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EXPERIENCE GUIDE

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Connect with the island as locals do and experience island life. Our team is ready to assist you in planning your itinerary.



DON'T MISS

PRIVATE DINING

Barefoot on our sandy beach or elegantly dressed at one of our waterfront decks you can transform your special day to an unforgettable experience Allow our experts to travel your senses with tailored made options. Dinners may be further enhanced with live music, fire pot and more.

Opt for the ultimate luxury with the addition of a private chef or butler, ensuring every moment of your experience is elevated to perfection.

When: April to October
Duration: As per guests wishes
Price: from 150.00€ plus the selected per person menu

THE ISLAND

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When: June to October
Duration: 6 hours
Price from 360.00€

LIVE CRETAN MUSIC & DINNER AT KAFENION

In an amphitheatric setting, the sound and flavors of Crete come alive with local mezze and a carving station, raki, strong Greek coffee, and live unplugged Cretan music.

Book in advance
When: Every Wednesday and Sunday

THE KRITSA EXPERIENCE

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When: April to October
Duration: 6 hours
Upon request





ART & CULTURE

ART TOUR ON THE SCULPTURE GARDEN

Admire the expansive collection of contemporary art that is spread around the hotel and its Sculpture Garden, containing seminal works by Greek and international artists. The G. & A. Mamidakis Foundation's valuable collection of art comprises over 55 pieces, inspired by natural surroundings and the island's heritage.

Join our guided Art Tour to gain exclusive insights into the stories behind each artwork. Learn about the artists' inspirations, techniques, and the unique perspectives that bring each piece to life.

Whether you wish to explore yourselves our art collection, spread in our beautiful aromatic gardens, you can download Smartify application, wander around, explore the art installations and learn their stories.

When: April to October
Duration: 30 minutes

TURTLE WALK

An alternative way to explore the sculpture garden tailored for students over 12 years old and adults. Equipped with a specially designed toolkit, delve into an interactive journey, discovering the artistry of each sculpture with hands-on engagement. This immersive experience invites participants to feel, and connect with the sculptures, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the artistic expressions within the garden.

When: April to October
Duration: 1 hour
Upon request



COOKING CLASSES

Discover the secrets of authentic Greek and Cretan cuisine and enjoy a tailor-made private cooking class with fresh products, sourced from our local producers. Our experienced chef will guide you through every step of the dishes' preparation.

From tzatziki dip and Cretan salad, to a seafood 'Giouvetsi' orzo pasta and authentic Cretan pies master your cooking skills.

When: April to October
Duration: 3 hours
Price: from 92.00€ per person

BIOAROMA SENSES WORKSHOPS

Step into the world of personalized fragrance and skincare with our range of distinct workshops. Dive into scent creation at our perfume making workshop, where you'll design your unique signature fragrance. Then, pamper yourself with our natural cosmetics workshop, crafting sumptuous creams tailored to your skin's needs. Delve into artisanal soap making to create luxurious soaps, and add ambiance with eco-friendly candles at our vegan candle making workshop.

When: April to October
Duration: 2-3 hours
Price: from 50.00€ per person



PRIVATE WINE TASTING

Elevate your senses with an exclusive wine tasting experience designed just for you. Delve into the enchanting world of Aegean wines, at La Cave Wine Spot of Minos Beach art hotel, as our expert sommeliers curate a bespoke selection tailored to your preferences. Immerse yourself in the nuances of each pour, accompanied by delectable bites perfectly paired to complement the flavors. Savor each sip against the backdrop of the azure sea, as you unwind and embrace the essence of Greek hospitality.

When: April to October
Price: from 80.00€ per person
Duration: 1-2 hours

WINE TOUR

Vineyards have been cultivated in Crete for about 4,000 years. The native varieties grown in Crete, combined with the modern methods of viticulture make Cretan wines truly exceptional. The long tradition has made the vine growing in Crete a part of its lifestyle. Discover the Cretan terroir and indigenous grapes through a private wine tour to some of Crete's most prestigious wineries and experience tailor made wine tastings and food pairings.

When: April to October
Duration: 2 hours
Depends on the winery

OPEN WINE TASTING

Indulge in an unforgettable journey through the flavors of the Aegean with our Open Wine Tasting event. Discover the rich tapestry of wines crafted from grapes nurtured under the Mediterranean sun. Immerse yourself in the aromas and tastes of local varietals as our knowledgeable sommeliers guide you through a selection of exquisite wines.

When: May to September | twice per month
Duration: 1 hour
Complimentary

OLIVE ESSENCE TOUR

Join our Olive oil tour for an immersive journey into the world of olive oil. Explore ancient groves, witness the olive oil pressing process, and savor the distinct flavors of extra virgin olive oils. Delight in the traditions of Cretan olive oil production, making this tour a flavorful and informative exploration of Mediterranean heritage.

When: April to October
Duration: 5 hours
Price: 130.00€ per person up to 10 persons



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PRIVATE CINEMA NIGHTS

Set against a backdrop of twinkling stars, enjoy open-air movie nights featuring your favorite films. Lounge in cozy seating and savor delicious snacks accompanied by creative cocktails

Upon request
Price starts from 550.00€
Duration: 3 hours

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Indulge in the sounds of Minos Beach art hotel with our captivating lineup of live entertainment. From soulful singing to enchanting guitar melodies, dynamic live bands and electrifying DJ sets, Minos Beach art hotel comes alive every evening with an eclectic mix of talented performers. Join us for an unforgettable experience where music meets paradise.

When: April to November
Duration: 3 hours





WELLBEING

TENNIS

An opportunity to get away from stress and relax awaits you at our fully equipped tennis courts. Enjoy a game with a friend or try your skills with a professional tennis instructor.

When: April to November

PERSONAL TRAINING

Get energized with a training session held by a professional trainer, combining different techniques and modern gear.

When: April to November
Upon request

YOGA SESSIONS

Morning Yoga Session

Waking up the body through gentle stretching, while gradually increasing the intensity with Sun Salutations and winding down with forward folds and spinal twists. The class is designed for everyone
Every Tuesday & Saturday 08.00-09.00

Evening Yoga Session

Flow is for everyone who has already been in contact with yoga and would like to deepen their practice. The class strengthens the body while also improving flexibility. It is a fast paced class which everyone can follow.
Every Thursday 18.00-19.00

When: April to October
Duration: 1 hour

ANANEA SPA

Ananea Spa
Immersed in the vibrant cultural heritage of Crete, Ananea Spa is a sanctuary of holistic well-being. Here, ancient Greek healing traditions intertwine with modern spa therapies, offering a harmonious blend of relaxation and rejuvenation against the backdrop of the Aegean Sea.

Our spa therapies embrace a holistic approach to wellness, combining ancient practices with rare ingredients. These treatments are enhanced by specialized methods that promise optimal relaxation and revitalization.

We believe that self-care is essential for a balanced lifestyle. With our thoughtfully curated menu of therapies and a team of skilled therapists, we provide holistic experiences that nourish the mind, body, and soul, fostering a sense of mindful equilibrium.

When: Daily 10.00-18.00

PILATES

Discover the power of Pilates, a unique training method that will improve your posture, build muscle endurance, and enhance your strength. This dynamic workout targets your core muscles, leading to a better posture and a tighter, more toned physique.

When: June to October
Every Wednesday 08.00-09.00 &
Friday 18.00-19.00
Duration: 1 hour





WATER

MIRABELLO BOAT TRIP EXPERIENCE

Choose the day and the vessel and let the experienced Captain to guide you through Mirabello bay. Either on a full day or half day cruise, private, semi private or in group there are plenty to discover. (options include catamaran, yaucht, sailing boat, traditional wooden caique)

Full Day Trip:

Explore Mirabello Bay on a full-day adventure that leads you to hidden coves, crystal-clear waters, and an onboard lunch for an unforgettable nautical experience.

Half Day Trip:

Set sail on a Half Day Trip across Mirabello Bay, offering a shorter yet enchanting sailing experience along Crete's scenic coastline.

Sunrise or Sunset Trip:

Whether at dawn or dusk, experience the tranquil beauty of Mirabello Bay as the sun paints the sky in hues of pink and gold.

When: April to October

Duration: from 3 hours to 8 hours

Price from 800.00€

Persons: Depends on the boat type

FISHING BOAT TRIP

Spend an exciting day on the crystal-clear waters of Mirabello with a traditional fishing trip. Discover the best fishing hot spots around, steeped in authenticity and local charm. The joy of finding a fish pulling on the end of your line is always an amazing experience, no matter your age or your skill level, fishing trips in Elounda are perfect for you, your family or friends.

When: April to October

Duration: 3 hours

Price per person: 95.00€

UNDERWATER TREASURES

PADI certified Diving Centre is located on the grounds of the hotel giving guests the opportunity to participate in the Discover Dive sessions and enjoy diving in the tranquil waters of the sea as they explore the seabed, the ancient remains, the wrecks, the rocky slopes, the caverns, the walls and reefs found in the region. The diving center also features a great range of water sports activities for the more adventurous guests including dinghy snorkeling, wakeboarding, SUP, speed boats, water-skiing, donut and sofa rides.

When: April to November

Duration: Depends on the activity

Price: Depends on the activity



ADVENTURES ON LAND



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When: April to October
Price: from 150.00€ plus the selected menu

IN-VILLA DINING

Savor the epitome of convenience and luxury. Enjoy a personalized culinary experience in the privacy of your villa, where our expert chefs will craft a menu to suit your preferences. Elevate your stay by indulging in exquisite cuisine without leaving the comfort of your private retreat.

When: April to October
Price: Depends on the selected menu

FLOATING BREAKFAST

Elevate your morning with our indulgent Floating Breakfast experience. Paddle in the privacy of your room's pool, surrounded by the beauty of Mirabello waters, and savor a specially crafted breakfast menu. Whether you opt for a healthy or naughty start, the tranquil sea panorama sets the stage for a moment of pure relaxation.

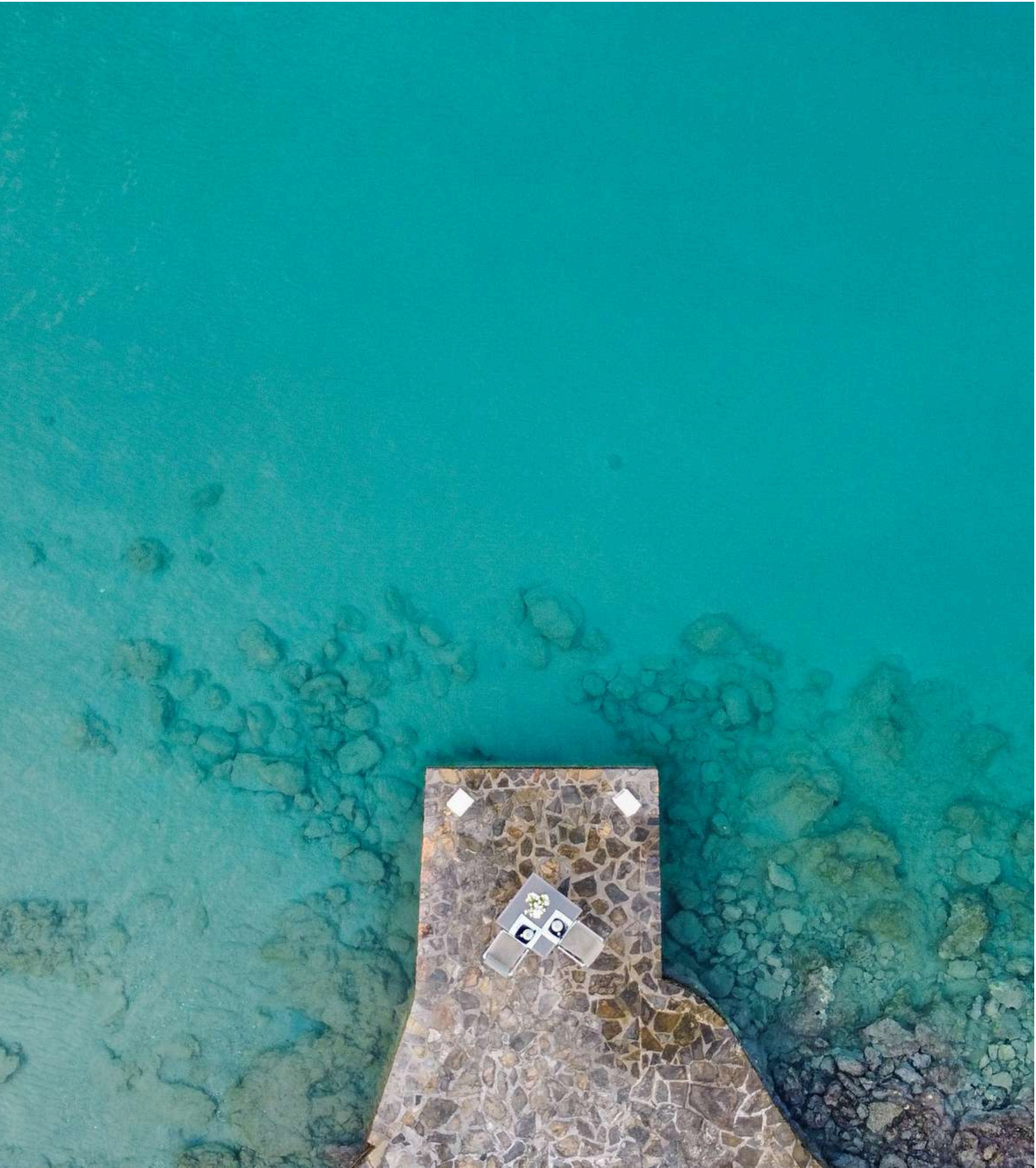
When: April to October
Price: floating breakfast service 50.00€ plus breakfast selection

PICNIC BY THE WATER'S EDGE

Immerse yourself in the simplicity of a perfect picnic, where the beauty of the outdoors meets the joy of delightful treats. Escape to our carefully chosen picturesque spot where a thoughtfully curated picnic basket filled with delicious bites awaits you.

Bask in the serenity of nature as you lounge on soft blankets and pillows, surrounded by the tranquility of our lush surroundings. Sip on your favorite beverages, share quality time with loved ones, and savor every moment.

When: May to October
Price: from 200.00€ plus the selected menu



THE ISLAND

The island of Spinalonga is located in the Gulf of Elounda opposite the village of Plaka. Spinalonga is a magnificent island with fortresses dating from the Venetian period. It is an island of legends and a triumph to survival in the early 20th century from the scourge of leperosy. It is a place of great archaeological and historical significance, a source of inspiration for authors, film directors, artists and musicians. Spinalonga is in the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites.

Private transfer option : Explore the island with a private transfer, accompanied by a knowledgeable guide. Extend your experience to Elounda villages, including Plaka, Vrouhas, and Fourni, discovering local culture and flavors.

When: May to October
Duration: 6 hours
Price from 360.00€



RICHTIS GORGE

Located in Lassithi Prefecture, between Agios Nikolaos and Sitia, this 3-kilometer gorge hike showcases the beauty of East Crete. With an elevation difference of approximately 350 meters, the trail winds through a lush landscape along the river, featuring platan, oleander, and sage. The journey takes three to four hours, leading to a captivating 20-meter waterfall and a small pond. The path concludes at the picturesque pebbly beach of Richtis, adorned with tamarisk trees, stone seats, and a perennial stone water fountain.

When: April to October

Duration: 5 hours

Transfer price up to 4 persons from 280.00€

A MONK’S TALE - TOPLOU MONASTERY

Toplou Monastery is a vibrant convent of great spiritual radiance from the 14th century onwards. This byzantine monastery is built around a courtyard on three floors with ramparts, covering an area of approximately 800 square meters. Discover the humble life of a monk and explore the monastic tradition and local wine making.

When: April to October

Duration: 7 hours

Transfer price from 360.00€ up to 4 persons

CRETAN SAFARI EXPERIENCE

Discover the heart of Crete by exploring two distinct plateaus, immersing yourself in mythology, and indulging in a wealth of captivating information about Crete and its vibrant local life.

Highlights:

Kritsa - Local village

Selakano Forest - Largest Pine Forest of the Island/ Viewpoint

Katharo - Raki and Honey Tasting

Havgas Gorge - Viewpoint

Goat Valley - Viewpoint of Lassithi Plateau

BBQ - Traditional Cretan Food with local wine and water

Krassi - 2000-year-old tree/village spring

When: April to October

Duration: 7 hours

Price for 2 persons from 450.00€

KNOSSOS PALACE

Palace of Knossos, the culture’s lair and center of Minoan civilization. According to tradition, it was the seat of King Minos and the capital of his state. The palace of Knossos is associated with the exciting myths “the Labyrinth and the Minotaur” and “Daedalus and Icarus”. Visit Knossos with private transfer and tour guide.

When: April to October

Duration: 3-5 hours

Price with guide and private transfer starts from 440.00€, up to 4 persons



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Duration: 6 hours
Upon request

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The Natural History Museum Heraklion Crete offers a large variety of exhibits. Explore and participate in the interactive displays throughout the facility. From dinosaurs, to earthquake simulation, many dioramas, technology and science displays, this museum has something for everyone. Its aim is the study, protection and promotion of the diverse flora and fauna of the Eastern Mediterranean region. The museum is based in a restored industrial building that used to house an electricity power plant.

Getting here: approx. 66 km | 57 min
Multiple transfer options available
Ticket price: 8.00€ per person

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF AGIOS NIKOLAOS

The Archaeological Museum of Agios Nikolaos was inaugurated in 1969 and is considered one of the most significant in Crete. It houses collections of very important archaeological findings from the entire region of eastern Crete, extending from Malia to the distant Zakros. Findings are exhibited in chronological order from the Neolithic period until the end of Roman times. Its showcases include more than 1,500 pots, as well as the oldest gold and bronze findings in Crete. Due to maintenance, the museum currently houses periodic exhibitions only.

Getting here: approx. 1 km
From April to October
Opening hours 08.30-15.30, Tuesday Closed





7 DAYS OF JOY

Bring your children to Candia Park Village, our sister property, and let them enjoy the Mini Blues Club while you indulge in carefree relaxation for the rest of the day

Let your kids discover the vibrant culture of Crete.
The weekly program of Mini Blues Club is desired to offer educational fun to your little ones all day long.

Highlights

Pirate theme – Creation of pirate hats, treasure hunt, decoration of mini club

Greek theme – Folklore costume crafting, Greek cooking lessons, syrtaki dance, Greek language lessons

Ancient Greeks theme – Small historical video presentation (mythology), Greek god costume crafting, excavation activity (become an archaeologist , ''ancient'' pots are placed underground in various areas, kids dig and discover, then all pieces are added together) – Olympic games

When: April to October
Our Personalized Experience Service team will provide you the weekly schedule



FINDING NEMO

CretAquarium is an expert in presenting species and ecosystems of the Mediterranean, a sea of unique biodiversity that gave birth to ancient civilizations and welcomes millions of visitors every year from all over the world. Offering 60 tanks of different sizes, containing a total amount of 1,700,000 litres of sea water, it is home to 2000 sea animals, 200 different species found in the Mediterranean basin, and together with the appropriate scenery, it successfully represents the Cretan and Mediterranean sea beds. Additionally CretAquarium designs and implements educational programmes and other innovative services, treats injured animals and is constantly enriched with new marine species.

Getting Here: approx. 50 km | 43 min
Multiple transfer options available
Ticket price: 12.00€

DINOSAURIA PARK

Explore over 50 species of dinosaurs. This immersive experience takes you on a journey through time, featuring statues and robotic exhibits that bring the prehistoric world to life. Discover the fossil museum, time machine, and dinosaur hospital as you traverse the park's interactive trails. Dive into augmented reality films at the 5D Cinema and experience thrilling simulations with VR masks. For extra family fun, enjoy the outdoor playground and grab a bite at the snack bar.

Getting here: approx. 45 km | 40 min
Multiple transfer options available
Ticket price: 12.00€

LABYRINTH

Designed by maze expert Adrian Fisher, The Labyrinth offers over 1km of pathways, bridges, and towers. Encounter the legendary Minotaur as you explore its twists and turns. Experience the thrill of the 'Laser Maze,' blending high-tech gameplay with lasers and clues. Beat the clock, earn prizes, and uncover surprises.

Getting here: approx. 40 km | 35 min
Multiple transfer options available
Ticket price: 12.00€

SEMI SUBMARINE

Embark on a fascinating journey to explore the underwater wonders of Agios Nikolaos with Creta Semi-Submarine. This specially designed catamaran is crafted for underwater excursions, offering you a unique perspective of the marine world. With its 15m length and 6m width, the vessel provides a comfortable and air-conditioned environment for your adventure. Peer through the submerged windows and witness the vibrant marine life in its natural habitat. Get ready for an unforgettable experience that brings you face to face with the mysteries of the deep sea.

Getting Here: approx. 5 km | 10 min
Multiple transfer options available
Ticket price: 16€ for adults | 11.00€ children 6-12 6.00€ toddlers 2-5 | 2.00€ infants



FOURNI HORSES

Choose from three different durations: 60 minutes, 90 minutes, or 120 minutes. Traverse the scenic trails between the traditional villages of Fourni and Kastelli, surrounded by ancient olive groves and breathtaking vistas. These excursions offer you the opportunity to explore Crete's beauty atop majestic horses. Simply saddle up and prepare for a memorable journey through the heart of the island's charm and natural splendor.

Getting Here: approx. 18 km | 25 min
Multiple transfer options available
Price: from 60.00€ per person

LYHNOSTATIS MUSEUM

Experience the Lychnostatis Open-air Museum and immerse yourself in Cretan culture. With traditional dwellings and workshops, the museum aims to promote understanding and awareness of Cretan folk cultural heritage. The Department of Educational Programs ensures children's visits are both enjoyable and educational. With seven organized educational programs to date, and ongoing development of new ones, the museum provides an enriching experience for all ages.

Getting here: approx. 66 km | 57 min
Multiple transfer options available
Ticket price: 10.00€

AMAZONAS PARK

Family fun at ZooZoo for the whole family! The Amazonas Park is a private zoo in the north east of the island of Crete. The focus of the zoo is on animals from South America, especially parrots and monkeys. There are also some domestic animals like donkeys and goats.

Getting here: approx. 19 km | 20 min
Multiple transfer options available
Price per person from 14.00€
Price per children up to 13 years old: 8.00€



CONSCIOUS



BLUE BIKES

Hop on a blue or e-bike and of you go to discover the region's secret gems with the most enjoyable mean of transport. Check out our couples' tandem bike. Don't forget to grab a map of cycling routes as you go.

Blue bikes: with our compliments

CONSCIOUS PROGRAMS

Tree Planting
Beach & Coast Cleaning
Recycling Program
Support Local Animal Shelters

Through our b-Active! campaign, which promotes solidarity and volunteerism, we invite our employees and guests to partake in environmental, educational, and volunteer activities. Such activities include recycling, water saving, beach cleanings, training, donation boxes, blood donations etc.

Our annual Volunteers' Week invites employees, guests and the local community to come together in the spirit of solidarity. We partner with organizations that support healthcare, the environment and education to organize a series of inspired activities. We clean our seas, we spread awareness about breast cancer, we support our local community by inviting people to plant trees and clean woodland areas with us, and we visit local schools where young students learn all about the magic and secrets of nature from experts.

Request more information at the reception





EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

WEATHER IN CRETE, GREECE

Crete boasts a Mediterranean climate along the coast and alpine conditions in the mountains. During the inviting months of spring, summer, and autumn, temperatures are delightful. Spring introduces mild warmth, paving the way for summer, where temperatures can soar up to a balmy 35°C (95°F). The sea retains its comfortable warmth, allowing for a refreshing swim from May to October. Winter remains mild, ensuring a pleasant atmosphere for visitors throughout most of the year.

ATTIRE GUIDE

As you embark on various outdoor activities in the captivating landscapes, we recommend suitable attire, adjusted to the season and weather conditions. During these vibrant seasons, pack comfortable outdoor clothing. The weather fluctuates from warm and sunny to occasional rain and cool evenings. Ensure you have suitable attire for varying conditions. For hikes, opt for closed shoes and comfortable clothing. For sunnier days, sunglasses and a hat/cap are advisable, along with sun protection. A swimsuit is essential if you plan to take a refreshing swim during your activities. Don't forget your camera to capture the breathtaking panoramas that Crete has to offer.

TIME ZONE IN CRETE, GREECE

Crete follows the Eastern European Time (EET) zone. It is GMT/UTC + 2 hours during Standard Time and switches to GMT/UTC + 3 hours during Daylight Saving Time.

HOW TO BOOK

Experience the exceptional offerings at Minos Beach art hotel with a personalized touch. Our Personalized Experience Service team, well-versed in the intricacies of the property and the hidden gems of Crete, is ready to curate a bespoke itinerary tailored to your preferences.

To secure your personalized itinerary of activities, connect with our Personalized Experience Service team directly at mbpes@bluegr.com or by phone +30 28410 22345. They will guide you through the available options, suggesting the most scenic locations and points of interest based on your preferences.

Meeting point for each activity will be advised at the time of booking. All the booked tours will commence promptly at the agreed start time. Pre-booking for all experiences is required.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Cancellation policies apply for Signature Experiences & Private Classes. A 100% cancellation fee will be charged for any activity not cancelled within 24 hours of its start. Kindly note that some activities could occasionally be affected by inclement weather conditions, in which case they may be cancelled by Minos Beach art hotel management and cancellation fees will not apply. We will, however, do everything possible to accommodate any inquiry that you might have.



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