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CHANIA

A CITY OF BYZANTINE, VENETIAN AND OTTOMAN INFLUENCES.

Through centuries of life and history, nestled in the Western Prefecture of Crete lies the second largest city, Chania. This land has changed its name three times, but never its welcoming identity. During the Minoan era, Chania was called Kydonia, meaning Quince. Under Ottoman rule, it was renamed Al Hanim, The Inn, and that name finally took its Greek form, Hania which today is our Chania.

When touring, there are four destinations that give Chania its charming essence, the Samaria Gorge, the view of the White Mountains, a stroll on the Elafonisi beach and the Balos Lagoon. These visits simply cannot be missed.

With strong winds bellowing from the North and the West, the land here absorbs the most rainfall in the region, the soil in Chania is very fertile, with several types including; clay, clay loam, stony, and schist. From this; the grapes flourish allowing Chania to have many distinguished wineries. The most noteworthy are, Nostos Manousakis, Dourakis, Karavitakis, Anoskeli, Agia Triada, along with many other new up and coming wineries that have great prospects.

SACRED PATHS WINE TOUR

Culture and Wine Tasting

HERBS & GRAPES

Tea & Wine Tour

CHANIA WINE WALK

Walking tour in Chania

WINE AND ART TASTING

Wine and art tasting

WINE PAIRING FOR BREAKFAST?

The perfect Chania or Rethymno tour

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SACRED PATHS WINE TOUR

Culture and Wine Tasting

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Additional transportation charge
for visitors staying in HERAKLION
or LASITHI

PRICE:

€75

per person

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.
from Hotel in Chania or Rethymno

Duration: 6 Hours

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit two wineries
- Visit one vineyard
- 8 - 10 wines to taste
- Return transfers to and from pick up point
- Complimentary refreshments in the car
- Professional commentary
- Sightseeing in the heart of Chania's inland
- Our warmest hospitality



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HERBS AND GRAPES TEA & WINE TOUR

Tea & Wine

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or LASITHI

PRICE:

€95

per person

The tour's first stop is an organic herb farm just a few metres walking distance from the starting point of the famous Samaria Gorge. We start by learning about Cretan flora and the precious herbs of this land by Rodo, who is an agronomist that realised her life's dream by planting and preserving an herb farm. We harvest Cretan mountain tea and botanicals under her guidance to make our own blend, which we boil to make our own tea blend paired with homemade cake and biscuits.

A short walk away is the picture perfect entry point to Samaria Gorge, where we make a quick stop to take in the views and snap some photos.

After identifying aromas and tastes of herbs it is time to discover their influence in the wine. We head to Manousakis winery and we enjoy a private wine and food pairing meal. Farm to table food and amazing wines from indigenous and international grapes organically grown in the Manousakis vineyards.

We return you at your hotel filled with aromas and flavours of the Cretan terroir.

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Duration: 6 Hours

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

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INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit one herb farm
- Visit one winery
- Herb harvesting and blending
- Herb tea tasting and assortment of homemade cakes
- 7 wines to taste
- Farm to table lunch in the winery
- Return transfers to and from pick up point
- Complimentary bottled water and refreshments
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CHANIA WINE WALK

Walking Tour in Chania

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Come spend an hour like a Local from Chania! This is a relaxing walk around the intricate alleys of the old town, explore hidden corners and experience local wines from indigenous grapes. Learn about the history of Cretan wine, and the high quality standards maintained by local vineyards. During the walk, we will visit several locations off the beaten path and otherwise, 'must visit' spots.

Starting Time: 18:30 p.m. Meeting in front of the Maritime Museum

Duration: 1 Hour

Intensity: Easy

(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes

PRICE:

€40

per person



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WINE AND ART TASTING

Wine and Art Tasting

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PRICE:

€160
 per person

We start our experience by visiting the family owned Dourakis winery in the Apokoronas region of Chania where we enjoy five wines, explore the Dourakis cave cellar and learn about winemaking by Antonis himself. Next, we drive to the nearby village of Paidochori to meet a renowned Greek ceramist, Manousos Chalkiadakis. Manousos will exclusively open his home and atelier for us to taste five wines from indigenous Cretan grape varieties from different winemakers and appellations.

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Duration: 5 to 6 Hours

Intensity: Easy
 (Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit one winery
- Visit the home and atelier of a local ceramist
- 10 wines to be tasted
- Food and wine pairing (Greek farm to table meze)
- Return transfers to and from pick up point
- Complimentary bottled water and refreshments
- Professional commentary
- Sightseeing in the heart of Chania's wine region
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WINE PAIRING FOR BREAKFAST?

The perfect Chania or Rethymno Tour

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Convenient for visitors staying in
CHANIA & RETHYMNO

PRICE:

€75

per person

Have you ever considered how wine can pair breakfast? We can show you!, we pick you up after you have just got your morning coffee and we head up for a winery breakfast. In Chania or Rethymno. We enjoy a homemade Cretan breakfast with eggs from the hencoop, local cheese, fresh tomatoes and cucumbers from the garden, an aunty's pie, sheep's yoghurt and honey from Psiloritis mountain. Cold cuts from a small producer and homemade rusks. We combine our wine pairing for breakfast with an exploration in the vicinity of each winery a ceramic village, a beautiful gorge or a traditional kafeneio for Greek coffee.

Starting Time: 9:00 a.m.

Duration: 3 to 4 Hours

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit one winery
- Visit one vineyard
- 4 to 6 wines to taste
- Breakfast at the winery
- A shortstop at either a pottery village or a gorge or a traditional Cretan kafeneio
- Return transfers to and from central meeting points
- Complimentary bottled water and refreshment
- Professional commentary
- Sightseeing in the heart of Chania's or Rethymno's inland
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Wine breakfast is the greatest start of a memorable holiday



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RETHYMNO

A RHYTHM FOR LIFE.

With its soft breeze, charming historic buildings and serene community, Rethymno creates a rhythm for life. It's population of 40,000 people make it Crete's romantic city, and the third largest on the island. It was founded during the Minoan period, the first of the Europeans, who were prominent enough to mint their coins, the crest of the city, the two dolphins forming a circle, was taken from the same coins. The average yearly temperature of Rethymno is around 17°C, and its long stretch of beaches contour where Psiloritis meets the Aegean. It is on these mountain ranges that the Highest peak in Crete stands tall at 2,456 metres. In antiquity, a significant historical event took place, nestled between the east and west peaks of Psiloritis is the Idaion Andron cave on the plateau of Nida, and it is said that there was the birth of the father of Gods, Zeus.



RETHYMNO WINE WALK

Walking tour in Rethymno

WINE AND MUSIC TASTING

Enjoy wine and food tasting paired with music

WINE AND WEAVING TASTING

The art of weaving

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Rethymno currently has seven family owned wineries. It is the birthplace of the Cretan white grape variety Vidiano, the most prominent white varietal of Crete. The prefecture cultivates 1214/ha of the red grape variety named Liatiko, out of the almost 2672/ha total on the entire island.

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RETHYMNO WINE WALK

Walking tour in Rethymno

Explore the old town of Rethymno like a local through a relaxing wine tasting with us. We selected the 'must visit' spots for tasting, fun and information in the winding alleyways of the beautiful old town of Rethymno.

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Starting Time: 18:30 p.m. Meeting point at Rimondi Fountain

Duration: 1 Hour

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes.

PRICE:

€40

per person



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WINE AND MUSIC TASTING

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PRICE:

€250
per person

Our escape starts by visiting the pottery village of Margarites to explore the labyrinth of narrow alleyways and admire the ceramic works of the numerous shops in town. We then make our way to a ceramist to learn about the art of pottery and to make our own piece.

Wine and music next with our friends and musicians Nelly and Dimitris as they open their home to us for a traditional Greek lunch paired with six Cretan wines from indigenous grapes. Our hosts will also treat us to some beautiful music.

Dessert is reserved in a traditional taverna in the local village along with Cretan tsikoudia. The taverna contains the owner's personal collection of folklore items that adorn every corner of the space.

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Duration: 5 to 6 Hours

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit Margarites, a village famous for pottery
- Wine tasting in musician's home
- Six wines to taste
- Wine and food pairing (Full Lunch and Dessert)
- Private music performance by the hosts
- Return transfers to and from pick up point
- Complimentary refreshments in the car
- Professional commentary
- Sightseeing in the heart of Rethymno's inland
- Our Warmest hospitality



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WINE AND WEAVING

The art of weaving

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This inspiring tour combines the art of weaving, fashion and wine. We visit Alexandra, a fashion designer at her atelier where we can enjoy and taste wine and learn the history and art of weaving. The guided wine tasting includes Cretan meze in Alexandra's beautiful garden with a beautiful view. A weaving session where you make your own souvenir garment is included.

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.
and 6:30 p.m.

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

PRICE:

€95
per person

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit the home and atelier of a famous local fashion designer
- Five wines to be tasted
- Food and wine pairing (Cretan meze)
- Pick up from central meeting point
- Complimentary refreshments during transport
- Professional commentary
- Weaving session (if desired)
- Our warmest hospitality



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HERAKLION

A LAND WHERE WINE FEELS RIGHT AT HOME.

In northern Crete lies the monumental capital city, Heraklion. The largest city of the island, bustling since the third millennia BC, was a famous trading port in the Minoan Era. The grounds hold the rich history of the past, and the bright future for the present. Leading in wine production in Crete, Heraklion is home to 80% of Crete's wineries. Staying true to its history, archaeologists have discovered the

oldest wine press in the world excavated in Vathy-petro, a small village in the Peza appellation of Heraklion. It is estimated to have been used in 1500 BC when the Minoan civilization was flourishing.

Heraklion, in comparison to Rethymno and Chania, has a drier climate and the vineyards are located on high elevation sites, mainly starting from an altitude of 300, and above. Most of the vineyards and wineries are situated in the Northern part of the prefecture. Here, the refreshing Aegean sea breeze and cool nightly temperatures create more complex flavours and aromas.



HERAKLION WINE COUNTRY TOUR

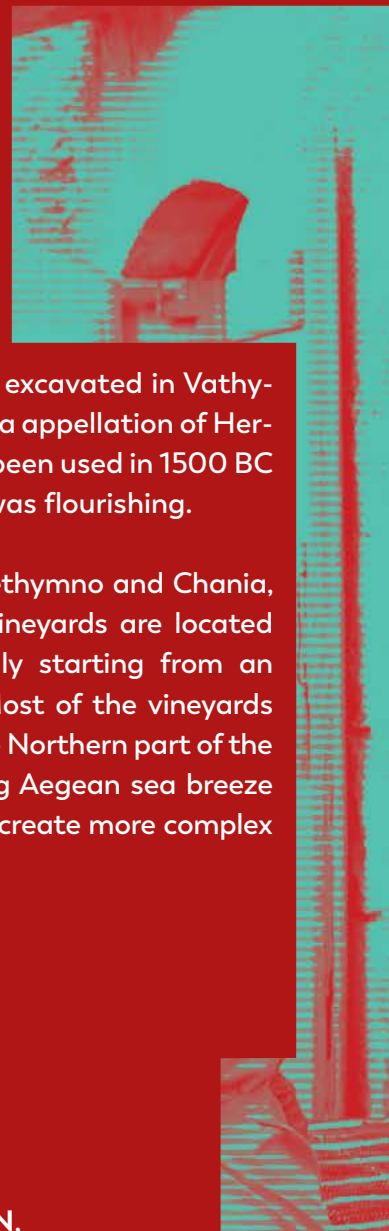
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 for visitors staying in LASITHI

PRICE:

€175

per person

Handakas is the Byzantine name of Heraklion, the largest wine region of Crete where the majority of wineries are situated. On this tour, we'll learn about Crete's indigenous grapes as we explore some of the region's most beautiful vineyards, lightly trek to ancient wine presses, and/or hidden Byzantine churches. We visit 2 wineries, we learn their stories, taste their wines and enjoy Cretan meze, the healthiest cuisine of the Mediterranean. The itineraries in Heraklion wine zone are designed exclusively based on your wine profile and set for you personally.

Starting Time: 9:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Duration: 8 Hours

Intensity: Intermediate
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Visit two wineries
- Visit two vineyards
- Visit admirable ancient presses or Byzantine churches around the area
- 8 to 10 wines to taste
- Farm to table Lunch with wine pairing
- Return transfers to and from pick up point
- Complimentary refreshments in the car
- Professional commentary
- Sightseeing in the heartland of Heraklion
- Our warmest hospitality



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BLEND YOUR OWN WINE

Don't just taste wine, make it!

This experience transforms you to a winemaker!

Is your dream to make your own wine? Whether it's for a wedding, or your corporate entity, we can arrange it for you. We start early in the morning and visit a winery in Heraklion where you can make your own blend of wines of white and/or red. Our sommelier along with an enologist will assist you in making your own blend. Be a winemaker for the day and enjoy your own wine made under your own label, shipped to your country of residence.

Inquire today and let's start blending!

Starting Time: Fully customised to your preference

Duration: 6 to 7 Hours

Intensity: Easy
(Requires some walking)

Dress Code: Casual with comfortable walking shoes. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses for summer. Warm clothes for winter

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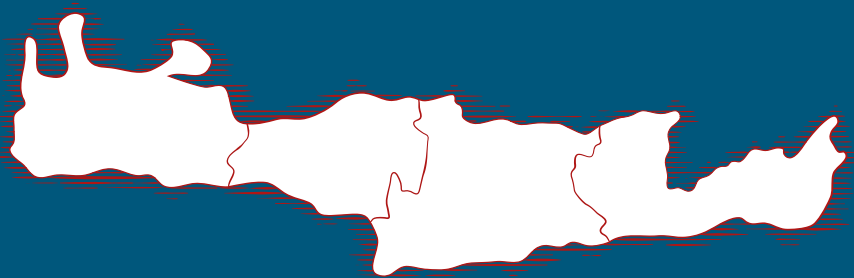
PRICE:

Upon request



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- This is a private tour.

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ALL OVER CRETE



WINE AND DINE AT YOUR VILLA

Fancy your own private chef and sommelier experience?

WINE AT SEA

Choose between a speedboat or a yacht!

CUSTOMISE YOUR WINE TOUR

Shoot for the moon, fully Customise your Experience.

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PRICE:

Upon request

Fancy your own private chef and sommelier experience?

Then let us arrange a full wine tasting and food pairing at your villa, we can design the menu according to your food and wine profile to suit your specific needs. This package ranges from a romantic food and wine pairing for two up-to a full party, get in touch with us and we will arrange an unforgettable experience for you, your family and friends.

Starting Time: Upon request

Duration: Upon request

CAN BE INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

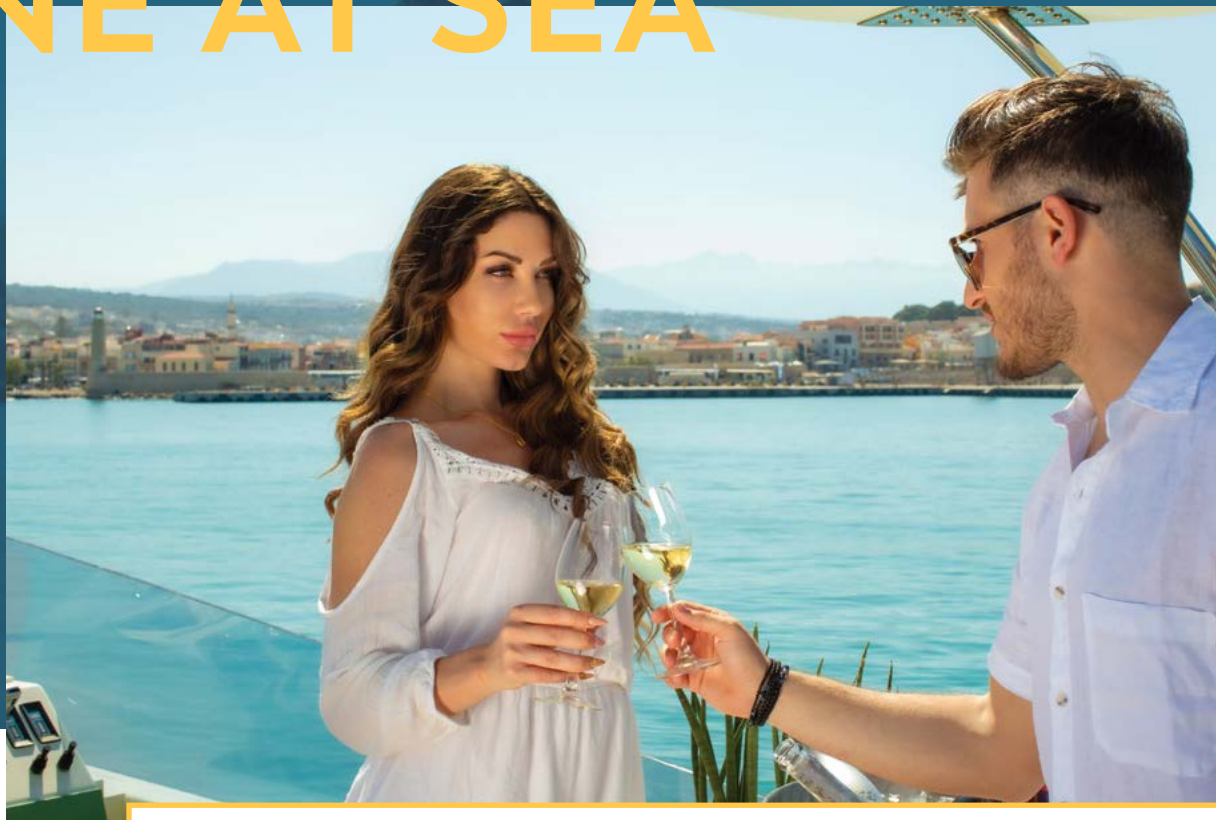
- Private chef cooking at your villa
- Guided wine tasting with your lunch or dinner
- Private sommelier to answer all your questions
- Customise the experience to your taste
- Our warmest hospitality

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WINE AT SEA



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PRICE:

Upon request

Choose between a speedboat or a yacht!

This experience combines deep blue skies, infinite horizons, a luxurious yacht setting or sporty speedboat and incredible Greek wines served with Cretan delicacies.

We can board from Rethymno or Chania and sail to remote beaches or secret caves. On our way we taste wines from the islands of Greece pairing them with gourmet delicacies. Celebrate your anniversary, honeymoon, birthday or just the joy of life on-board.

Available from 3 to 7 hours based on your sailing desire

Starting Time: Upon request

Duration: 3 to 7 hours

Intensity: Intermediate (*Requires climbing boat steps, stability, etc.*)
Swimming knowledge is a pre-requisite.

Dress Code: Depends on Itinerary

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ALL OVER CRETE

PRICE:

Upon request

Shoot for the moon, fully Customise your Experience.

The Sky is the limit in this tour, do you want to sample wines while flying over the vineyards of Crete? Would you like to be on a hidden beach or a remote island for a romantic food and wine pairing? Are you interested in organic, biodynamic or natural wines? Or perhaps, you just want to discover the similarities and differences of wines that you are already familiar with.

We can make it happen!

Please contact us for your fully customised experience in Crete, or somewhere else... Just remember to always shoot for the moon!

Starting Time: Depends on itinerary

Duration: Depends on itinerary

Intensity: Depends on itinerary

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