# AROUND THE COVE

ACTIVITIES

DAIOS COVE



#### Crete is a remarkable place to visit

We present to you hand-picked experiences showcasing the diversity of the island with a plethora of activities for every taste.

The true spirit of Cretan hospitality is yours to experience in and around Daios Cove.









COOKING WITH THE CHEF

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HIKES

**DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS** 

ORGANIC FARM TRIP

HERB HUNTING









#### **RIB BOAT EXCURSIONS**

Embark on an exciting adventure and experience the Cretan landscape from a different perspective aboard our luxury private speedboat. Large enough to provide the comfort and entertainment you expect on your cruise, yet intimate enough to tailor-make your trip to create a sea journey to remember.



#### MORNING ITINERARY

When: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10.00 - 14.30 Pick-Up Point: Daios Cove pier (Beach Level)

**Duration:** 4.5 hours

09.50 Meeting at the pier (Beach Level)

10.00 Departure

**10.30-12.00** Swim and sunbathe

**12.00-13.30** Free time in the village for stroll or lunch

14.30 Return to Daios Cove

**Price:** 450€ per person (full price applies to children)

What's Included: Champagne, refreshments and healthy snacks are included in our services on this excursion. Towels are provided and there is also a toillet on board.



#### AFTERNOON ITINERARY

When: Wednesday & Friday, 15.00 - 19.00
Pick-Up Point: Daios Cove pier (Beach Level)

**Duration:** 4 hours

**14.50** Meeting at the pier (Beach Level)

15.00 Departure

15.30 - 17.00 Swim and sunbathe

17.30 Return to Daios Cove

Price: 440€ per person (full price applies to children)

What's Included: Champagne, refreshments and healthy snacks are included in our services on this excursion. Towels are provided and there is also a toillet on board.



#### **SPINALONGA & PLAKA EXCURSION**

Enjoy the perfect day out as you board a short ferry ride from Plaka to the historic island of Spinalonga and explore the nominated UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a healthy dose of history and culture, take a leisurely stroll and coffee break around the fishing village of Plaka and soak up this stunning part of the Mirabello Bay.

When: Tuesday, 10.00 - 13.00 Pick-Up Point: Belvedere Duration: 3 hours Guide: Upon request

**Price:** 75€ / adult, 65€ / child

What's Included: Transfer, Archaeological Site Entrance Fee, Water



#### KNOSSOS

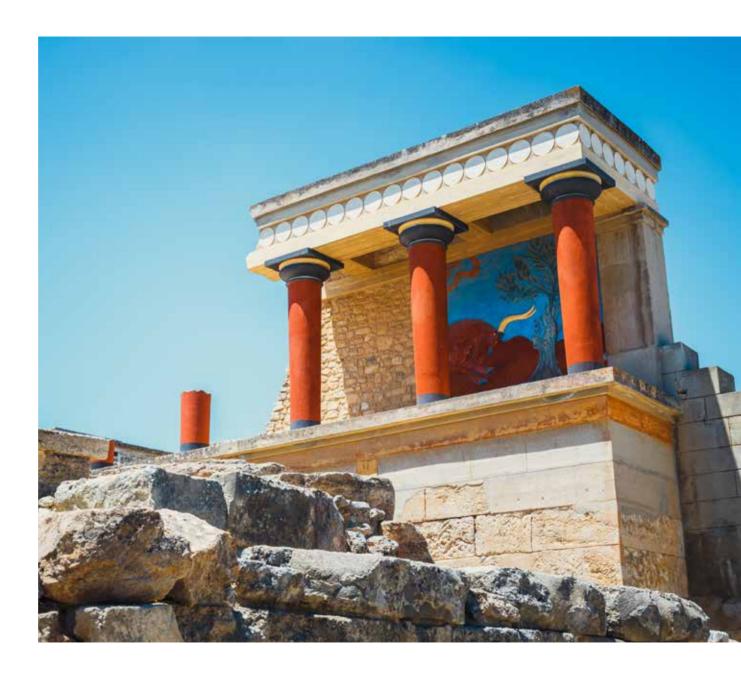
Visit the archaeological site of Knossos, home of the Minoan civilization featuring the largest and most spectacular palace of Ancient Greece. A unique experience into ancient times walking around the extremely well-preserved Great Palace, Temple Tomb and an insight into the life and daily habits of the first ever European civilization. Knossos is also home to stunning peacocks moving freely in the area showing off their feathered colours.

When: Thursday, 09.00 - 13.00 Pick-Up Point: Belvedere **Duration:** 4 hours

Guide: Upon request Price: 155€ / adult, 99€ / child

What's Included: Transfer, Entrance Fee, Water

Kindly note this excursion does not entail a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion.









#### **COOKING WITH THE CHEF**

Learn to create some classic and contemporary Greek dishes with our very own Executive Chef, Panagiotis Valsamakis. Make "mizithropita" with honey, lamb "kleftiko" and other local specialties with an innovative signature twist like you've never tasted before. Our chef will guide you through the perfect menu to impress your family and friends in your kitchen at home.

When: Wednesday, 12.30 - 14.30 Where: The Culinary School Price: 35€ / adult, 20€ / child (8+ y/o)

What's Included: 3-Course Lunch, House Wine or Beer or Refreshment, Water





#### HIKING & BIKING

Tap into the endless possibilities of the Cretan landscape on a hike and bike. With an abundance of terrains and tracks on offer, walk in the raw nature of mountainous Crete and enjoy a cycle through hundred-year-old olive groves and quaint villages.

When: Friday, 09.00 - 14.00 Pick-Up Point: Belvedere Duration: 5 hours

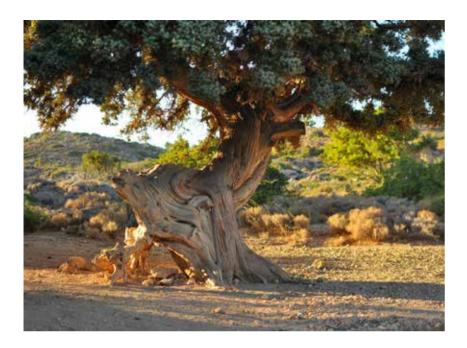
Difficulty Level: Easy \*\*/\*\*\*\*

Distance: Hiking 4,5 km & Biking 6 km

Price: 100€ / adult, 90€ / child (12+ y/o)

What's Included: Transfer, Guide, Snacks, Water







A guided walk on the Minoan path of the most stunning forest in eastern Crete. Your local guide will introduce you to the flora of the area, passing through century-old oak trees, flourishing pine and maple trees and share knowledge on the remnants of the Minoan civilization which one comes across in Kroustas Forest.

When: Monday, 09.00 - 13.00 Pick-Up Point: Belvedere

**Duration:** 4 hours

Difficulty Level: Easy \*\*/\*\*\*\*

Distance: 8km

**Price:** 79€ / adult, 59€ / child (5+ y/o)

What's included: Transfer, Guide, Snacks, Water



#### HIKING THE KRITSA GORGE

Explore the stunning Cretan landscape with a hike in one of the most impressive gorges on the island. Plane trees, oaks and oleanders are some of the flora observed in the gorge as well as plants endemic to the Crete. Our hike is 5,5km long and suitable for beginners and advanced hikers alike with an approximate duration of 2 hours.

When: Saturday, 09.00 - 13.00 Pick-Up Point: Belvedere Hike Duration: 4 hours Difficulty Level: Easy \*/\*\*\*\*\*

**Distance:** 5,5km long on a circular route **Price:**  $79 \le 7$  adult,  $59 \le 7$  child (8 + y/0)

What's included: Transfer, Guide, Snacks and Water





#### **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### Mountains & Sea: Lassithi Highlands to Elounda

Our tour begins in the city of Agios Nikolaos heading west to the quaint traditional village of Kritsa and exploring Katharo Plateau (altitude 1250 m), famous for the Cretan dwarf hippopotamus fossils found in the area. Up next is the impressive Lassithi Plateau (altitude 1150m) and the Dictaion Cave, the birthplace of Zeus. Travelling on north-east to the village of Plaka in Elounda, stop off for a relaxing Cretan lunch opposite the island of Spinalonga.

When: Available daily 09.30 - 17.00

(a minimum 3-day advance reservation and confirmation is required)

Pick-Up Point: Belvedere
Duration: 7.5 hours

Price: 245€ / adult, 35€ / child (6+ y/o)
What's Included: Driver / Guide, Lunch, Water



#### Riviera - Vai Palm Beach and Toplou Monastery

Enjoy an adventure to the east of Crete and admire the Mirabello seascape. Passing through picturesque villages, discover the 15th-century Toplou Monastery and its small museum with notable exhibits of Christian Orthodox art, an olive press and experience a wine and spirit tasting session at the monastery's cellar. Explore Vai Palm Beach next to one of the most beautiful beaches of the island and take in the enchanting sunset at Panorama.

When: Available daily 09.30 - 17.00

(a minimum 3-day advance reservation and confirmation is required)

Pick-Up Point: Belvedere

**Duration:** 7.5 hours

Price: 245€ / adult, 35€ / child (6+ y/o)
What's Included: Driver / Guide, Lunch, Water







#### Wine Excursion to Crete's Finest Vineyards

Explore some of the region's oldest vineyards on a detailed guided tour and introduce your palate to the world of Cretan wine. Discover and sample local grapes including Moschato Spinas, Vidiano and Kotsifali to name but a few. Local winemakers showcase their top labels and share their insight on authentic practices from grape to glass.

When: Available daily 09.30 - 17.00

(a minimum 3-day advance reservation and confirmation is required)

Pick-Up Point: Belvedere
Duration: 7.5 hours

Price: 260€ / adult, 30€ / child (6+ y/o)
What's Included: Driver / Guide, Lunch, Water











#### **ORGANIC FARM TRIP & COOKING CLASS**

Join an interactive walk on an organic farm where local varieties of vegetables and herbs grow in abundance just as nature intended. In the hive, learn about the high nutritional value of Cretan honey, in the old 'fabrica' delve into how Cretans produced exceptional extra virgin olive oil in antiquity and, in our seedbed, discover hundred-year-old seeds used in a hands-on cooking class with our chef. Collect the raw materials of the day's dishes while we share the value of seasonal cultivation applied on the farm where organic practices are implemented. Around a table, like each important moment in Cretan culture, immerse yourself fully in the spirit of Cretan hospitality and be part of a unique culinary experience - from farm to table.

When: Available daily 09.30 - 18.00

(a minimum 3-day advance reservation and confirmation is required)

Pick-Up Point: Belvedere

**Duration:** 8.5 hours

Price: 345€ / adult, no charge for children up to 12 y/o

What's Included: Transfer, Guided Tour of the Farm, Olive Oil Tasting,

Lunch, House Wine or Beer or Refreshment, Water







#### HERB HUNTING

Adventure out of the resort to the south of the island and go herb hunting in the rugged nature with the pros. A three-hour hike into the mountains reaching an altitude of 1.000 metres is rewarded with insight by an experienced herb gatherer on endemic herbs brimming with goodness. A hearty lunch with fresh, seasonal produce made by a local family is an experience in itself. Well worth a visit, if only for the enchanting smells of the Cretan mountains.

When: Available daily 09.00 - 17.00

(a minimum 3-day advance reservation and confirmation is required)

Pick-Up Point: Belvedere

**Duration:** 8 hours

Price: 120€ / adult, 99€ / child (6+ y/o)
What's Included: Snack, Water, Private Transfer



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For bookings and further enquiries kindly contact our Guest Relations team and check out details for all activities on the Daios Cove app.

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### Enjoy our hand-picked activities, specially designed for you

#### **PROGRAMME**

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#### **HIKING IN KROUSTAS FOREST**

09.00 - 13.00

#### **TUESDAY**

# RIB BOAT MORNING EXCURSION

10.00 - 14.30

# SPINALONGA & PLAKA EXCURSION

10.00 - 13.00

#### WEDNESDAY

#### **COOKING WITH THE CHEF**

12.30 - 14.30

## RIB BOAT AFTERNOON EXCURSION

15.00 - 19.00

#### **THURSDAY**

#### **KNOSSOS**

09.00 - 13.00

## RIB BOAT MORNING EXCURSION

10.00 - 14.30

# FRIDAY HIKING & BIKING

09.00 - 14.00

# RIB BOAT AFTERNOON EXCURSION

15.00 - 18.00

# SATURDAY HIKING THE KRITSA GORGE

09.00 - 13.00

# RIB BOAT MORNING EXCURSION

10.00 - 14.30

#### **AVAILABLE DAILY**

#### **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

09.30 - 17.00

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· Riviera - Vai Palm Beach and Toplou Monastery

· Wine Excursion to Crete's Finest Vineyards

#### **HERB HUNTING**

09.00 - 17.00

# ORGANIC FARM TRIP & COOKING CLASS

09.30 - 18.00

Please note a minimum 3-day advance reservation and confirmation is required for the three above experiences.

