

# Crete Self-Guided

10 days



## Tour highlights

- Fertile Lassithi Plateau with mammoth Diktion Cave.
- Traditional villages in the Psiloritis Mountains
- Venetian harbor cities of Rethymno and Chania
- Minoan palaces cities of Knossos and Malia
- Swimming in the Cretan Sea

2200 € per person  
(Approximately \$2971)

For current exchange rates:  
[www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

Cost based on double occupancy and up to 4 persons for luggage transfers

**Note:** Tour prices are based on the euro which is the official currency of Greece. The dollar price of the tour is whatever the exchange rate is on the date of payment.

As Greece's largest island with an extended road network and breathtaking mountain and seascapes, Crete makes a superb destination for cyclists.

Apart from splendid cycling, ancient Minoan ruins are an exciting feature en route, including famous sites like Knossos and Phaestos, and unheralded ones of equal interest, such as the Armeni Minoan cemetery.

Clients rave about the precious accommodations offered on this tour. Charming old villas, country inns and boutique hotels provide a personal, intimate exchange with the hospitable local hosts.

## Day 1: Tzermiado

Lassithi Plateau, one of the highest farming areas in Greece. Traditional villages, windmills and mammoth Diktion Cave where Zeus was born!

## Day 2: Tzermiado

Cycle down to the coast to the Minoan palace city of Malia. En-route up hill, stop in the small village of Krasi with its humongous plain tree and fresh water springs.

## Day 3: Arhanes

Heading west, over mountain ridges, cycling on back roads amongst passing goats. Arrival in Arhanes, a one-time Minoan village and lots of vineyards.

## Day 4: Arhanes

Visit the famed Minoan palace city of Knossos and the Heraklion museum with priceless frescos. Afternoon loop to Nikos Katzantakis Museum (author of Zorba the Greek).

## Day 5: Axos

You head up to the Psilorites Mountains, passing through small mountain villages and an eco-village enroute. Accommodations in a farm with organic food and wine.



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## Day 6: Rethymno

Cycle to Melidoni Cave, a poignant place in Cretan history, Margarites village known for its ceramics and Panormos on the sea.

## Day 7: Rethymno

Today is a rest day to explore the Venetian city of Rethymno with its imposing Fortezza fortress and 14 kilometer sandy beach. Or for the warriors — take a spin to Spili, a traditional village.

## Day 8: Hania

Following a coastal road, you reach Hania, the most romantic city in Crete. The Venetian harbor with its Ottoman era mosque makes a perfect place for goodbyes to this endearing

## Day 9: Hania

From sea level to 3600 feet, a slow ascend to Omalos, an alpine feel. Climb is about 3 hours — descent about half that.

## Day 9: Departure



## Cycling Summary

Day 1 25 km, 15 miles, primarily flat

Day 2 54 km, 32 miles, descend 2920 feet going, ascend on return.

Day 3 44 km, 27 miles, highest ascent 600 meters, 1968 feet

Day 4 45 km, 28 miles, rolling hills

Day 5 64 km, 40 miles, highest ascent 500 meters, 1640 feet

Day 6 50 km, 31 miles, some climbs, mostly downhill

Day 7 Optional 54 km, 33 miles, highest ascent 445 meters, 1460 feet

Day 8 62 km, 38.5 miles, highest ascent 260 meters, 853 ft mostly flat hugging the sea

Day 9 74 km 46 miles, ascend 1100 meters 3600 feet

Climb going, descend on return

**DAY 10 Departure**

## Inclusions for 10 day tour

- Bicycle (road or hybrid), lightweight, triple chain ring, 27 gears. Go to FAQs Our Bikes for more information about the bicycles.
- Bike accessories: odometer, 2 water bottles and cages, map holder, spare tube, patch kit, bike tool, tire irons, hand pump, bike lock, helmet (note: our helmets are worn by prior clients), rear rack on request.
- Accommodations in country inns or 4 star hotels
- Vehicle luggage transfers to next destination
- Daily breakfast by accommodations host
- Maps and cue sheets
- Daily itineraries with points of interest, contacts (e.g., archaeological guide, museum phone numbers and hours) and local services (e.g., internet cafes, laundry, etc.)
- Emergency mobile phone preprogrammed with relevant numbers, including 24 hour access to an Aegea Adventures representative

## Upgrades

- Support vehicle for 1-5 cyclists 300 euros per day



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