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Chania region

1. Chania Walking Tour

duration 3 hrs

A specially designed tour around the old town and Venetian port to reveal Chania's status as a cultural crossroads. Our guided walk will allow you to visit the most important sites, such as the Venetian fortifications, the Arsenal, the 1860 Greek Orthodox Cathedral, the Food Market, the Etz Hayyim Synagogue, and the old Turkish quarters behind the inner harbour. The tour will also bring out plenty of hidden spots off the beaten track, which reflect the eclectic mix of influences that has given Chania its very unique atmosphere. A walk through time, the tour promises to help you gain an understanding of how the city's multilayered history has unfolded. While it has been well researched and planned, it is designed to be informal and "loosely" organised to allow for flexibilities that can add to your pleasure.



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2. Chania Town & Surroundings

duration 4-5 hrs

Our tour will begin with a drive towards Akrotiri peninsula and visit the monastery of Agia Triada Tzagarolon. Built in the 17th century, this is one of the most impressive monasteries of Crete, set on a wonderfully overgrown landscape of olive groves and cypress trees and with a remarkable cruciform church. We will then have a short stop for photos at the Venizelos Monument, that has a panoramic view over Chania bay. Reaching the town we will walk around the old quarters and harbor of Chania. This part of town was be surrounded by the old Venetian fortifications, of which only the eastern and western parts have survived. Chania's old town is Crete's most beautiful urban district, especially the crumbling harbor with its 15th century lighthouse. We will make our way through colorful neighbourhoods, learning about the traditional lifestyle in this town. Our walking tour will allow you to visit the most important sites (the Archaeological Museum, the Cathedral, the 'leather lane' and the Market Hall) but also plenty exciting, hidden spots off the beaten track, spots that reflect the eclectic mix of influences that has given Chania its very unique atmosphere. After the guided stroll you will have time at leisure for shopping and lunch before the return to the ship.



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3. Chania Town & Biolea Estate

duration 5- 6 hrs

We will start the day with a visit to the charming town of Chania, for a short but fascinating walking tour through its narrow winding streets, the old houses, the Venetian and the Turkish monuments. A walk through time, this stroll will help you gain an understanding of how the city's multilayered history has unfolded. neighborhoods. We will continue our tour with the exploration of Kissamos, the westernmost province of Crete to visit a quaint estate producing olive oil. It is an ecological prototype farm cultivated by 5th generation owners that promote the traditional way of organic olive oil production – the olive oil is stone milled and cold pressed. Participants will be guided around the premises and have an olive-oil tasting, before the return journey to pier.



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4. Taste of Crete – Hands on Cooking

duration 6 hrs

This special market to table journey through Crete's culinary traditions is designed for food lovers and cooking enthusiasts. An insight into the regional cuisine, the tour starts with a visit in the Food Market in the heart of Chania and continues with the hands-on cooking part. Friendly and informal, it highlights the simple, seasonal foods of Crete. The activity is hosted in an authentic 18th century farmhouse surrounded by organic gardens, just a short drive from town. The location has been selected for its character and ambience, which makes for a perfect backdrop. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, guests discover how to prepare a number of Cretan dishes under the directions of a local lady cook. Those who prefer to take a less active role may choose to just relax and appreciate the atmosphere. This fun experience culminates at the table, where together, drinking Cretan wines, we will enjoy the food and the company.



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5. Chania Town & Apokoronas Province

duration 6 - 7 hrs

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6. Chania Town & Winery visit

duration 6 hrs

Start the day with a visit to the charming town of Chania, for a short but fascinating walking tour through its narrow winding streets, the old houses, the Venetian and the Turkish monuments. A walk through time, this stroll will help you gain an understanding of how the city's multilayered history has unfolded. Continue the tour with a drive along the north coast to visit a family-run winery in the foothills of the White Mountains, surrounded by scenic countryside. Participants will be guided around the premises and the cellars and enjoy a wine tasting and light lunch.



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Aghios Nikolaos region

1. Knossos Palace

duration 4 hrs

Departure from the port of Aghios Nikolaos for the world famous Knossos Palace , build by King Minos 4.000 years ago .The palace covers more than 20.000 square meters and it is one of the major cultural attractions of Greece. Participants will wander around the ancient ruins, and listen by our professional guides the story of the palace and the Myth of the Labyrinth and Minotaur.



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3. Lasithi Plateau, Zeus Cave & Lassinthos - incl. lunch

duration 8 hrs

Depart from Aghios Nikolaos port to see the mountains of Crete and some of the island's most beautiful landscapes, and the worldwide famous Plateau of Lassithi, with its thousands wind mills, and the pure village style.

Then continue to visit the famous Zeus cave (where according to the greek myth the king of the Olympian Gods was born) and Lassinthos Eco Park, where participants can visit traditional workshops of Crete. Afterwards, and before taking your way back to the port, enjoy lunch with traditional Cretan dishes.



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4. Knossos Palace, Winery & Archanes Village – incl. lunch

duration 8 hrs

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Continue to visit Boutaris Winery, one of the best wineries of Crete where participants will learn about the local wine production combined with wine tasting, olives and Cretan "Paximadi-the hard bread of Crete".

Afterwards, and before taking your way back to the port, visit Archanes, a typical Cretan village, and have a village style lunch at a local tavern.

