

Knossos / Archaeological Museum / Heraklion (free time for lunch)

A day of discovery to the 'Palace of Knossos' and the 4000 year old relics of a Minoan civilisation redeemed almost to its former glory.

The myths and legends from the era that gave us plumbing and air-conditioning, long before civilisation as we know it was even thought of, will fascinate you.

The fabulous Minoan Palace of Knossos, once the residence of the legendary King Minos, stands loftily on a hill. In its heyday it must have been an impressive sight with its splendid architecture, monumental staircases and beautiful frescoes.

Whilst leading you through the palace chambers, halls and courtyards, our professional guide will paint the picture in your mind, of 4000 years of mystery and history.

Then, off to the museum, where you will see the treasures and authentic frescoes, retrieved from Knossos during the excavations by the English archaeologist, Sir Arthur Evans, earlier this century. It houses representative artifacts from all the periods of Cretan prehistory and history, covering a chronological span of over 5,500 years from the Neolithic period to Roman times. The singularly important Minoan collection contains unique examples of Minoan art, many of them true masterpieces. Along with the superb collection of pottery, stone, carvings and gold jewellery.

Then you visit the islands capital, Heraklion, with an opportunity to wander through the busy streets, to window shop, see the market, or have lunch in one of the many tavernas, or in a café by the square. (approx.. 2 hours free time)

A truly fascinating day, Knossos is a must for every visitor to Crete.

Pick up from the hotel : around 07:30

Return back : around 18:30

Price per person : 40 EURO

Not included : 16 EURO/person entrance fee in Knossos & Museum
(combined , paid locally)

