

STAR TOUR - 7 DAYS WITH STAY IN ADAM'S HOUSE

Sunday: Welcome to Crete

Individual arrival to Crete

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Adam's House or nearby

Monday: Tour with 4 different landscapes

After an explanation of the function of the e-bikes, we cycle 1 km to a café where we have breakfast together every day. Today we experience 4 different landscapes of Crete: Lush green with vineyards and olive groves, the fertile Messara plain, the barren mountains of the Asteroussia range and the wild beauty and blue of the Libyan Sea. We head south until we reach the village of Agios Thomas after 12 km. Here we visit ancient Roman tombs. We continue on a low-traffic route for 36 km to the village of Vassiliki at the foot of the Asteroussia Mountains. 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 small village of Dyskos, where the sea invites you for a refreshing swim. At Mrs. Voula's, the fantastic panorama can be enjoyed with cold drinks and a sumptuous lunch before the journey home.

Route 52 km - Time 5 hrs - Ascent 860 m - Descent 1150 m - Dirt road 1.5 km

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Adam's House or nearby

Tuesday: North coast - Karteros beach

We head towards the village of Kyparissi and continue east, where we first reach the village of Profitis Ilias after 16 km. From here we continue eastwards to the mountain of Jukhtas. Countless vineyards and endless olive groves line our way, vegetation typical of Crete. Near here is the picturesque village of Choudetsi (28 km), the village where the famous Irish musician Ross Daly organised an international music festival every year. Numerous guests from all over come to enjoy music, theatre, culinary delights and an extraordinary ambience. Afterwards we visit the historical monastery of Agarathos (41 km) with its historical museum. Here live 12 monks who also sell high quality olive oil and other natural products. Our way leads us further north, past the village of Episkopi until we reach the beach of Karteros. Before or after lunch, a refreshing swim in the sea awaits us here.

Route 59 km - Time 5 hrs - Ascent 990 m - Descent 1300 m - Dirt road 2.2 km

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Adam's House or nearby

Wednesday: Agia Galini, an impressive fishing village

The minibus takes us to the village of Agia Varvara, 12 km away. From here we pass many typical mountain villages at the foot of Crete's highest mountain range, the Ida Mountains or Psiloritis. Most of the inhabitants of these villages are farmers, cattle breeders or beekeepers. While resting in the shade of the idyllic Lake Zaros (14 km), we discover numerous turtles, ducks and carps. From here we continue to the mountain villages of Voriza and Kamares (27 km) with the famous Minoan cave. Here the most beautiful and thinnest vessels from the Minoan period of 2000 years B.C. have been found. After 35 km along the foot of the Ida Mountains we leave the mountains and drive 15 km south to the fishing village of Agia Galini. Over a delicious Mediterranean lunch, you can admire the fascinating turquoise of the Libyan Sea.

Route 50 km - Time 5 hrs - Ascent 560 m - Descent 1150 m - Dirt road 1.8 km

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Thursday: Kalamaki, the long beach in the south

The minibus takes us to the village of Prinias, 8 km away. The first destination today are the ancient Minoan wine presses near this village. The route towards the south coast is varied and takes us through the most fertile area of Crete, the Messara plain (24 km). Then we cycle through the village of Listaros (42 km) with the famous and popular herb shop "Botano". Its assortment consists of extensive natural products and delicious Cretan teas. We cross the Asteroussia mountains, reach Kalamaki and arrive at one of the longest beaches in Crete. Here we enjoy the culinary delights of the Aristodimos taverna right by the sea.

Route 51 km - Time 5 hrs - Ascent 470 m Descent - 1100 m - Dirt road 6 km

Meals: Breakfast, lunch / Accommodation: Adam's House or nearby

Friday: Wine tasting with the winemaker Fereniki and dinner with Jannis in the village of Kyparissi.

To end the week, we will drive to surrounding villages in our region. The young winemaker Fereniki will then welcome us in the village of Dafnes for a wine tasting and present some of her wines.

After a "siesta", the joint farewell dinner takes place in the evening at Jannis' in the village of Kyparissi.

Cretan cuisine has a special place on this day.

Route 40 km - Time 5 hrs - Ascent 720 m - Descent 720 m - Dirt road 0 m

Meals: Breakfast, wine tasting, dinner / Accommodation: Adam's House or nearby.

Saturday: Farewell to Crete

Drive to the airport and return flight home

Meals: Breakfast