

## CRETE AND LEBANON TRAVEL & WINE TOUR

# THE PHOENICIAN WINE ADVENTURE

Crete Wine Escapes celebrates the historic relationship between Lebanon and Crete by recreating the ancient Phoenician trading route that gave the gift of wine to the world. It is an excursion that will combine archeology, history, local cuisine and the finest wines from two vibrant Mediterranean cultures, defined by a common climate, landscape and proud culinary tradition; a shared generosity of spirit and of course a profound and deep-rooted relationship with the vine.



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**Price**  
**€4500**

WINE GUIDES:

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Sommelier, WSET Diploma level

### **Disclaimer:**

Adults only tour

This tour is fully guided

Tickets from Crete to Beirut and  
Beirut Crete are included

All transports are included

Crete Wine Escapes reserves  
the right to make changes if  
unforeseen events, such as  
weather conditions arise.

## Explore the wine regions of Crete and Lebanon as few can ever do

**ITINERARY - OCTOBER 21 TO 28, 2019**

### **Day 1**

- Welcome to Chania. Recommended arrival time up to 17:00 p.m.
- Check in Hotel. 5 stars or equivalent quality.
- 18:00 Wine Talks – Gathering with wine, getting to know each other brief the tour.
- 19:00 Wine Strolling in Chania's old town's Venetian alleyways – Tasting on the go.
- 20:30 The Wine strolling ends in one of the best restaurants in the old port of Chania – Dinner and indigenous varieties tasting

### **Day 2**

- Breakfast.
- Check Out.
- 10:15 - The Wine Escape starts.
- Visit the Byzantine Monastery of Tzagarolon and the boutique Dourakis Wineries – Explore Chania's eastern wine region, taste wines and olive oil.
- Visit a famous ceramist. Lunch and wine tasting at his place. Farm to table lunch prepared on the spot by a local mama.
- Drive to Heraklion.
- Check in Hotel. 5 stars or equivalent quality.
- Free night in Heraklion.

### **Day 3**

- Breakfast.
- 10:15 the Wine Escape starts.
- Visit the biodynamic Silva and family run Diamantakis Wineries in the heart of Heraklion's Wine Region Dafnes where we explore the wine history of Crete.
- Farm to Table lunch and Wine Tasting overlooking Mount Ida.
- Rest and late check out.
- 22:20 Fly to Beirut connected flight through Athens.
- 2:20 Welcome to Lebanon.
- 4:00 Check in to the hotel in Jounieh. 5 stars hotel or equivalent quality.

### **Day 4**

- Breakfast.
- Check Out.
- 12:00 the Wine Escape starts.
- Visit Chateau Musar in Ghazir and then on to the Northern wine region of Batroun tasting at the Ixsir winery.
- Traditional mezze and tasting.
- Drive to Zahle.
- Check in Hotel (5 stars or equivalent quality).
- Resting night.

### **Day 5**

- 9:30 Coffee at the hotel.
- 10:15 The wine Escape starts with Breakfast and tasting at Chateau Marsyas – Visit and tasting of Chateau Kefraya.
- Farm to table lunch overlooking the Bekaa Valley and the Anti Lebanon Range.
- Late afternoon tasting at Domaine des Tourelles in Chtoura.
- Resting Night.

### **Day 6**

- 9:30 Breakfast.
- 10:30 The wine Escape starts.
- Visit Chateau Ksara and tasting.
- Drive to the Roman ruins. Visit the temple of Bacchus in Baalbek.
- Lunch in a historic restaurant in Lebanon.
- Tasting at Chateau Khoury.
- Drive to Beirut.
- Free evening.

### **Day 7**

- 10:00 Breakfast.
- 11:30 The wine Escape starts.
- Walking tour of Beirut.
- Wine tasting in a wine boutique.
- Lunch.
- Rest in Hotel.

### **Day 8**

- Early Flight back to Heraklion.