA

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning you enjoy a guided city tour of Chania, a town shaped by Venetian, Ottoman, and Greek influences. Your walk begins in the Old Town, where history unfolds through its labyrinth of streets and hidden courtyards. You will explore the Venetian Harbor, dominated by the historic lighthouse, one of the oldest in the Mediterranean, offering a striking focal point against the sea. The tour continues through the former Venetian and Turkish quarters, where mosques, churches, and restored mansions coexist, reflecting the city's multicultural past. You will see the exterior of the Firkia Fortress, once used for defense and later as a prison, and stroll through vibrant local markets where aromas of herbs, cheeses, and spices fill the air. Along the way, your guide shares stories of Chania's role in Crete's resistance movements and daily life traditions that still endure today. The afternoon is free to enjoy Chania at your own pace — relax by the sea, explore museums, or indulge in authentic Cretan cuisine at a waterfront restaurant. Overnight in Chania. **(B)**

#### DAY 7 CHANIA Overnight ferry to Athens

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a full free day to savor your final moments in Chania, a city that effortlessly blends culture, scenery, and relaxed Cretan lifestyle. This is the perfect opportunity to revisit favorite corners of the Old Town, browse boutique shops for local products such as olive oil, leather goods, and handmade ceramics, or enjoy a leisurely coffee overlooking the Venetian Harbor. After enjoying the day at your own pace, you will be transferred in the late afternoon to Chania Port to embark on your overnight ferry to Athens, carrying with you the flavors, colors, and warmth of Crete. **(B) (D)**

#### DAY 8 ATHENS

Breakfast on board. Arrival early in the morning at Piraeus Port, and transfer to your hotel in Athens. The rest of the day is free to explore the city, offering a wide range of cultural and experiential possibilities. You may choose to deepen your understanding of ancient Greece with a visit to the National Archaeological Museum, home to one of the world's most important collections of classical antiquities. Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely walk through historic neighborhoods such as Monastiraki and Plaka, where vibrant street life, traditional shops, and cafés create a charming atmosphere beneath the Acropolis. You may take a half-day tour to Cape Sounion to admire the Temple of Poseidon dramatically perched above the Aegean Sea, or choose a day cruise to the nearby Saronic Islands of Aegina, Poros, and Hydra, offering a refreshing taste of Greek island life within easy reach of Athens. Overnight. **(B)**

#### DAY 9 ATHENS - RETURN

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time in Athens for private activities. To agreed time, airport transfer for your return flight or connection for your further trip in Europe. End of our services. **(B)**

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

