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Trip to Knossos

27 JUNE



Heraklion Venetian Harbour

Don't miss an unforgettable visit to the lost world of the Minoans. Their palace at Knossos, which dates back to circa 2000 BC, was vast and elaborate, with Europe's first paved roads and running water and beautiful frescoes. This trip will guide you through history at the home of the thriving Minoan civilization.

# History

3500 years ago, the Santorini Island was devastated by one of the worst natural disasters since the Ice Age: a huge volcanic eruption. This cataclysm happened 100 km from the island of Crete and the city of Knossos, the home of the thriving Minoan civilization. Fifty years after the eruption, that civilization was in ruins. Did the volcano deliver a death blow to the Minoans? Is it possible that a huge tsunami wave caused by Santorini Volcano hit the shores of Crete completely destroying the Minoan Civilization? These questions have been haunting historians and scientists for decades.

The scheduled field trip, by the end of the conference, seeks for an unforgettable visit to the lost world of the Minoans. Their palace at Knossos which dates back to circa 2000 BC was vast and elaborate, with Europe's first paved roads and running water and beautiful and delicate frescoes. This trip will guide you through the history and help you meet the famous Minoan Civilization.



## TIMETABLE

Thursday, 27 June

<b>Departure from Minoa Palace Resort &amp; Spa</b>	<b>8:30</b>
<b>Quick Stop for Coffee/ Breakfast at Rethymno</b>	<b>09:30</b>
<b>Knossos Palace: Guided tour</b>	<b>11:15 - 13:00</b>
<b>Travel to Heraklion</b>	<b>13:05 - 13:25</b>
<b>2 options are available:</b>	<b>13:30 - 15:30</b>
<p>(i) Free time for shopping/lunch until 14:30. Afterwards, one-hour guided visit to the Archaeological museum of Heraklion. The Archaeological museum, completely renovated in 2014, is one of the most important museums in Europe, housing artifacts from every period of Cretan history and prehistory. It is rightly considered as the museum of Minoan culture par excellence worldwide.</p> <p>(ii) Free time for shopping/lunch.</p>	
<b>Departure from Heraklion heading back to Platanias**</b>	<b>15:30</b>
<b>Quick Stop for Refreshments</b>	<b>17:00</b>
<b>Arrival at Minoa Palace Resort &amp; Spa</b>	<b>18:00 - 18:30</b>

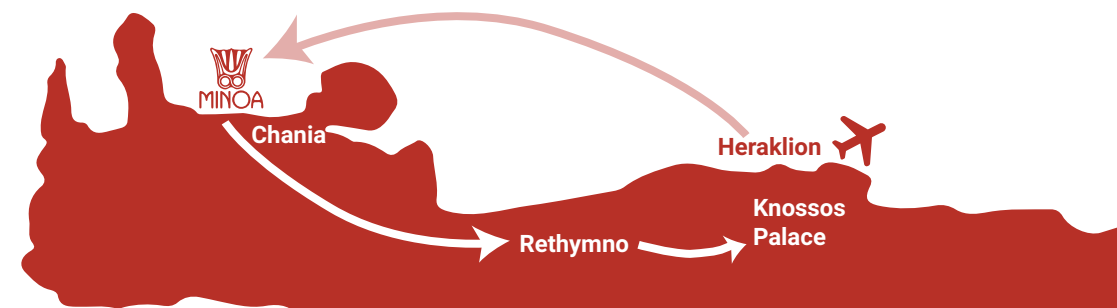
\* plus € 16/ \$18 entrance fee at Knossos + museum

\*\* Participants wishing on return flights from Heraklion Airport may follow the trip and then stay at Heraklion.



Knossos Palace: The throne chamber

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