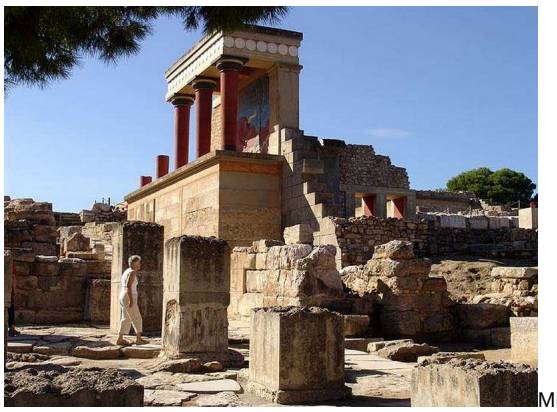
KNOSSOS-LASSITHI


Minoan Palace, Knossos, Heraklion

Rating: Not Rated Yet
Price

47,00 €

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Manufacturerrossilena-tours

Description

Overview

Available Day: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday

Available Language: English, German, French

Location: Central Crete, Lassithi, Heraklion

FULL DAY Tour

Starting from: Ask us for the potential starting points.

The price includes:
- Bus Transfer
- Guide

Extras:
- 15€ for the entrance to Knossos
- 6€ for the entrance to the cave of Zeus
- 3€ for the entrance to the monastery
- individual expenses

Informations:
This price is for an adult.
Children 0-4 years old, are free.
Children 5-12 years old, pay 1/2 of the adult ticket price.

Description

KNOSSOS AND LASSTHI PLATEAU (Best seller-Two excursions in one day!)

Visit this fertile green plateau in the middle of the Dicti Mountains which was once peppered with thousands of white-sailed windmills. On the mountain road the pretty nunnery of **Kera Kardiotissa** is home to a famous icon of the Holy Mother as well as to frescoes from the 13th and 14th century. Driving south and up to the mountains, we reach the **Plateau of Lassithi** which may have been the crater of an ancient volcano. A short climb will bring you to a very special place in Greek mythology, the **Dicti Cave**, where Zeus, the father of all Greek gods, was born. The cave is also famous for its impressive **stalactites and stalagmites**. We make a short stop for a visit to **a traditional potter's factory** to see this ancient ceramic art which is still alive today. You will see the artist at work and you can even try, with his help of course, to make your own pottery! The village of **Tzermiado** will be our stop for lunch and we will eat at one of the local tavernas. The Plateau is a wonderfully cool and fertile area, with friendly people and a very warm welcome.
The tour will be completed with a visit to the **Minoan Palace of Knossos** where the fist civilization in Europe started 4000 years ago. The use of luxury materials, the impressive architectural plan, the advanced building techniques and its impressive size make this palace unique in the world. Knossos Minoan palace was build on ruins dating from Neolithic times (6.000 B.C.). The Dynasty of King Minos ruled here and it become the prosperous capital of Minoan Crete.
It was multi-storey and had an intricate plan, which is why the Palace is connected with thrilling legends, such as the myth of the **labyrinth and the Minotaur**. It was discovered in 1878 and was excavated by Sir Arthur Evans who revealed the most civilized area in Europe!
A day that combines the myth of Greek Gods, the Minoan civilization, the Byzantine period and modern life and culture in only one tour.

Do not forget,

****Casual dress and shoes***
****Appropriate dress when entering churches and monasteries.***
****A light jacket is necessary as Lassithi is always cool.***

Route