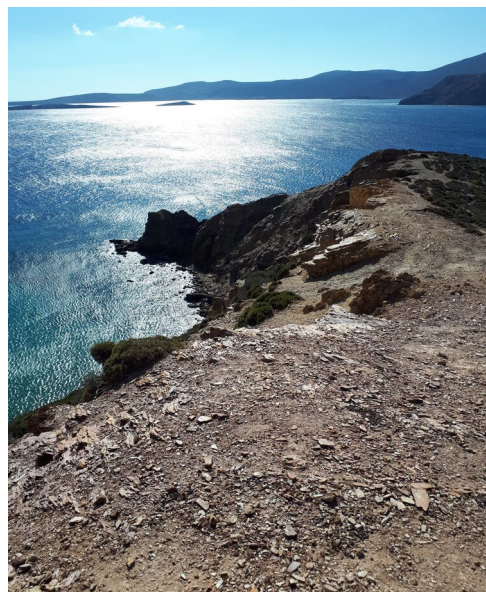


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Jonathan's Tour team, welcome you to the Eastern Crete 2020

Dates : 17th to 24th April ; 5th to 12th May ;
10th to 17th October



This program is a rough guide to the tour. Jonathans tours reserves the right to make changes for the convenience or the safety of the group due to weather, group fitness or other events out of our control.

TOUR DESCRIPTION

This tour begins in Heraklion, the capital of the island, where we spend the 1st night.

The first four nights are spent in the village of Palekastro before moving on to Makriyalos on the south eastern coast for the last two nights.

There will be 5 walking days on this holiday, with one day off.

These five days walking give us the opportunity to explore this beautiful and exciting area. One of the features of the eastern Cretan landscape are the gorges of which there are over one hundred. These gorges are a microcosm with unique geology, endemic plants, insects, and animals that have disappeared in many other parts of the island.

We will walk on ancient paths, or use ancient ways that take us to archaeological sites, churches, monasteries, and deserted villages. As we walk we meet Cretan farmers in their fields or villages and we take the time to stop and chat with them. We will read excerpts out of books written by travellers that have visited Crete since ancient times. As we move through the countryside we will observe the many features of the landscapes and the stories they tell.

What is striking about the far eastern end of Crete are the wonderful beaches, the lack of construction, and a feeling of seeing Crete as it was thousands of years ago.

A wise woman in Paleokastro says that « in the eastern cretan landscape you see the face of good »

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Arrival Day

Once guests arrive and they will be transferred to their hotel in Heraklion. We walk down to the center of town and around some of the sites before taking drinks and dinner in a taverna. Overnight Sophia hotel.

1ST WALKING DAY - KAVOUSI CIRCULAR WALK

We drive to Kavousi (1 hour and 20 minutes). We walk up an impressive cobbled footpath to an area with amazing ancient olive trees (some over 2000 years old) and picnic in one of the olive groves. We then walk down to Kavousi to our vehicle. This is a beautiful walk with dramatic views of the bay of Mirabello, an ancient cobbled footpath, and the remains of several Minoan settlements. 4 hours walking. We drive on to Palekastro to our hotel. Overnight and dinner in Palekastro.

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2ND WALKING DAY - XOLAKIES GORGE

We drive to Xolakies village. From here we walk down to a deserted beach with crystal clear water. It was here that there was an ancient settlement and port in Minoan times. We swim and eat a picnic and then walk back up to Xolakies village. Return to Palekastro in the late afternoon. 4 hours walking.
Overnight Palekastro.

3RD WALKING DAY - COASTAL PATH FROM VAI TO PALEKASTRO

A days' walking with amazing scenery, plus visits to various archaeological sites and Moni Touplou, and lunch in a seaside taverna with the possibility of a swim just before Vai. About 5 hours walking.

OR

MINOAN PEAK SANCTUARY WALK.

We leave on foot from the hotel and do a circular walk that takes us up to the Petsofas peak sanctuary for some wonderful views. Lunch will be taken in a taverna or be a picnic.
Overnight Palekastro.

DAY OFF

For those who wish we can organize a lift into Sita so you can explore this small town, maybe visit the archaeological museum, or take lunch in one of the many small tavernas on the port front or shop or simply sit down and soak up the atmosphere. Overnight & dinner in Palekastro.

4TH WALKING DAY - XANDRAS PLATEAU

We will walk from the deserted Byzantine village of Voila to the village of Etia and back to XANDRAS. We will then drive on to have lunch in the picturesque village of Pervolakia. Walking time 4 hours.

OR

THE ZAKROS GORGE WALK -

We drive to Kato Zakros by the sea. From here we walk up the Zakros gorge and then down back to village again for lunch. Wonderful atmospheric walk with views and dramatic scenery. 4 hours walking. Lunch in a family run taverna. After lunch we drive on to our hotel in Makriyalos. Overnight Makriyalos.

5th WALKING DAY - DAFNI TO PEFKI AND DOWN TO MAKRIYALOS.

A fantastic walk that takes us from the center of the eastern end of Crete down to the south coast. We pass through numerous beautiful areas, eat lunch in a family run taverna and pass through the lush and beautiful Pefki gorge. We end up back at the hotel. 5 hours walking.
Overnight and dinner in Makriyalos.

DEPARTURE DAY -

Guests are transferred back to Heraklion airport.



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What is included

Bed and breakfast, 3 evening meals, 5 picnic or restaurant lunches, travel and transfers during the tour, the services of a professional guide.

What is not included

Air travel, personal insurance, 4 evening meals & lunch on the day off, drinks, extra costs, entrance to museums, gratuities, arrival & departure day meals.

PRICE : 1.090€/person single supplement 120€

The team - Your guide Jonathan Peat and Myriam Peat.

HOTELS :

Marina Village at Paleokastro
and Villea Village at Makriyalos



What to bring -

Ankle high walking boots with a good sole.

Shorts or long trousers (quick drying) T-shirts.

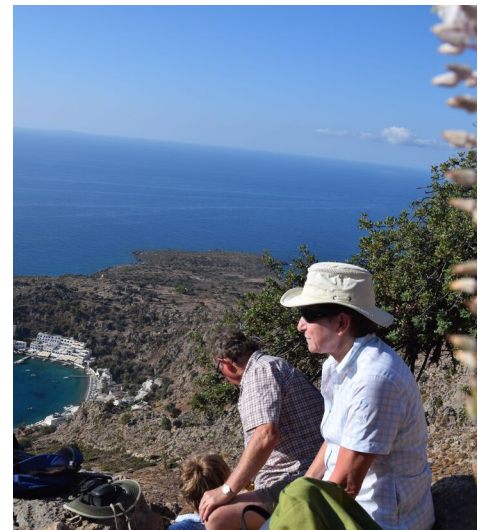
A light fleece Waterproof top

A torch

Small 1st aid kit Sun protection (hat, creams, and sun glasses)

Water bottle to fill 1 liter

If you wish to swim bring a bathing costume and a small towel.



We are looking forward to welcoming you in Crete