

Crete holidays

Crete holidays Find the best places to visit during your holidays in Crete Greece Crete is an island ideal for holidays, one of the largest of the Greek islands and the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean, lies south in Greece separating the Aegean from Libyan Sea, the southeast part of Europe, a link between three continents Asia, Africa and Europe. Creta holidays web site will help you plan your Creta holidays.

Crete has four major parts (prefectures). These are from the the west to the east Chania, Rethimnon, Iraklion and Lassithi. The biggest cities in Crete are Iraklio, Chania, Rethymno and Agios Nikolaos on the North part of the island and Ierapetra to the south part facing the Libyan sea.

Some 256 km long and about 15 and 30 kms wide, majestic mountains rise in its centre with their plateaus split by deep ravines ending up in fertile valleys and sandy beaches. It has a great variety of landscapes and ancient places to visit. From historical view it is the most significant of the Greek islands since European culture first developed here over 4000 years with the Minoan civilisation.

There are many reasons that made Crete one of the top holiday destinations in the world: beautiful beaches, traditional lifestyle, cretan hospitality, archaeological interest for the Minoan civilization and the palaces of Knossos and Phaistos, picturesque settlements, the variety of the landscape and the scenery with the olive trees, orange groves and vineyards, palm forests (at Vai) and cedar forests at Gavdos and Hrissi, the mountains in the center like the White Mountains, Psiloritis and Dikti, the famous Samaria gorge, the "kri-kri", the famous Cretan wild goat, the monasteries like Arkadi, the timeless sense of life of the Greek islands.

Maybe you know Crete from Zorbas the famous movie from the novel of Kazantzakis, that made Crete known to the world mostly for its people and their hospitality.

You should also know that Knossos the capital of Minoan Civilization was the first example of a city. You should visit when you visit Iraklion during your Creta holidays.

Crete's sense of mystery is extremely deep. Whoever sets foot on this island senses a mysterious force branching warmly and beneficently through his veins, senses his soul begin to grow. Find the best places to visit during your Creta holidays, travel guide, beaches, tourist information, maps, pictures, accommodation, hotels, rent a car, archaeological sites on the site map :

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