

 Heraklion
Pick-Up from
Chania

 Full Day
(12 Hours)

 Tuesday



Tour Starts
at 06:40

LEGENDARY KNOSSOS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the oldest city & civilization of Europe
- ✓ Learn more about the Cretan Mythology and History
- ✓ Free time to discover Heraklion town or optional visit to Archaeological Museum



INCLUDED

- ✓ Pick-up/Drop-Off
- ✓ Official Guide
- ✓ Air-Conditioned Luxury Bus
- ✓ Whispers
- ✓ Full Liability Insurance





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Indicative Time-Table

- 06.40-07.50 Pick up
- 09.00 Coffee break for 20'
- 10.30 Arrival at Heraklion City (Free Time)
Optional visit to Archeological museum (No Guide)
- 13.15 Departure from Heraklion city
- 13.45 Arrival at Knossos Palace (Guiding)
- 15.30 Departure from Knossos
- IMPORTANT!:** *Dep. time must be confirmed with local guide*
- 17.00 Coffee break for 20'
- 18.00-18.30 Arrival at your Hotel

Note: Due to high volume of visitors, the group may visit at first Knossos Palace and then Heraklion City

Knossos Palace

Knossos, the largest and most renowned palace of the **Minoan civilization**, and a focal point of ancient myth. Tales of the **Labyrinth** and the **Minotaur**, along with the legend of **Daedalus and Icarus**, are deeply intertwined with its history.

Continuously inhabited from the **Neolithic period to Roman times**, the palace reached its peak before being partially destroyed around **1450 B.C.** It was later resettled by the **Mycenaeans**, flourishing until **67 B.C.**, when it fell to **Quintus Caecilius Metellus Creticus** during the Roman conquest.

The site was first uncovered in **1878 by Minos Kalokairinos** and extensively excavated between **1900 and 1931 by Sir Arthur Evans**. His work revealed the grand palace, portions of the surrounding city, and burial grounds. Though Evans's reconstructions remain controversial, they were undertaken to safeguard the site's fragile structures.

Knossos today is a timeless gateway to myth and history. Wander through its grand courtyards, admire vivid frescoes, and explore winding corridors that echo the splendor of Europe's first great civilization.

Please note that Entrance Fees are not included and are paid on the spot

Heraklion City

Heraklion's old town is a living tapestry of history, where every street reveals echoes of its rich past.

Begin at the old Venetian Harbour and follow August 25th Street to the vibrant heart of the city. At the center stands the iconic Lions' Fountain, built in 1628 by Venetian governor Morosini, surrounded by a lively scene of cafés, shops, and restaurants. Steps away, the elegant Venetian Loggia, now the Town Hall, showcases the grandeur of Venetian architecture, while the nearby Cathedral of Agios Titos embodies Byzantine grace.

Wander through the Central Market Street to reach Kornarou Square, where the Koubes, a former Turkish fountain, houses a cozy coffee spot beside the historic Bembo Fountain. Turn onto Averof Street to arrive at Eleftherias Square, the city's bustling core and home to the renowned Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of Minoan artifacts. Or explore Kyrillou Loukareos Street to discover the majestic Agios Minas Cathedral and the Agia Aikaterini Museum.

Encircling it all are the impressive Venetian walls, guiding you toward the Koules Fortress, a timeless guardian overlooking the harbor and the city's storied past.

Please note: Clients eligible for a discounted entrance to Knossos Palace must present valid identification verifying age and country of origin.

AMAZING GUIDING EXPERIENCE!! This tour uses a **Whisper guiding system**, ensuring a premium, crystal-clear listening experience!



REMEMBER TO BRING!

→ Sun Cream, Sunglasses and Hat → Long-Sleeved Shirt for Sensitive skin

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