



📅 15 Days

📍 Locations Included

- Chania (4 nights)
- Heraklion (3 nights)
- Santorini (3 nights)
- Mykonos (2 nights)
- Athens (2 nights)

# Daily Schedule

Day	Highlights	Location
Day 1	Arrival in Chania, Free day in Chania	<a href="#">Aisha Petite Suites</a> Chania
Day 2	The Walking Tour Of Chania Old Town	<a href="#">Aisha Petite Suites</a> Chania
Day 3	The 7 Villages Of Apokoronas Tour	<a href="#">Aisha Petite Suites</a> Chania Meals: Lunch
Day 4	Your Tailored Elafonisi Escape: Cretan Dream Where Time Doesn't Exist	<a href="#">Aisha Petite Suites</a> Chania
Day 5	Knossos Palace & Authentic Crete with Local Experiences	<a href="#">Seascape Luxury Residences</a> Chania to Heraklion
Day 6	Luxuries of Mirabello with Spinalonga and Agios Nikolaos	<a href="#">Seascape Luxury Residences</a> Heraklion
Day 7	Free day in Heraklion	<a href="#">Seascape Luxury Residences</a> Heraklion
Day 8	Heraklion to Santorini, Free afternoon in Santorini	<a href="#">Nefeles Luxury Suites</a> Heraklion to Santorini
Day 9	Cooking, Hiking, Snorkeling in Santorini!	<a href="#">Nefeles Luxury Suites</a> Santorini
Day 10	HS Catamaran Sunset Cruise MD	<a href="#">Nefeles Luxury Suites</a> Santorini Meals: Dinner
Day 11	Santorini to Mykonos, Free afternoon on Mykonos	<a href="#">Anax Resort &amp; Spa</a> Santorini to Mykonos
Day 12	Rhenia & Delos day cruise	<a href="#">Anax Resort &amp; Spa</a> Mykonos Meals: Lunch
Day 13	Mykonos to Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens	<a href="#">Niche Hotel Athens</a> Mykonos to Athens
Day 14	Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour	<a href="#">Niche Hotel Athens</a> Athens
Day 15	Depart Athens	

# Detailed itinerary

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## Arrive in Chania



### Private transfer from Chania Airport to Hotel

Private transfer

Upon your arrival, your private driver will be waiting for you to take you to your hotel hassle-free.



### Free day in Chania

Self guided

Strolling around the Old Town's maze-like alleys with the beautiful Venetian mansions, the fountains, and the churches will guide you through well-preserved historical monuments.

The city of Chania is built on the area of Minoan Kidonia, at the end of the homonym gulf between Akrotiri and Onicha peninsulas. It was the former capital city of Crete (from 1847 until 1972). Nowadays, it is the second-largest city of Crete after Heraklion and the capital of the homonym prefecture.

Get familiar with the city of Chania by wandering around in its streets, visiting its museums, and admiring the different architectural styles presenting the historical route of the city.



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## Chania



### The Walking Tour Of Chania Old Town

Private group · 2 hours

If you have visited Chania just to admire the famous monuments and the well-known spots inside the Old Town and the Venetian Harbor, this tour is not for you. This is something that anyone can do, and probably you have already done it! On this tour, you will do something different! There are streets, buildings, high spots, neighborhoods, and monuments that only the locals know about. You will walk on the stone paths the Venetians, the Ottomans, and the old Cretans used to live and work.

You will admire the incredible flower-decorated neighborhoods, learn about Cretan history, mythology and traditions, meet the locals and eat like locals. Join us on a unique tour through the ages and explore the other side of the city. You will visit the old societies of Topanas, Splantzia, Kolombo, and Kasteli, hills to admire the panoramic view of the harbor, traditional Cretan shops, and magnificent buildings.

You will also visit the ancient ruins of the great Minoan Kydonia and the Byzantine-Venetian moats' high walls. The most important thing that you will learn from this experience is that in a few hours you will tour and learn about five old civilizations, see their architecture, know about their culture and hear the ancient spirits' history and tales!

\*Remember to wear sensible shoes for the walk.

#### Tour Highlights

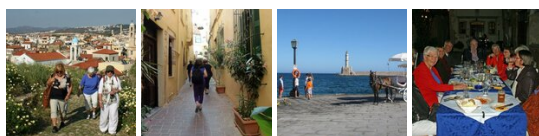
- Discover the historical heritage of Chania city.
- Learn about the culture and traditions of Crete.
- Visit the unknown historical paths of Chania city.
- Live the experience with a licensed professional local guide.
- Explore the hidden spots of the old town and the Venetian harbor.
- Enjoy the walk through the narrow streets and the flower-decorated neighborhoods.

#### Inclusions:

- Lobby pick up /drop off (only for central hotels)
- Licensed-professional local guide
- Bottled water per person
- Analytic information on Crete's history

#### Exclusions:

- Gratuities (optional)
- Hotel pick up/drop off from non-central hotels
- Full Meal



### Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.



## Halepa And Tabakaria Private Walking Tour

Private group · 2.5 hours

One of the most important and historical places in Chania is the Halepa area. The noblemen and kings' neighborhood will surprise you with the 19th and 20th-century historical facts. You will walk around beautiful buildings and admire the miracle of the past centuries' architecture.

Today, Halepa, with its imposing mansions and luxury villas, is considered the aristocratic neighborhood of Chania. Eleftherios Venizelos's house, one of the most important Greek politicians in Halepa, is famous as the scene of the most important political events in the 19th century. It was the site of the High Commissioner's palace, i.e. the governor of semi-autonomous Crete during the time of the Independent Cretan State. Here also were located the consulates of the Great Powers during the same period.

You will walk by the old buildings of the "great school of diplomacy" and the French nuns' School (girls) San Joseph guild. On Dagli Street is Agia Magdalini church (St Mary Magdalene), built in the Russian style. The church was built by Prince George of Greece in 1901-1903, when he was High Commissioner of Crete, with funds he brought from Russia. The church stands out due to its architectural style and Russian dome. There locates in the new archaeological museum of Chania, an imposing modern building with terrific historical exhibits.

Halepa is also known for its big factories of leathers and the port of fishers, Tabakaria area, with magnificent fish taverns. Optional tavern visit at the end of the tour.

Remember to wear sensible shoes for the walk.

### Tour Highlights

- Visit the unknown paths of Chania city.
- Enjoy a walk beside the sea in the Tabakaria area.
- Learn about the history, culture, and traditions of Crete
- Live the experience with a licensed professional local guide.
- Discover one of the most historical neighborhoods of Chania
- Explore the Venizelos house, the palace, and the Agia Magdalini church

### Inclusions:

Licensed-professional local guide

Bottled water per person

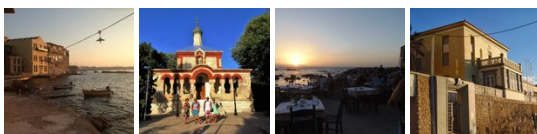
Analytic information on Crete's history

### Exclusions:

Gratuities (optional)

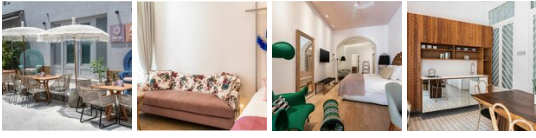
Hotel pick up/drop off from non-central hotels

Meal



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## Chania



### The 7 Villages Of Apokoronas Tour

Private group · 6 hours · Lunch Included

This is a tribute tour to the Cretan way of life, culture, and local traditions. We visit a selection of the most charming villages in

Apokoronas province and we experience the following:

- Greek coffee at a local “kafeneio”
- Short walks and photo-stops at the villages of Apokoronas
- Cheese tasting in Cretan varieties
- Hidden churches and more
- Tour and tasting at a traditional bakery
- Cretan family-style lunch

This is a tour of the unique area of Apokoronas, the eastern province of the Chania region. The purpose of this tour is to introduce to the visitors this island, the pure side of the Cretan mainland. Tour around the villages, meet the locals, taste the delicious local products and learn everything about Crete’s history, culture, and traditions.

Following a route through nature and traditional Cretan villages, you will have a short stop for a Greek coffee at a local “kafeneio” in a picturesque village and then you will drive towards Vrises village, your next photo-stop destination.

The next stop is the theatre “Mikis Thodorakis and the hidden church of St. Antony, built on the rock. The experience of the Cretan cheese-making process follows. You visit a cheese factory and taste the local “Graviera” “Mizithra” or “Anthotiros” cheese varieties. You will also taste some olive oil on warm bread, cookies, and Cretan biscuits in the local bakery.

After that you will enjoy lunch in a traditional “kafeneio” in Fres village, speaking with the locals and learning many things about the countryside way of life. You will have the chance to see pure beauty and feel the real Crete around you. Apokoronas is one of the most historical places in Crete because of its people. This amazing province is waiting to reveal its secrets and is ready to be explored by you!

#### Inclusions:

- Hotel pick up and drop off
- Bottled water per person
- English speaking, local driver/escort
- Greek coffee
- Cheese tasting
- Bakery fees and tastings
- Traditional Cretan lunch with local wine
- Transport by air-conditioned minibus/minivan

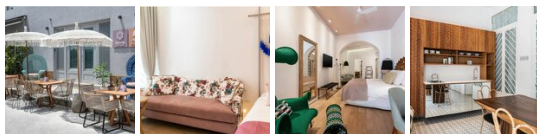
#### Exclusions:

- Gratuities (optional)
- Additional food and drinks



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## Chania



### Your Tailored Elafonisi Escape: Cretan Dream Where Time Doesn't Exist

Private group · 8 hours

Somewhere between heaven and earth, there is a Cretan beach paradise sculpted by nature over ancient times.

On some days, this geological masterpiece is connected to the coastline of South-Western Crete, and on others, it is an otherworldly island you can easily wade to through a shallow sea corridor.

Imagine basking in crystal blue waters of the intermingled Cretan and Libyan Seas. With your toes sinking in the fine white sand that is blissfully blended with flecks of pink from millions of crushed shells as the fresh sea breeze touches your cheeks leaving salt crystals in its wake.

There are many ways to appreciate Elafonisi, but none quite as rewarding as a tailored and stress-free escape for the discerning travelers who pursue traveling at their own pace.

We believe you deserve to be spoiled with a distinct service and bespoke details.

On the road trip across the golden expanse of West Crete rely on the local expertise of our top local insider to immerse in a true adventure and localize off-the-beaten-path delicious family taverns in the comfort of luxury chauffeured vehicle.

Need more tailor-made details on this idyllic retreat? Upon request, we can organize a picnic at one of the gorgeous little coves that are dotted all over Elafonisi; a basket of ripe fruit, local gourmet snacks, and award-winning Cretan wine at your side as you delight in passionate panoramas of the flaming sunset.

This is your relaxation rhythm. Take things slower, breathe deep, and luxuriate in your freedom.

#### ITINERARY

- Journey across West Crete as we perfectly adapt your personal itinerary as slow-paced or as fast as you prefer
- Spoil yourself for choices as we make brief stops along the way to Elafonisi so as to connect with the limitless splendor of this region
- Embrace the overwhelming wild beauty of Topolia gorge that expands gloriously alongside the road leading to Elafonisi
- Lose yourself in the endless charm of the island lagoon of Elafonisi where the sky touches the sea and time simply doesn't exist
- Discover scrumptious family taverns and tuck in authentic tastes of West Crete that will open your taste buds to a new world of flavor
- Encourage your travel curiosity and walk the steps to the cavernous temple of Agia Sofia by soaking up the elemental the energy of this sacred place
- On the way back, enjoy everlasting moments as the sunshine pours over the sea and flickers as if diamonds had been sprinkled across it

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ 8 hours duration
- ✓ Personal pick-up & drop-off with a flexibly adjusted pick-up time

- ✓ Chauffeured VIP vehicle at your disposal
- ✓ Vehicle comforts: mineral water, fresh fruit & snacks, Wi-Fi, USB sockets & hygiene amenities
- ✓ Private knowledgeable local insider guide
- ✓ Exclusive insider-access opportunities & tailored details
- ✓ Dine as locals: restaurant & bar recommendations



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## Chania to Heraklion



### Knossos Palace & Authentic Crete with Local Experiences

Private group · 8 hours

Your day trip will start with a personal pick-up by your private driver with a premium class vehicle on disposal, at any convenient time of the day. Every detail for your maximum comfort and privacy will be assured during the day.

The first stop of the itinerary will be at the Palace of Knossos where your archaeology specialized private guide will guide you at the majestic Minoan monument by exploring the depths of the oldest civilization in Europe. You will find inspiration from the legends of King Minos and the Minotaur, the palatial labyrinth, and the iconic artwork.

Then, you will explore the authentic Cretan village of Skalani which is famously rich for its local olive and vineyard products as well as the off-the-beaten-path eateries and traditional local delicacies.

Just outside the village, a short stroll will take you to a quintessentially local award-winning winery of Boutari. At this Cretan winery, which dates back to 1879, your local insider guide will acquaint you with the harmony of nature and human labor which is dedicated to the organic production of high-quality Cretan wines. Not to mention the experience of the full flight of winetasting, perfectly paired with local delicacies such as a handpicked selection of charcuterie and cheese.

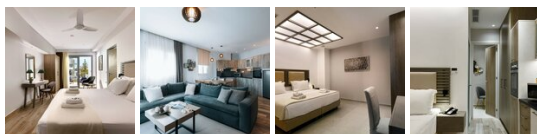
Next, you will experience a journey to the authentic West Crete by visiting the Venetian village of Melidoni. Just not far from the village, together with your local insider guide, you will explore the Melidoni Cave a place of worship of the Minoan worshipers of the mythical bronze giant of Crete, Talos.

Your village-hopping will continue for a Cretan lunch in the village of Argyroupolis with its fresh-water springs, breezy waterfalls, old mills, and the ancient lush green landscape. This itinerary stop is dedicated to your authentic gastronomic experience. You will taste delicious Cretan recipes with deep roots and experience bottomless Cretan hospitality. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore the ancient city of Lappa, on which the village of Argyroupolis was built, where ancient baths and basilicas with mosaics are still preserved.



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## Heraklion



### Luxuries of Mirabello with Spinalonga and Agios Nikolaos

Private group · 8 hours

When the Venetians first encountered Mirabello, they exclaimed "Look, beautiful!"

But what is Mirabello? It is a Gulf of quintessential beauty nestled in the Eastern Crete corner and embraced by the wine-dark sea and hospitable locals, the Eteocretan (true Cretans) as Plato called them.

Pair up with our top local insider on this idyllic retreat and spoil yourself with tailored details while whisked around the Gulf in the comfort of a luxury chauffeured vehicle.

Connect with the authentic local lifestyle on a village-hopping escape at the island's eastern edge. Admire the geological wonders as you glide across crystalline panoramic seascapes.

Hop on a traditional Caique to discover the glorious island-fortress of Spinalonga as we bring old-world stories back to life. Do not miss the chance to bask in the azure waters of the secluded sandy coves tucked under cave-studded mountains.

Hop off in the picturesque village of Plaka to indulge in the seafood tastes of delicious tavernas on the waterfront.

On the way to Agios Nikolaos, revel in luxurious panoramas of Elounda's elite haven intermingled with alluring views of the archaic Minoan city Olous.

Stroll the iconic city that oozes a chic vibe and soak up the splendor of the mythical lake while unwinding at the eclectic wine-cocktail bars.

By the end of the day, visit a family olive oil production estate and let our producers immerse you into their techniques of producing delectable olive oil.

#### ITINERARY

- Luxuriate on this stunning Mirabello getaway perfectly paired with our tailor-made service and local expertise
- Visit a time-honored Byzantine monastery nestled among aged olive groves and sweet vineyards exuding an everlasting serenity
- Village-hop your way along the panoramic Eastern edge lane by capturing Mirabello through the eyes of the locals
- Uncover the perfect peak of the mountainside to take in the bird's eye views of Spinalonga and blue vistas of Mirabello
- Take the traditional Caique to the island fortress and swim in the sapphire blue waters of the Gulf
- Tuck into the scrumptious cuisine of Plaka and its irresistible riches of the sea cooked with authenticity and masterful execution in every bite
- On the scenic road to Agios Nikolaos wallow in the superb panoramas of Elounda's luxury and the magnificence of the lost ancient cities
- Share timeless moments in the glamorous Agios Nikolaos and unwind at the town's signature wine-cocktail bars
- Submerge in the dense gold-green tastes of Cretan gold by discovering a boutique olive oil domain

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ 8 hours duration
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- ✓ Chauffeured VIP vehicle at your disposal
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- ✓ Private knowledgeable local insider guide
- ✓ Exclusive insider-access opportunities & tailored details
- ✓ Dine as locals: restaurant & bar recommendations



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## Heraklion



### Free day in Heraklion

Self guided

The cradle of the Minoan civilization.

Heraklion is the largest city of Crete and one of Greece's major urban centers. The city flourished under a multicultural influence throughout the centuries; that's why there is a plethora of Byzantine, Venetian, and Ottoman structures to look out for!

The city's landmark is the 16th c. Koules fortress in the westernmost side of the old Venetian port, which along with the fortification walls (dating back to the same period) are among the most significant and imposing sights.

What to see in Heraklion:

Start your visit at the old Venetian port where you can see the vaulted tarsands (shipyard) where ships used to be built during the Middle ages. On its west, you can't miss the 16th c. Koule Fortress whose first walls were built by the Arabs and were later reinforced by the Venetians in the 15th century. The Martinengo bastion, the only one out of seven that is preserved today, is where the renowned writer N. Kazantzakis' tomb is located and overlooks the city. There are only 2 out of 4 entrances to the city that still stand and you can see, Chanioporta (1570) Gate with its marble relief winged Lion of Saint-Marc and the New Gate (1587) on the south side of the fortress.

In the heart of the city, there are many monuments dating back to the Middle Ages, a period in which Heraklion witnessed great prosperity. From the port, ascending 25 Avgoustou (August) street, you will reach the public square, where the church of Agios Titos is found built in 1872 on the site where a Byzantine church once stood. Next to it lies the 16th c. Venetian Loggia, a Venetian building with ornate arcades and walls, sculptures, etc. that served as a meeting place for the Duke and other noblemen during the Venetian period.

Don't miss Heraklion's Venetian and Turkish fountains, scattered around the city. The most famous one is the Venetian-style Morozini fountain (aka the Lions fountain, 1628), a landmark for locals and visitors alike. Other noteworthy Venetian fountains are the Bembo fountain (1552-1554) on Kornaros Square, the Sagredo fountain (1602-1604) built in the northwestern corner of the Loggia building, and the Priuli fountain (1666) located near the port. The most interesting Turkish fountains are: Philanthropic fountain (1776), on Kornarou Square next to Bembo fountain, wherein our days you can enjoy a refreshment as it runs as a coffeehouse; Idomeneas fountain (behind the Historical Museum of Crete), Genitsar Aga Fountain (on Ikarou street) and many more.

Among the churches of Heraklion, the one that stands out is the imposing Metropolis of Agios Minas, on Agia Ekaterini Square, built between 1862-1895. Adjacent to it, stands the chapel of Mikros Agios Minas and on the northeast, you can pay a visit to the 16th c. church of Agia Ekaterini, which runs as a museum housing exhibits from the Cretan Renaissance. The church of Agios Markos (13th century) towers over Venizelou Square. Other significant churches in the city are Panagia Akrotiriani, Panagia ton Stavroforon, the Monastery of Agios Petros and Pavlos etc.

The Heraklion Archaeological Museum, one of the most significant museums in Greece, must be added to your to see list; it showcases unique treasures of the Minoan civilization unearthed from Knossos, Phaistos, Malia, and other sites. Other museums that are noteworthy are the Historical Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and the Cretaquarium (aquarium in the area of Gournes). At a short distance from the city of Heraklion, in the area of Hersonissos, you can enjoy a golf game on a court ideal for either beginners or

advanced players.

Last but not least, the food market of Heraklion, is where you will find all sorts of products as well as traditional Cretan ones such the famous Cretan olive oil, raki, local wine, honey, herbs, etc. which you can just as well take back home with you as a souvenir!



## Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.



### **Ancient Palaces with Minoan Wine Routes & Iconic Matala Beach**

Private group · 8 hours

Hop down to the heart of Central Crete, the beloved land of our ancestors, and let the wonders of the Minoan world collide on this luxurious passage of time.

By the comfort of a luxury chauffeured vehicle and escorted by our top local insider revel in the endless luxuries of the ancient Messara plain where wine-red fertile soils treasure lavish vineyards and the oldest olive groves stretch perennially toward the horizon.

What does Crete taste like in a wine glass? Visit a family award-winning winery set on the peak of allure panoramas and let our passionate winemakers immerse you into their intoxicating world of Cretan vintages.

Luxuriate in ages by unearthing the Bronze Age palaces of Phaistos and Homeric Gortyna that exude timeless energy from the glorious Classical & Hellenistic periods.

Discover storied villages and Byzantine Monasteries nestled within otherworldly landscapes.

In the late afternoon, tuck in the care-free bohemian vibe of Matala the heaven of flower children that captivated Bob Dylan & Janis Joplin.

Bask in the turquoise waters of the Libyan Sea and unwind in the charming village irresistible for its freshly caught grilled fish enlivened by splashes of lemon.

Not to mention the shellfish deliciously prepared to perfection and accompanied by finest the ouzo.

To us, travel means putting fire in your soul by shaping your own idyllic connection with Crete.

### ITINERARY

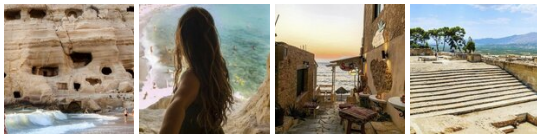
- Journey to South-Central Crete the land of old-world splendor and spoil yourself with a tailored and perfectly personalized service
- Wander the picturesque village of Agios Myron and step into his sacred Cave where healing water still gushes from within the rock
- Stroll through the archaic Palace of Gortyna famous for the Great Inscription of Gortyn that later became the Spartan Law
- Wallow in the golden expanse of Messara Plain and visit a boutique winery to submerge into luxuriant Cretan wine flavors
- Embrace the legendary Phaistos palace, the seat of Rhadamanthus, where Festos Disc the secret hieroglyphic script was excavated
- Discover the Cretan sacred jewel of Odigitria-Agiofarango Monastery with a strong monastic tradition

linked to Apostle Paul

- Dive into the azure waves of the Libyan Sea and delight in scenes of spectacular sunset fading in its grandeur next to the iconic caves of Matala
- Savor scrumptious seafood dishes from the fresh catch of the local fishermen by indulging in the culinary significance of South Crete

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ 8 hours duration
- ✓ Personal pick-up & drop-off with a flexibly adjusted pick-up time
- ✓ Chauffeured VIP vehicle at your disposal
- ✓ Vehicle comforts: mineral water, fresh fruit & snacks, Wi-Fi, USB sockets & hygiene amenities
- ✓ Private knowledgeable local insider guide
- ✓ Private history-archaeology specialized guide
- ✓ Exclusive insider-access opportunities & tailored details
- ✓ Dine as locals: restaurant & bar recommendations
- ✓ VIP skip-the-line accesses



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## Heraklion to Santorini



### Transfers & ferry between Santorini & Heraklion Crete

Private transfer

Time to say goodbye to fascinating Crete island and get ready for majestic Santorini!

Your private driver will come to pick you up and transfer you to Heraklion port to catch your ferry to Santorini port.

Upon arrival in Santorini port, your private driver will be waiting for you to greet you and transfer you to your hotel.



### Free afternoon in Santorini

Self guided

The popular Greek island of Santorini is blessed with all of these attractive features and more. This lovely volcanic island in the Cyclades lies in the middle of the Aegean and is well known for its strikingly white cliff-side homes with their pretty deep blue rooftops.

Visitors will be treated to dramatic ocean views, pristine beaches, traditional Grecian architecture, many fascinating historical sites, fine dining, and numerous, excellent local wineries. With all of this on offer, it is little wonder that this remarkably romantic island has become one of the world's most popular island getaways with numerous points to explore and indulge your senses!



## Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.



### Sunset Wine Tasting & Dine

Private group · 5 hours · Dinner Included

A traditional village, splendid local wine, food, and dreamy colors on the sunset sky compose a delightful and romantic excursion to Santorini's unique tastes and best views.

Your tour starts with a picturesque journey to the past, with whitewashed and stone buildings and vivid colors! You walk among the traditional mansions of Megalochori village, exploring its Cycladic alleys and admiring the local architecture of past times.

The famous Rock Heart, a naturally-shaped heart "sculpture" in between the rocks, becomes your amazing frame for pictures of the Caldera and the Aegean Sea.

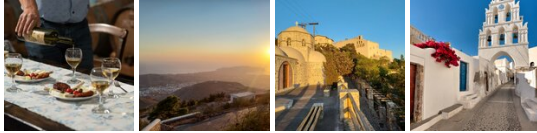
Canaves, typical cave-shaped constructions of Santorini the local self-taught architects of the past built,

host you on your next stop. Tradition, local delicacies, and wine meet at one place, with a wine tasting. Let the local wines and pure products thrill your palate!

The last, memorable touch to your tour: you select your favorite wine and enjoy it overlooking Santorini's sunset from Prophet Elias mountain, the highest point of Santorini overlooking the entire island.

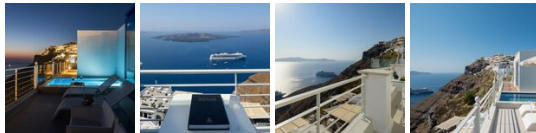
Itinerary: Megalochori, Winery, Sunset

Transfers from/to meeting points, Local Assistant, Entrance fees, Wine tasting, dinner



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Main Street, Fira PC.



## Santorini



### Cooking, Hiking, Snorkeling in Santorini!

Private group · 4 hours

Explore the gorgeous, largely untouched landscapes of Santorini during a guided hiking tour, then learn the secrets of unlocking the most wonderful flavors of Greek cuisine during a cooking class. A delicious lunch enjoyed

with your fellow travelers completes this unique Grecian experience!

After convenient pickup from your hotel, head to a church that's dedicated to the Dormition of the mother of God just outside the traditional village of Akrotiri, where you begin your hiking adventure.

Set off along a trail that showcases incomparable views of both sides of the island, in and out of the immense caldera for which Santorini is known.

Pass through sprawling vineyards and long-deserted chapels that take you back to what life was like on this island during bygone generations.

This scenic hike leads you to the idyllic beach of Mesa Pigadia, where you will have some time to relax, swim, and snorkel amid the area's dramatic scenery.

Then, you will be welcomed by our talented chef who's excited to show you the secrets of traditional Grecian cooking.

Join her in a cooking lesson that will help you prepare a variety of lovely dishes all bursting with flavor.

After enjoying a delicious homemade meal, we will transfer you back to your hotel.

Inclusions: Transportation, English-speaking local Assistant, Lunch, Snorkeling equipment



## Optional Activities

Your specialist has selected these for you to consider.



### Local tastings

Private group · 4 hours · Lunch Included

Santorini's food and wine together at this delightful tour! Explore the "map" of history and wine-making of the island, followed by a cooking class and splendid lunch.

You follow the "wine trail", guided by a sommelier: the history of Santorini hand-in-hand with the grape varieties and the volcanic characteristics that help them flourish. Then come the one-of-a-kind aroma table of Assyrtiko wine and the special wine tanks that help this wine, typical of Santorini, mature.

Last but not least, a tour of the Afoura barrels cellar.

Following your wine experience, a delightful cooking class comes next where you master Santorinian cuisine! Enjoy a glass of Assyrtiko wine while you are guided by an expert chef on cooking Santorinian salad, the typical fava and tomato fritters, and Santorini's version of moussaka.

You try the specialties you cooked! Enjoy the lunch you cooked and let a sommelier unveil the world of Santorini wine to you. Of course, this is the perfect timing for a little more wine: a wine tasting is the last touch to this excursion, full of flavors and aromas.

Inclusions: Transfers from/to meeting points, Entrance fees, Cooking lesson, Meal



### **All time classic Santorini**

Private group · 10 hours · Lunch Included

This excursion starts by taking you to a journey in time and the island's history – from Prehistoric Thera to the myth of Lost Atlantis, going on with the natural beauties of Santorini and its much-praised wine.

You are guided the prehistoric town that inspired the Lost Atlantis myth is unveiled before your eyes! This town was buried under the volcanic ash after the huge volcano eruption of 1612 BC that destroy the Minoan civilization. Your licensed guide introduces you to Akrotiri, and walking with you between the paths and the well maintained buildings, that ancient Greeks live before, so many centuries.

A beach like no other, the Red Beach: a scenery reminding Mars on earth, right by the sea. We are exploring it together!

Also, you will visit the Prehistoric Museum of Santorini through its most special findings. The selection brings into life Akrotiri of the 18th and 17th century BC, one of the most important centers of prehistoric Aegean Sea, unfold in front of you.

Enjoy your journey to the world of Santorinian wine with one more tasting of seductive local wine varieties. The wine varieties guide you to the unique micro-climate of Santorini and its mark on the island's most famous product. The 4 exquisite local wines of this tasting come perfectly paired with a 4-course lunch.

Next and unforgettable stop the breathtaking views of Fira and Firostefani from the iconic Blue Dome.

After this, you take a refreshing break in your day by the black beach of Santorini.

Pyrgos, the oldest village on the island built on a hill with panoramic views of Santorini, comes next! Postcard-inspiring neighborhoods, with whitewashed houses and colorful flowers carry you away in past decades, while you enjoy views of the entire island.

Your next stop is Prophet Elias, the highest point of Santorini with spectacular, panoramic views of the only habitable Caldera in the world and its surroundings – just the perfect location for pictures.

The best end to the excursion you could wish for: breathtaking Sunset views upon drinking a cocktail inspired from Santorini!

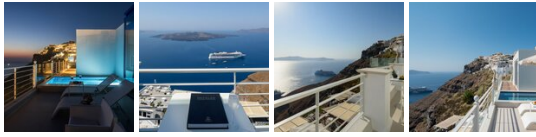
Itinerary: Akrotiri Excavations, Red beach, Prehistoric Museum, Wine tasting and Lunch, Blue Dome, Black Beach, Pyrgos, Pr. Elias, Sunset

Inclusions: Transfers from/to meeting points, Entrance fees, Licensed Guide, Wine tasting with Lunch, Cocktail



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Main Street, Fira PC.



## Santorini



### HS Catamaran Sunset Cruise MD

Small group · 5 hours · Dinner Included

First stop: Volcano and Hot Springs for approximately 30 minutes; enjoy a swim in the therapeutic waters. On the way back, soak up the dramatic views of the Caldera rim.

Second stop: We continue sailing in the Aegean blue waters moving across the Indian Rock & Venetian Lighthouse with cinematic landscapes ideal for photography and video. We then move to White Beach and Mesa Pigadia for approximately 60 minutes where you can relax, swim or snorkel while we are preparing a Greek cuisine-inspired BBQ on board.

Third stop: Volcanic Red beach for swimming and snorkeling for approximately 30 minutes.

Inclusions: Transportation from/to hotel, BBQ on Board, Snorkeling gear

Starting point: Ammoudi - Ending point: Vlychada

Includes:

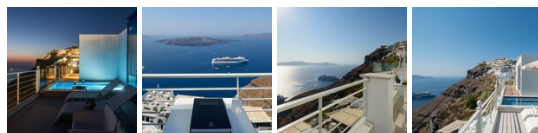
- Traditional Greek appetizers
- Seafood pasta
- BBQ prepared on board
- Santorinian wine, beers, soft drinks
- Roundtrip Transportation
- Snorkeling gear
- Free Wifi
- Blankets
- Towels

Remember to wear your swimsuit and your flip-flops!



### Nefeles Luxury Suites

Main Street, Fira PC.



## Santorini to Mykonos



### Transfers & Ferry from Santorini to Mykonos

Boat · 2.5 hours

Your private driver will pick you up and transfer you to the port.

Catch the ferry to Mykonos.

Upon arrival, your private driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



### Free afternoon on Mykonos

Self guided

Enjoy a free afternoon on Mykonos! Here are some ideas of what you can do:

- If you need to get your toes in the sand immediately, head to remote Agios Sostis beach to find your own isolated paradise.
- For a more active experience, Ftelia Beach is known for its excellent windsurfing.
- Stroll through Little Venice, an 18th-century neighborhood where colorful former captains' mansions and seaside restaurants seem to sprout straight from the sea. It's also right next to the island's famous hillside windmills for great photo ops.



## Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.



### Mykonos Island tour and Stroll in Town

Private group · 4 hours

The tour of the island will start with a visit to the old capital of Mykonos, Ano Mera. The big square in the middle of the village with all traditional café and restaurants and the big marble fountain, the 16th-century Monastery of Panagia Tourliani with the unique icon of Holy Mary, makes Ano Mera the most attractive and traditional village of Mykonos.

We continue our drive to some of the most famous beaches of the island, Elia, Kalo Livadi, and Kalafatis.

On our way back we will reach Agios Ioannis beach on the island's west coast stopping en route at a scenic overlook with views of nearby Delos island. Another short stop for photo shooting at a panoramic view spot and we continue to explore the labyrinth of Mykonos town.

Walking through the narrow traditional alleys, visit the stunning Windmills, the Little Venice, the Paraportiani church with the unique shape in the Castle area.

Admire the harmony of Cycladic architecture, the whitewashed houses, that shine like pearls under the sun. Stroll down the small fish market and maybe you will meet the city's mascot Petros the Pelican.

At Matogianni street you will find some of the most famous worldwide boutique brands along with local souvenir shops and stylish bars.



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Agios Ioannis





## Mykonos



### Rhenia & Delos day cruise

Group tour · 7 hours · Lunch Included

The Cycladic Sisters, Mykonos, Delos, and Rhenia, each with her own personality, are among Greece's most precious treasures.

Our cruise boat leaves Mykonos' old port and arrives approx. 45min. later at Rhenia island. We anchor by a deserted beach where you'll have time to take a swim in the crystal-clear waters, sunbathe on the fine sandy beach or stroll around the place. On the island, one can find solitude and enjoy the sea with its beautiful blue/green color that changes as you approach the shore. Sandy coves, clear crystal waters, and uncrowded beaches are a Rhenia island specialty.

Lunch will wait for you afterward on board with homemade Greek flavor treats! The menu includes Barbeque Souvlaki (chicken/pork), Greek salad, tzatziki, rice, bread, and seasonal fruit.

At around 14:30 we sail to Delos island in order to admire the archeological site (the entrance fee is paid extra). If you don't want to see Delos your captain will also give you the opportunity to visit another beach near Delos and continue swimming while the rest of the group explores Apollo's birthplace.

At around 16:30 we'll start the trip back to Mykonos and the Old Port after a day full of fun and unique memories!



### Optional Activities

Your specialist has selected these for you to consider.



### Escape the Ordinary

Private group · 4 hours

We welcome the guest to our Chorio, where he guest participates in a complete guided tour of the farmstead.

At the end of the tour and with the escort of our driver and tour guide, we board the car and start a unique journey to the north uninhabited side of Mykonos. The guest has the opportunity to experience and capture the wild beauties of the island in places difficult to reach and unknown to many while being informed by the guide about traditional habits and the way of life of the locals.

This route ends at a remote beach where you can enjoy the sea and the sun in complete tranquility and exclusivity.

During the stay at the beach, a cold light lunch of traditional Mykonian delicacies is offered, accompanied by cool drinks & beverages.

Additionally, if desired, the guest can order, at the time of booking, to have a meat or seafood BBQ, while at the beach.

Finally, the guest returns to the Chorio where he can depart for his hotel.



### Private Full day Hiking with Wine tasting

Private group · 6 hours

An ideal, fun, informative, and senses-capturing combination of a private, customizable hiking tour and a wine tour, addressing the guests' wishes and fitness level, their culinary explorations desire, and their sense of wonder.

Different options of trails, distances, and difficulty levels are offered to meet our participants' hiking expectations,

whereas the private vineyard tour and lunch at the organic farm offer the perfect closure to the day's activities.

Our goal is for the participants to experience the other side of Mykonos in its pure and untouched form.

Since this is a custom tour, the final route is decided in coordination with the participants, in order to meet their expectations and physical condition.

**6 BEACH TIME** A hidden, unspoiled, almost private beach is our hike's destination. At the beach, depending on the hikers' pace, the chosen route, and the activities as well, we have time to rest and enjoy the Aegean blue waters.

During the beach break, we offer our guests homemade organic lemonade and a snack and allow them free time to select their beach activities, as described below.

#### OPTIONAL BEACH ACTIVITIES

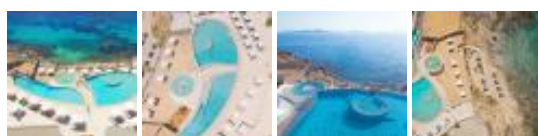
The optional activities at the beach are:

- Swimming,
- Underwater photo shooting by the tour leader, who will become the participants' personal photographer and underwater choreographer (weather permitting)
- Beach photo shooting
- Sunbathing



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Agios Ioannis



## Mykonos to Athens



### Transfer from Mykonos to Athens

Boat

Time to say goodbye to Mykonos.

You will be picked up by your private driver and will be transferred to the port for your ferry to Athens.

Upon arrival in the port of Athens (Piraeus) your private driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



### Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

Self guided

Use the afternoon to scope out some of the museums that you are interested in. The city has a whole slew to be explored, depending on what specialty speaks to you.

For more history and mythology:

- Acropolis Museum
- National Archaeological Museum
- Museum of the Ancient Agora
- Archaeological Museum of Kerameikos

Find some fine arts at:

- Benaki Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- National Gallery

Go off the beaten path at:

- Museum of Cycladic Art, where you can also buy some truly unique souvenirs
- The digital interactive museum at the Platonic Academy, next to the site where the actual Academy stood
- Museum of Ancient Greek Technology in the center of Athens, featuring a working model of the Antikythera mechanism, the first analog computer

Museum tickets and guided tours can be arranged upon request.



### Niche Hotel Athens

21 Syngrou Avenue & 2 Vourvachi Street, Athens



## Athens



### Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour

Private group · 8 hours

The complete ancient Athens experience!

Dive into the marvelous world of Ancient Athens with a full-day tour at all the must-visit sights.

Uncover stories from Greek mythology throughout the visit of the magical Acropolis and 2 more landmarks in the city.

Continue with a unique Acropolis museum tour that explores the private and public lives of ancient Athenians by decoding the hidden messages within the artifacts they left behind!

Kick off your ancient Athens mythology experience with a visit to the magnificent Temple of Olympian Zeus which was, and still is, the unofficial entry point to Athens and the mythological start of this glorious city.

From there, your top-rated guide will take you all the way to the Theater of Dionysus and then the magnificent Acropolis. In Acropolis, you will visit the Temple of Athena Nike, the Temple of Erechtheion, the Propylaea, and of course, the marvelous Parthenon.

Here, the most famous ancient myths come to life, stories concerning beings such as almighty Zeus; his daughter Athena, goddess of wisdom and protector of Athens; Poseidon, god of the sea; and Dionysus, god of wine. But what's even more intriguing is that you'll also find out what truths hide behind these myths and why the Ancient Greeks created them.

Your ancient Athens experience continues to the Ancient Agora. It is here that democracy was born and where great philosophers such as Socrates spoke about global truths. But here you'll also learn about Theseus and the Minotaur; about Hera, the ever-jealous wife of Zeus; and about Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty.

Through the myths, you will finally understand how Athens managed to create such a reputation and such monuments that are still immortal and legendary.

After a short break during which you'll have some free time for a quick lunch at a spot of your own choice, you will reach one of the world's most important museums, the Acropolis Museum, filled with a vast collection of beautiful objects from thousands of years ago and world-famous for its stunning Parthenon Marbles.

As no ancient Athens experience is complete without meeting the people of Athens, you will be introduced to two Athenians from the city's Golden Age, whose everyday lives you'll explore as you move through the exhibits. Their personal stories are hidden in the things they left behind, the artifacts that we encounter at the museum today. Your expert guide will lead the way in connecting the past to the present through a series of fun games and activities. As you take part in the activities, you'll learn all about Ancient Greek history and culture.

By the time you finish this museum adventure, you will know what made this ancient city so special, and you'll understand, too, the modern relevance of its crowning glory, the Acropolis.



## Niche Hotel Athens

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## Transfer to Athens International Airport (ATH), Departure



### Private Athens Airport transfer

Private transfer · 45 minutes

Time to say goodbye full of memories and stories to tell back home!

Your private driver will be waiting for you at your hotel to transfer you safely and hassle-free to the airport for your flight out.



# Accommodations

Day 1 - 5

## Aisha Petite Suites

The Aisha Collection is a carefully selected range of suites, villas, and hotels for the most enjoyable stay in Chania. Arrange your next getaway today at one of the accommodations...

- ★ 3.5-star Hotel
- ☎ +30 6906017826
- 📍 Sarpidona 6
- 🔗 [Hotel website](#)

FRIDA+ZIZETTE self-catering

Two Rooms Types next to each other with a shared living room and kitchen

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Day 5 - 8

## Seascape Luxury Residences

In the heart of the cosmopolitan resort destination of Agia Pelagia, the Seascape Luxury Residences have redefined the meaning of Cretan hospitality and invite you to enjoy an atmosphere of...

- ★ 4-star Hotel
- ☎ +30 2810371625
- 📍 Agia Pelagia
- 🔗 [Hotel website](#)

Deluxe 2-Bedroom Suite Sea View - Self-catering

The Deluxe 2 Bedroom Suite Sea View of Seascape Luxury Residences is the most luxurious and commodious option for family vacations. it offers two double bedrooms, a spacious bathroom with walk-in rain fall shower, an open-plan common area comprising a dining area/living room with sofa-bed, flat-screen TV and a fully equipped kitchen. The most prominent feature of the Suite is its spacious private veranda (40 m2) which is furnished with an 8 seat luxury dining table and comfortable sunbeds. Being a penthouse, the Deluxe Family 2 Bedroom Suite offers a breathtaking view of the bay of Agia Pelagia. It is ideal for a vacationing family of up to six members who are looking for privacy, comfort and autonomy.

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Day 8 - 11

## Nefeles Luxury Suites

Under the bright, azure sky of Fira Town, Nefeles Luxury Suites lies right across the imposing volcano, offering sweeping, panoramic views. Masterfully built on the edge of the caldera, it...

- ★ 4-star Hotel
- ☎ +30 2286028555
- 📍 Main Street, Fira PC.
- 🔗 [Hotel website](#)

Grand Suite with private hot tub and caldera views including daily breakfast

With outdoor private hot tub & caldera sea view (two bedrooms)

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Day 11 - 13

## Anax Resort & Spa

Boasting a seafront location in Agios Ioannis in Mykonos, Anax Resort ideally blends Cycladic architecture with modern amenities.

- ★ 5-star Hotel
- 📍 Agios Ioannis
- 🔗 [Hotel website](#)

2 Bedroom Suite with Private Pool [Side Sea View] including breakfast

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Day 13 - 15

## Niche Hotel Athens

The boutique 4 star hotel in the heart of Athens that redefines the meaning of the Athenian hospitality.

“Niche” means comfort, rejuvenation and security in accommodation.

An accommodation...

- ★ 4-star Hotel
- ☎ +30 2160700500
- 📍 21 Syngrou Avenue & 2 Vourvachi Street, Athens
- 🔗 [Hotel website](#)

2 niche Acropolis View Rooms with breakfast

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## What's Included

### Activities

- Day 2: The Walking Tour Of Chania Old Town (private group)
- Day 3: The 7 Villages Of Apokoronas Tour (private group)
- Day 4: Your Tailored Elafonisi Escape: Cretan Dream Where Time Doesn't Exist (private group)
- Day 5: Knossos Palace & Authentic Crete with Local Experiences (private group)
- Day 6: Luxuries of Mirabello with Spinalonga and Agios Nikolaos (private group)
- Day 9: Cooking, Hiking, Snorkeling in Santorini! (private group)
- Day 10: HS Catamaran Sunset Cruise MD (small group)
- Day 12: Rhenia & Delos day cruise (group tour)
- Day 14: Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour (private group)

### Transportation

- Day 1: Private transfer from Chania Airport to Hotel
- Day 8: Transfers & ferry between Santorini & Heraklion Crete
- Day 11: Transfers & Ferry from Santorini to Mykonos
- Day 13: Transfer from Mykonos to Athens
- Day 15: Private Athens Airport transfer

### Accommodations

- Day 1 - 5: 4 nights stay at Aisha Petite Suites (Chania)
- Day 5 - 8: 3 nights stay at Seascape Luxury Residences (Heraklion)
- Day 8 - 11: 3 nights stay at Nefeles Luxury Suites (Santorini)
- Day 11 - 13: 2 nights stay at Anax Resort & Spa (Mykonos)
- Day 13 - 15: 2 nights stay at Niche Hotel Athens (Athens)

## Excludes

- International flights
- The meals not mentioned in the trip plan
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance, and repatriation insurance
- Optional excursions, activities, and optional tours
- Reservations marked as "reserved by traveler" are reservations that the traveler is responsible for directly. These items are not reserved or supported by kimkim and are included in the trip plan just for completeness.

## Places you will visit

### Chania

4 nights



Chania's Old Town Harbor

A charming 14th-century harbor and lighthouse, a Venetian old town, and Ottoman and Egyptian influences make **Chania** one of the most scenic spots on **Crete**. A walking tour of the old town will introduce you to the Minoan city of **Kydonia**, the Venetian walls, and the bustling **Municipal Market**. If you want to get out into nature, day trip out to the famous **Elafonisi** beach or **Gramvousa** and **Balos** beaches, or trek the **Samaria Gorge** all the way out to sea and the sleepy coastal village of **Agia Roumeli** that's only accessible through the Gorge or by boat.

Delve deeper into Cretan history and culture on kimkim experiences that explore the beautiful surrounding countryside. Take a tour of nearby villages with stops at producers of highly-regarded local food and drink, or a farm-to-table lunch and cooking class at the **Botanical Park & Gardens of Crete**, where three climate zones coexist on the slopes of the plateau of **Omalos**. Or tailor your tour to one of the specialty local products: an olive tour through **Kolymvari** will take you through ancient groves and out to the **Olive Tree Museum of Vouves**, where you'll learn about the many applications of the olive, one of the most celebrated Greek exports, including a soap-making demonstration.

Suggested things to do:

- Stroll the seafront promenade away from the crowds and out to the neighborhoods of **Halepa**, full of beautiful neoclassical mansions, and **Tabakaria**, the old tannery district is now dotted with small, atmospheric tavernas.
- Enjoy the area's beautiful beaches. **Balos** and **Gramvousa** (accessible only by boat) are some of the best in the world, or stay closer to town and hang out at the sandy, shallow **Kiani** and **Almyrida** beaches.
- Day trip out to **Kournas Lake**, Crete's only freshwater lake and a protected ecosystem full of bird life. Horseback ride, try out a water-cycle ride, or just enjoy the views.
- Get up early to walk through the old port and enjoy the colorful architecture without the crowds.
- Browse the craft shops within Chania or venture out to the arts and crafts village of **Verekynthos** to find signature Cretan products like "versed" knives with inscribed poems, leather boots, musical instruments and much more.



# Heraklion

3 nights



Heraklion harbor

Crete's capital is a city of colossal historical significance, as attested to by the hugely impressive **archaeological museum** that is second-richest in all Greece, and city landmarks like the **Agios Titos Church**, an originally Byzantine place of worship made a Catholic church in the city's Venetian period and a mosque during the Ottoman period, and Orthodox since the 1920s. Centuries of history blend with modern life in the city center and along the vibrant and recently reconstructed seafront.

The **Minoan Palace of Knossos**, one of Europe's most ancient cities and the home of the mythical minotaur, is the star attraction close to the city, along with the **Diktaean Cave**, also known as the **Cave of Zeus** due to its history as one of the possible birth sites of the deity, when Rhea hid from the titan Kronos.

Journey further into the island on kimkim experiences like a countryside tour with a visit to an olive farm, a traditional Greek meal and wine tasting in the village of **Archanes**, or day trip to the uninhabited island of **Chryssi**, south of Ierapetra, where golden sand beaches without the crowds await.

Suggested things to do:

- Visit the **Archaeological Museum of Heraklion**, one of the finest of its kind in Greece, with an impressive collection of artifacts second only to the National Museum's.
- If you're in a more earth-centric mood, visit the **Natural History Museum** to learn about the eastern Mediterranean environment, with its exhibits especially suited to kids.
- Stroll from the old town to the lively seafront, stopping in some of stylish cafes for refreshments and seeing one of the city's spectacular fountains like **Morosini Lion's Fountain**, along the way.
- Walk for over 1.25 miles (2 km) along the **Venetian Harbor**, passing the 16th-century **Koules Fortress** on the way out to Heraklion lighthouse, getting great views of the nearby coast

# Santorini

3 nights



You may feel like you've already seen **Santorini** and its postcard-perfect white cliffside houses, but “wish you were here” pales in comparison to visiting in person, even with the crowds that regularly flood off the ferries and cruise ships. The island got its distinctive crescent shape due to a volcanic eruption thousands of years ago that spread ash as far afield as Egypt and is partially responsible for inspiring legends of Atlantis, the legendary lost continent. Today, you can **hike along the caldera rim**, crossing through all five towns and getting some of the best views along the way, or see the caldera coastline by hopping aboard a **catamaran cruise** that will take you down around the caldera and its volcanic hot springs. Relax on some truly remarkable beaches, many of which get vivid red or black colors from the island's volcanic activity, or taste the island's flavors through vintages like fruity white *Assyrtiko* and sweet red *Vinsanto*. Whatever you decide to do, cap it all watching one or 101 of the island's famously fabulous sunsets, so stunning you can never tire of them.

Get an insider's perspective with kimkim experiences like a guided visit to **Akrotiri**, the prehistoric city that was buried under volcanic ash for 3,000 years, or a tour of an **anhydrous farm** to learn how residents grow Santorini's famous little tomatoes, fava beans, and other specialties—without using water! Then, follow a guide on a tour from the island's pretty sunset-watching hotspot at **Oia** all the way to Santorini's lesser-known medieval settlements such as **Pyrgos**.

Suggested things to do:

- Lounge on the island's volcanic beaches that come in black, red, or white sand to suit any preference.
- Visit the archaeological site of ancient **Thera**, perched cliffside to protect its inhabitants from pirate invasions.
- Have an early dinner at a fish tavern in the small port of **Ammoudi**. The red rocks along the coast here are shown off at their fiery best at sunset.
- Dodge the crowds at the beautiful caldera rim village of **Oia** by visiting early in the morning or later into the evening once the sunset-spotters have receded.
- View sunset from the one of many vantage points along the caldera: **Akrotiri Lighthouse** is a good spot to avoid the crowds at Oia but just what place has the best angle changes every month.



# Mykonos

2 nights



*The Hilltop Windmills of Mykonos*

Known for its jetsetting reputation and signature windmills, **Mykonos**, with its nightclubs and the fetching blue-and-white buildings of the **Little Venice** neighborhood, is among the most famous of the Greek islands, and has the crowds to match. This Cycladic island is a cosmopolitan spot, with plentiful clubs, restaurants, and designer shops. Visitors can tour either the hotspots of the main town or head inland to see what Mykonos was like before modern tourism. Another fascinating nearby escape is to the ancient island of **Delos** awaits, the birthplace of twin deities Apollo and Artemis in Greek mythology and a seriously impressive archaeological site.

Kimkim travelers can sail to the uninhabited island of **Rhenia** to swim in the clear waters without the crowds. Alternatively, an inland hike will take you to hidden corners of Mykonos such as lonely **Armenistis Lighthouse**, as well as a visit to an off-the-beaten-track organic farm with delicious wines and local products to sample.

Suggested things to do:

- Reserve a seat at one of the island's buzzy beach clubs and spend the day on your sunbed.
- Seek out a quieter beach like the gorgeous **Kalo Livadi**, set on the east side of Mykonos. Though pebbly, it's much quieter than the party beaches, and a great choice if you hope to swim, as the water is almost always warm and calm.
- Experience the island culinary scene at one of the many excellent dining establishments, like **Niko's Taverna**.
- Take a late afternoon walk through **Mykonos Town** to catch the golden hour lighting over popular photo spots like the **windmills** and **Little Venice**. Stop in the shops in search of handmade jewelry and artwork.

# Athens

2 nights



Feel the echoes of 3,000 years of history as you explore the streets of **Athens** under the gaze of the **Acropolis** and its iconic **Parthenon**. The modern city wraps around the Acropolis hill, along with imprints left by Byzantine, Ottoman, and neoclassical influences. Whether you're touring some of Europe's greatest ancient monuments, walking alongside a guide through the trendy modern streets of **Koukaki**, **Pangrati**, or **Keramikos** and sampling the mosaic of food and drink along the way, or relaxing in the quietude of gorgeous green spaces like the **National Garden**, there's always something to delight you.

Previous kimkim travelers have found their own ways to interpret the city on photo tours with professional photographers. Other tour options are sure to delight the smaller members of your traveling party: a Painting the Parthenon experience with a professional artist, for example, or doing an Olympic Games workout at the **Panathenaic Stadium**, the world's only 100% marble stadium.

Just outside the city, do not miss the coastline of the up-and-coming **Athenian Riviera**, taking a dip in saltwater **Lake Vouliagmeni**, and watching the sunset over the impressive **Temple of Poseidon** on **Cape Sounion** at the tip of the **Attica Peninsula**.

Suggested things to do:

- Visit the Acropolis at sunset to avoid the crowds and take in the views during the golden hour.
- Stroll down from the Acropolis to the **National Observatory** in the early evening, where the telescope is open to the public three times a week.
- Ride the funicular up to the top of **Lycabettus** hill for panoramic views, then take a walk back down through the park to the posh neighborhood of **Kolonaki** for some quality cafe time.
- Attend a concert or play at the **Odeon of Herodes Atticus**, the ancient theater right beneath the Acropolis.
- Wind your way through the flea market of **Monastiraki** and all the artisan shops in the neighborhood of **Psyrri**, where you'll find handmade sandals, jewelry, pottery, and other unique souvenirs.