

6 BEACHES OF CRETE EXPERIENCE WITH A CRETAN

Sunday: Welcome to Crete

Individual flight to Crete

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Petousis or similar

Monday: 1st beach - Dyskos

From Adam's private house in Siva we start in a southerly direction. On a low-traffic route we reach the village of Vassiliki at the foot of the Asteroussia mountain range. Initially we drive uphill on a picturesque and serpentine road and later on a panoramic road downhill to the fishing village of Lentas. The rock above the village in the shape of a lion (Leontas) gives the village its name. We drive past Lentas to the settlement of Dyskos, where the sea invites you for a refreshing swim. At Mrs Voula's place, the fantastic panorama can be enjoyed with cold drinks and a rich lunch.

Route 52km Time 5 hrs Ascent 860m Descent 1150m

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Mythos Apartments or similar

Tuesday: 2nd beach - Tris Ekklisies

We first cycle 9km uphill to the village of Krotos. Then we cycle about 30km flat at the foot of the Asteroussia Mountains past many villages eastwards to the village of Pyrgos. From here we cycle south uphill to an altitude of 630m until we have the Libyan Sea in front of us. The next 17km we cycle comfortably downhill to our destination, the lonely beach Tris Ekklisies (the three churches).

Route 50km Time 5 hrs Ascent 1140m Descent 1140m

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Apartments Sea View or similar

Wednesday: 3rd beach - Keratokampos

First, we drive 30km through the Asteroussia Mountains. At an altitude of over 700m we see very impressive mountain villages. After this mountainous stretch, we reach the beach of Tsoutsouras. From here we continue along the Libyan Sea to our destination, the village of Keratokampos with its 7km long beach.

Route 41km Time 5 hrs Ascent 1040m Descent 1040m

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Apartments Jason or similar

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Thursday: 4th beach - Myrtos

On today's route we often have the opportunity to stop and enjoy the crystal-clear waters of the Libyan Sea. Before we reach our destination Myrtos, we pass several beaches, such as: Arvi with its bananas famous throughout the country, Psari Forada, one of the most beautiful beaches in South Crete - bathing here is a must and Tertsa, with its mild, warm climate you can even swim in the sea in winter.

Route 30km Time 5 hrs Ascent 510m Descent 510m

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Apartments Kastro or similar

Friday: 5th beach - Istro

Today we leave the Libyan Sea and cycle 15km uphill from Myrtos towards the east to the village of Males. The route is one of the most beautiful, because the panoramic view from the mountains to the sea is unique, which emphasises the greenery of the area. In addition to olive trees, our path is lined with numerous conifers and sage, so that the smell accompanies us constantly. On the other side of this idyllic route is the Cretan Sea with Mirabello Bay. We ride downhill for a long time until we reach our destination Istro.

Route 44km Time 5 hrs Ascent 1150m Descent 1110m

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Villa Minoas or similar

Saturday: 6th beach – Milatos

Today's route first takes us 26km along the sea through the town of Agios Nikolaos and on to the famous resort of Elounda. From here you can admire the former leper colony, the island of Spinalonga, as well as the peninsula of Kolokytha, before continuing towards the mountains. 18km we drive over mountains past beautiful villages and monasteries until we reach our destination Milatos.

Route 52km Time 5 hrs Ascent 1100m Descent 1100m

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Apartments Semelli or similar

Sunday: Farewell to Crete

Drive to the airport and return flight home

Meals: Breakfast