

October 2025 - 8 days from *£1,245pp

Away from the crowds and purpose built resorts, the west of Crete offers an authentic experience of island life. This delightful tour will offer a glimpse of local life and, at the same time, introduce you to delicious Cretan cuisine at traditional tavernas. A series of four day trips will show you some of this fascinating island's historic and scenic delights.



Crete has a vast, turbulent and fascinating history and is home to a wealth of sites that reflect its ancient Minoan heritage, that dates back some 4,500 years, as well as the more recent influence of the Byzantines and Venetians. The result is a fascinating patchwork of architecture, history and culture.

Our tour is based in the delightful Venetian harbour town of Rethymnon, whose atmospheric old town is perfect for leisurely strolling and grazing at one of the many cafes, bars and restaurants, as well as offering a host of historic sights including its bustling harbour, 13th century lighthouse and 17th century Nerantzes Mosque.

Included in the price

- Return scheduled flights from London Gatwick to Chania
- Seven nights' accommodation on bed and breakfast basis with dinner on day 1 at the three-star Ideon Hotel (or similar), based on shared occupancy of a twin/double room
- Two taverna dinners with wine
- Return transfers from Chania airport to the Hotel with meet and greet
- Four full day tours of the island including visits to the Pottery in Margarites, Arkadi Monestry, Filo pastry demonstration and shop in Rethymnon, Cemetery of Armeni, Minoan Palace of Phaestos, one local taverna lunch, Commonwealth cemetery at Souda bay, the Venetian harbour town of Chania, Aptera water cistern and Roman theatre, Therriso gorge and Plakias with ample opportunity to visit local villages en route.

Not included in the price

• Single supplement



Where you stay
Ideon Hotel, Rethymnon (or similar)
Friendly three-star hotel excellently
located right next to Rethymnon's 'old
town'. Travel Editions' guests have been
enjoying the friendly Ideon Hotel for
many years and its location is superb,
close to the sea on the edge of the
atmospheric old town and bustling
harbour. Facilities here include a bar,
restaurant and comfortable bedrooms with
all modern facilities including free wifi.



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