



Chania



Full Day
(8-9 Hours)



Free to
Choose



Tour Starts
at your
convenience



CULTURE & HERITAGE
WINE & GASTRONOMY

VIP PRIVATE TOUR 8 (Cretan Treasure)

Arkadi Monastery – Margarites – Sfendoni Cave (Zoniana) – Anogia

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ An amazing visit to the Hidden Treasures of Crete
- ✓ Visit the Historic Arkadi Monastery (UNESCO monument)
- ✓ Visit the iconic village of Margarites
- ✓ Visit the picturesque Sfendoni Cave of Zoniana
- ✓ Visit the famous village of Anogia
- ✓ Pick a taverna and try Cretan Delicacies

INCLUDED

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



Free
WI-FI
In Bus



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Arkadi Monastery & Margarites

Arkadi Monastery is a historical place in Crete. It has been recognized as a European Freedom Memorial from UNESCO as it played a very important part in the war against the Ottomans during the Cretan Revolt of 1866-1869. The Holocaust of Arkadi on the 8th Nov. 1866 tells a tale of courage and bravery of the Cretans where 900 locals who took shelter in the monastery, sieged by 15000 Ottomans. Even though they knew the battle was lost, they preferred death instead of surrender and set fire to the gunpowder storage room, killing all of them but also many Ottomans. The news, widely spread over Europe and caused the support for the Cretan freedom movement.

Margarites Village is well known for its pottery. The tradition of pottery goes back many generations in this village, and you will be able to find an elder to show you how the pots are hand thrown. The village, which has some extraordinary architecture and lovely narrow winding streets, is well worth exploring.

Indicative Time-Table

08:00 Pick up
 09:30 Arrival at Arkadi Monastery
 10:00 Departure for Margarites Village
 10:20 Arrival at Margarites Village
 11:10 Departure for Sfendoni Cave/Zoniana
 12:00 Arrival at Sfendoni Cave/Zoniana
 13:20 Departure for Anogia Village
 Free time to walk around and have lunch
 16:00 Departure from Anogia
 17:45 Arrival at your Hotel

Sfendoni Cave & Anogia Village

Sfendoni Cave is located near the village of Zoniana (Rethymno Prefecture), at a distance of just 43 kilometers from the town of Heraklion and 52 kilometers from the town of Rethymno. It is one of the most important caves in Greece, covering an area of about 3,000 sq. m. The cave's unique and rare beauty mesmerizes everybody, establishing it as one of Crete's most beautiful caves. Visitors are allowed to explore a route of about 270 m, along which they can admire a variety of impressive formations. Large columns create labyrinthine compartments inside the cave and stalactites and stalagmites of different colours and shapes decorate the cave's chambers. The specially constructed path inside the cave makes visits possible to the disabled too.

Anogia village is one of the most famous villages in Crete, is perched on the slopes of Psiloritis at an altitude of 700m. Local music, folk art and tradition are the elements that have remained unchanged in time, since the inhabitants of the village carry them from generation to generation. After you have enjoyed your coffee or your raki, the smells of the restaurants combined with the fresh mountain air, have probably made you feel hungry. Visit the traditional taverns of the village and try "antikristo" (different parts of Cretan lamb cooked "facing" one another), and pasta with local ricotta cheese.



NOT INCLUDED:

a) 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

