

ECCO 2023 - - Information about Excursions

Excursion 1: Theriso - Saturday, May 13

The village has an impressive history that played an important role in the freedom and independence of the people of Crete. Theriso is built on the northwestern foothills of the White Mountains at an altitude of 580 meters. It is located 16 km south of the city of Chania. To reach the village we will pass through a beautiful gorge, with a total length of 9 km. Apart from the gorge, Theriso is today a popular gastronomic destination for traditional Cretan cuisine.

Itinerary Outline:

- 12:00 - Pick-up from Akali Hotel in 50-seater bus.
- Departure from Chania and travel northwest to Theriso village via Theriso Gorge.
- During the route inside the gorge there will be stops to take photos (<https://www.chaniatourism.gr/gorge-cave/therissos-gorge/>).
- Time here to visit the village and discover its history.
- Lunch in a traditional Cretan tavern with local products
- Return and arrival in Akali Hotel around 16.30.

Cost per person: 45€

Excursion 2: Lake Kournas - Sunday, May 14

Lake Kournas is in a very beautiful location, in a hollow between hills, about 45 km east of the city of Chania. Lake Kournas is the only freshwater lake in Crete, while it and its surroundings are protected by Natura 2000.

Lake Kournas is one of the favorite destinations for visitors to the island, as well as locals. Visitors can take a walk around the lake, with its turquoise waters, in less than an hour while they can have their lunch/dinner at the traditional taverns overlooking the lake. In the summer (and not only) they can take a bath or take a ride on the lake with water bikes.

<https://www.visitgreece.gr/experiences/nature/lakes/lake-kournas/>

Itinerary Outline:

- 10:00 - Pick-up from Akali Hotel in 50-seater bus.
- 10:15 - Visit to the Tombs of the Venizelos (photograph of the city of Chania)
- 10:30 - Departure from Chania and travel east towards Lake Kournas.
- 11:30 - Arrival at the lake and time to visit the lake, for a walk around the lake or a bath or take a ride on the lake with water bikes, etc.
- 13:00 Lunch in a traditional Cretan tavern with local products

- Return and arrival in Akali Hotel around 16.00.

Cost per person: 55€

Info: Those interested in participating should pay the corresponding amount through the electronic payment system of the Conference from Monday 24/4/2023 until Wednesday 26/4/2023, noting the names of the participants.

It is also noted that:

- the excursions will be carried out at this cost if there is a minimum number of fifteen (15) participants, and that
- if the number of participants is greater, then a second bus will be added.