

East Crete: Toplou Monastery - Palm Beach of Vai - Sitia Town

Short Description:

Start your day tour discovering the beautiful east part of Crete!

Visit Toplou, a 15th-century monastery, located in a dry and barren area. Toplou monastery is one of the most significant monasteries in Crete, dedicated to Panagia (Virgin Mary) and St. John the Theologian. Continue the tour to visit the largest palm forest in Europe, the Vai Palm Beach. The palm forest draws thousands of visitors every year who come, not only for its wonderful palm forest but also for the large sandy beach, spread out at its feet. The last stop of the day is the cozy town of Sitia with a lovely beach road and a venetian castle.

Highlights:

- Explore the Toplou Monastery
- Spend a relaxing day at the famous palm beach of Vai
- End the tour by visiting the town of Sitia

Included:

- Transportation with Air-Conditioned bus
- Professional Driver
- Tour Guide
- All the legal taxes
- Liability insurance coverage by ALLIANZ

Not Included:

- Sunbeds / Umbrellas
- Food / Drinks
- Toplou Monastery Entrance ticket

What to bring:

- Hat / Sunglasses / Sunscreen
- Swimsuit / Beach towel
- Comfortable shoes
- Water

Know before you go:

- We offer pick-up from various points such as hotels and bus stops.
As soon as you complete the booking, your agent will let you know, the exact place and time of the Pick-up which is nearest to your place of stay.
- This trip is not suitable for disabled people.

Timetable Information:

Total Duration: 11 – 13 hours (depending on customers' resort)

Full Description:

Morning Pick Up:

We will start collecting participants from pick-up points in the morning.
Depending on the location of customers' accommodation the bus drive will differ.

1st stop: Toplou Monastery – 40 minutes

Our participants will enjoy a visit to the beautiful historical Monastery of Toplou. There they will spend about 40 minutes with a guided tour and some free time to take photos of the unique architecture and the Cretan natural landscape.

Bus Drive to Vai Beach: 20 minutes

2nd stop: Vai Beach – 2 hours and 30 minutes

Stop at Vai, the biggest natural palm forest in Europe. Enjoy 2.5 hours of free time for swimming, sunbathing, having lunch and taking photos of one of the most exotic landscapes of Crete.

Bus Drive to Sitia: 30 minutes

3rd stop: Sitia– 1 hour and 20 minutes

Participants will enjoy some free time to explore the town at their own pace, walk along the cosmopolitan beach road and have a coffee at one of the traditional cafes or taste the delicious traditional sweets.

End of the tour – Return to resorts:

Embarkation on the buses and drive back to the hotels, where we gathered participants in the morning.

Depending on traffic and pick-up place, the time of the journey back to the resorts will differ.