The Palace of Knossos and visit of traditional village of Arolithos



ShoreTrips says...

Explore the famous labyrinth home to the Minataur of Greek legend!

Crete's fertile soil and towering peaks witnessed the development of one of the earliest recorded civilizations on earth, the Minoan. Knossos was the court of the legendary King Minos, whose wife Pasiphae gave birth to the Minotaur, half-bull, half-man. The excavations on the site were begun by the English archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans and his team in 1893 and lasted 35 years.

Entering the Great Palace through the West Court, one can easily understand why the legend of the labyrinth grew up here. It takes about one hour and a half to walk around the site and explore all the parts of the Palace. During this walking tour you may admire the superb Royal Quarters the Throne room with an Antechamber and main throne and the Queen's Quarters whose wall above the entrance door is decorated with a copy of the famous dolphin frescos. Apart from the Royal Palace there are also other buildings included in the site such as the Small Palace, the House of the High Priest and the Caravanserai.

We shall continue our tour with a visit to the very interesting and traditional settlement of Arolithos. In this village you will have the opportunity to see how people used to live in the past. There is a museum in the village, which displays the equipment people used in their numerous tasks during the day. Walking through the narrow, colorful alleys of the village you reach the main square of the village, where under the shade of a plane tree you will taste various Greek snacks and the local spirit RAKI. After the refreshments you may stroll around the narrow streets of Arolithos and get acquainted with the typical life of a Cretan village.

- This Tour Includes:
- Round trip transportation in air conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- All entrance fees
- Refreshments and a light snack at Arolithos village

- See/Visit:
- the Great Palace
- Small Palace
- House of the High Priest
- Caravanserai
- Arolitos village

- Additional Languages Available
- French
- German($)
- Japanese($)
- Mandarin($)

- Portuguese($)
- Spanish($)
- *Possible upcharge at checkout for languages denoted with ($) symbol.

Days of Operation

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

Departures (local time)

- 8:30 AM (4 hrs) Star times are flexible; call ShoreTrips to specify a time prior to placing your reservation

Transfer / Meeting Instructions

No Taxi Required Specific pick up or taxi instructions will appear on your voucher after you purchase your trip.

Special Instructions

- There is extensive walking involved in this tour. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Restrictions

• Please note that the Sunday Supplement also applies to the following Public Holidays in 2019: January 1; April 29th, May 1st, June 17th, August 15th, October 28th and December 25th and 26th.
• Supplement is per group and not per person.

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