

## Combo tour to Knossos Palace & Lasithi Plateau: Vidiani Monastery, Lasinthos Eco Park, Krasi Village, Olive Mill Farm & Knossos Palace

### Short Description:

This tour will give travelers the opportunity to explore some interesting places at the Plateau of Lasithi, the area where Zeus was born according to mythology. Situated at 850 meters above sea level, the plateau of Lasithi has the largest agricultural production in Crete. There are 18 villages nestled in the surrounding mountains of the plateau. The visitors can admire a panoramic drive through the plateau, the Monastery of Vidiani, Lasinthos Eco Park and the traditional village of Krasi. Afterwards, the visitors will experience a guided tour at an Olive Mill Farm to see the production of olive oil soap, olive oil etc. Next, there will be an unforgettable meal (at their own expense) with local products, unique aromas from the surrounding wild mountains as well as picturesque views of the Aegean Sea. Our day will end with a guided tour through the worldwide famous Archaeological Site of Knossos, the capital and major center of the Minoan civilization, as well as the oldest city in Europe.

### Highlights:

- Get the most out of Lasithi Region
- Visit the Village of Krasi with its watersprings, also home of the oldest tree in Crete and enjoy some time in nature
- Appreciate pottery and ancient workshops at Lasinthos Eco Park
- Visit the Historical Monastery of Panagia Vidiani
- Wander at the Olive Mill Farm and explore the Cretan nature, culture and gastronomy
- Discover the Minoan Palace of Knossos and learn more about the most famous archeological site of Crete

### Included:

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

### Not Included:

- Knossos Palace entrance ticket
- Lunch at Olive Mill Farm

### What to bring:

- Comfortable shoes
- Hat / sunglasses / sunscreen
- Water

- Passport / ID (in case of reduced entrance)

#### Know before you go:

- We offer pick-up from various points such as hotels and bus stops.
- While completing the booking, the agent will explain to you the exact place and time of the Pick-up which is nearest to your place of stay.
  - This trip is not recommended for disabled people.

#### Timetable Information:

**Total Duration of the tour: 10- 12 hours (depending on the 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: Vidiani Monastery – 25 minutes**

A small Greek Orthodox Monastery, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, located at the foot of Louloudaki Mountain.

Bus Drive: 15 minutes

##### **2nd stop: Lasinthos Eco Park- 1 hour**

An Eco Park, with ancient workshops such as pottery, candle making etc. and a small animal farm.

Bus Drive: 30 minutes

##### **3rd stop: Village of Kراسi – 25 minutes**

This little traditional village with its beautiful freshwater springs, as well as the oldest, biggest tree in all of Crete will be our stop for about 25 minutes to enjoy our time in Cretan nature!

Bus Drive: 25 minutes

##### **4th stop: Olive Mill Farm – 2 hours**

Guided tour and lunch in a beautiful landscape of an Olive Grove and a very interesting Olive Oil Factory with a unique view to the mountains and the Aegean Sea.

Bus Drive: 60 minutes

##### **5th stop: Knossos Palace – 1 hour**

Leaving the beautiful region of Lasithi behind, our day will end at the Historical Site of Knossos. There will be a guided tour for approximately 1 hour as well as some free time to take photos of this unique archaeological scenery.

**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 on the pick-up places, the time of the journey back to the resorts will differ.