



Chania



Half Day  
(5-6 Hours)



Free to  
Choose



Tour Starts  
at your  
convenience

CULTURE & HERITAGE  
WINE & GASTRONOMY



## VIP PRIVATE TOUR 7 (World-War II History)

Maleme War Cemetery – Galatas Monument – Souda Bay Allied Cemetery

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ A breathtaking trip to World-war II monuments
- ✓ Visit the Souda Bay Allied Cemetery
- ✓ Visit the Maleme War, German Cemetery
- ✓ Visit the Allied War Monument of Galatas
- ✓ Visit the German Bird Monument
- ✓ Have lunch at a local restaurant



### INCLUDED

- ✓ Pick-up/Drop-Off
- ✓ Professional Chauffeur
- ✓ Air-Conditioned Luxury Vehicles
- ✓ Full Liability Insurance



# VIP PRIVATE TOUR 7



## Maleme War Cemetery & German Bird

### Indicative Time-Table

09:30 Pick up  
 10:00 Arrival at Maleme War Cemetery  
 Visit Tavronitis Bridge, Hill 107 etc.  
 11:30 Departure for Souda Allied Cemetery  
 12:00 Arrival at Souda Bay Allied Cemetery  
 12:40 Departure for German Bird Monument  
 13:00 Arrival at German Bird Monument  
 13:15 Departure for Galatas Monument  
 Free time to walk around and have lunch  
 15:45 Departure from Galatas  
 16:00 Arrival at your Hotel

The **Maleme German cemetery** is near Maleme airport on the north coast of Crete, 20 km western of Chania city and one kilometer above the village of Maleme. In the south the "White Mountains" Range rises up to 2.450 m. The basic idea of the memorial was to design the graveyard for the fallen soldiers according to the four main battle grounds of Maleme, Chania, Rethymnon and Heraklion. The cemetery was founded in 1974 by the former German commander Gericke. At this area are buried 4.465 German soldiers who lost their lives in the island of Crete most of them were paratroopers who died during the invasion. The care of the cemetery is done by the "The German Graves Commission".

Germans built the memorial of German bird as a tribute to the parachutists who fell during the Battle of Crete in World War II. Nazis won this battle but suffered heavy losses and lifted the monument in order to pay tribute to those who lost their lives.

## Souda Bay Allied Cemetery & Galatas

At Vlites position, by Souda port, in a beautifully landscaped scenery, there is the **Souda Bay War Cemetery**, where ceremonies take place every year in memory of the victims of the Second World War. Throughout the year, many visitors, mainly Australians and New Zealanders, visit this place. The cemetery was built and maintained by the Commonwealth Committee on military Graves and was founded after the war to include the graves of all soldiers of the Commonwealth who died in Crete. The architect was Louis De Soissons. The 1527 burials in the cemetery are from UK (862 soldiers), Canada (5), Australia (197), New Zealand (446), South Africa (9), India (1), Others (7).

**Galatas Memorial** has been erected in memory of the fallen allied troops on Crete during Operation Merkur (20th May 1941 - 1 June 1941). Near Galatas the Battle of Pink Hill took place.

**Tip:** In order to get the maximum of the excursion, an official guide is highly recommended.



**NOT INCLUDED:**  
 a) Official Guide, b) Entrance fees and c) Lunch during the excursion



### REMEMBER TO BRING!

→ Sun Cream (a lot!) → Sunglasses and Hat → Long-Sleeved Shirt for Sensitive skin

### PHOTO GALLERY

