

---

## CRETAN Nature and History

- Stay at 5 different places
  - Comfortable 3\*\*\* hotels
  - History/nature tour
  - Professional tour guide
- Duration: 8 days / 7 nights  
Tour dates: All year round!  
Theme: Cultural/Natural Roundtrip  
Price: € .....(on request).- p.p.BB (price valid for a min. of 25 persons)

**Day 1: Arrival** in Chania. Free time. Overnight stay in Chania.

### **Day 2: Chania**

We visit the Akrotiri peninsula and the Monastery of Agia Triada for a half-day-excursion and from there to the hotel. Chania has a beautiful old port with many restaurants and taverns. A walk through the narrow alleys of the old town, a mixture of Venetian and Turkish style, in the evening is highly suggested. Overnight stay in Chania.

### **Day 3: Samaria-Gorge (approx 120km)**

Early in the morning you begin your journey through the White Mountains to Omalos Plateau (1100m high). Walking through the famous Samaria Gorge (17km-the longest gorge in Europe) is an unforgettable experience. After approx. 5-6 hours you reach the exit of the gorge, the beach of Agia Roumeli where we stop for a swim and lunch in Venus Taverna, with a lot of local specialties. Then by boat to the village of Sfakia or Sougia (depends on weather) where your coach will be waiting to take you back to Chania. Overnight stay in Chania.

### **Day 4: Rethymnon-Monastery of Arkadi (approx. 180 km)**

Departure from Chania to Rethymnon. City-tour with visit to the Venetian castle, the Rimondi fountains and the old town. Your journey continues to the national sanctuary of the Cretans, the Monastery of Arkadi. In the evening your coach brings you Heraklion, the capital of the island. Overnight stay in Heraklion.

### **Day 5: Gortys, Festos, Matala (approx 150km)**

Your journey takes you through the endless vineyards to the Greek-Roman capital of Crete, Gortys. Visit to the Odeon where you can see the oldest European law code. Moving on to Festos to visit the second largest Minoan palace. From there to Matala, right on the south coast, for lunch and a swim. Overnight stay in Heraklion.

### **Day 6: Lassithi Plateau – Agios Nikolaos (approx.140km)**

Through picturesque landscapes we find the Lassithi-Plateau, hidden in the Dikti Mountains. The Plateau is 800m high and is particularly impressing from Mount Dikti. A short walk brings us to the cave where Zeus was born and the nunnery of Panagia Kera (Byzantine frescoes). On the way back we stop in the colourful port town of Agios Nikolaos. In the evening you are offered the opportunity to have a traditional folklore evening and enjoy Cretan specialties and wine, music and dancing. Overnight stay in Heraklion.

**Day 7: Knossos Palace -Museum**

Tour to Knossos, the largest and most significant Minoan Palace which lies near Heraklion, followed by a visit to the archeological Museum in Heraklion, famous for its rich collection of Minoan art. In the evening we drive back to Chania. Overnight in Chania.

**Day 8: Departure day.**We transfer you to Chania airport to catch your flight home

**Not included:**

- + Lunches
- + Beverages
- + Entrances in Archaeological places,museums,gorge,boat tickets etc.
- + Tips
- + Supplement single room BB € .....,-
- + Supplement high season € .....,- per person BB (01.07. - 15.09.2010)

**Minimum participants:** 25 Persons

