

Crete Greece Trip Ideas: 10 Days in the West of Crete By Bus



Are you seeking a Greek adventure that combines stunning beaches, ancient history, and picturesque towns? Look no further than Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. With its diverse landscape, rich history, and warm hospitality, Crete has something to offer every type of traveler.

Day 1: Arrival in Chania

Your journey begins in Chania, a vibrant coastal town on the northwest coast of Crete. Start by exploring the charming Venetian harbor, lined with colorful buildings and lively taverns. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow streets of the old town, admiring the unique blend of Turkish and Venetian architecture.



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In the evening, indulge in traditional Cretan cuisine at one of the local taverns. Don't miss out on trying the famous dakos, a traditional Cretan bread salad topped with tomatoes, feta cheese, and olive oil.

Day 2: Explore Balos Beach

On the second day, hop on a bus and head to the famous Balos Beach. Known for its crystal-clear turquoise waters and unique sandy coves, Balos Beach is a paradise for beach lovers.



Once you arrive, take a short hike to the viewpoint overlooking the beach and admire the breathtaking panoramic views. Spend the day sunbathing, swimming, and snorkeling in the clear waters of this stunning natural wonder.

Day 3: Visit the Ancient City of Aptaera

Embark on a journey to the past as you explore the ancient ruins of Aptaera. Located just a short bus ride from Chania, Aptaera was once a powerful city-state and played a significant role in the region's history.



Wander through the remains of the city, including the Roman cisterns, the ancient theater, and the well-preserved city walls. Don't forget to climb the hill to enjoy the breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

Day 4: Discover Elafonisi Beach

No trip to Crete is complete without a visit to Elafonisi Beach, a stunning pink sand beach located on the southwestern coast of the island.



Enjoy a leisurely day on the beach, basking in the warm Mediterranean sun. Explore the turquoise lagoons, shallow waters, and unique rock formations that make Elafonisi Beach an unforgettable destination.

Day 5: Explore Rethymno

Take a bus to Rethymno, a captivating town known for its narrow streets, historic buildings, and scenic harbor.



Wander through the old town's labyrinthine streets, discovering hidden gems such as the Venetian fortress, the Rimondi Fountain, and the vibrant market. Don't forget to sample some local treats, like the famous Rethymno cheese pie.

Day 6: Hike the Samaria Gorge

For the adventurous souls, embark on a hike through the Samaria Gorge, one of Europe's longest and most impressive canyons.



Marvel at the awe-inspiring natural beauty as you trek through the rugged terrain, crossing wooden bridges and encountering wild goats along the way. Finish the hike at the peaceful coastal village of Agia Roumeli and reward yourself with a refreshing swim in the Libyan Sea.

Day 7: Discover the Palace of Knossos

Board a bus to Heraklion, the capital of Crete, and explore the ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos.



Uncover the mysteries of the Minoan civilization as you wander through the labyrinthine corridors and admire the vividly colored frescoes. Learn about the fascinating history of this ancient palace and its mythological connections.

Day 8-10: Relax in Agia Marina

Conclude your Crete adventure with a relaxing getaway in Agia Marina, a charming beach resort located just a short bus ride from Chania.



Spend your days lounging on the pristine sandy beaches, swimming in the crystal-clear waters, and savoring delicious meals at the waterfront taverns. Take a boat trip to the nearby island of Thodorou, known for its population of protected wild mountain goats.

In

A 10-day trip exploring the west side of Crete by bus offers a perfect balance of history, natural beauty, and relaxation. From the charming streets of Chania to the ancient ruins of Aptera and the stunning pink sand beach of Elafonisi, Crete promises an unforgettable experience for any traveler.

So, pack your bags, hop on a bus, and get ready to embark on a journey through the wonders of Crete, Greece's most enchanting island.



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Visit Crete - take an independent trip through the island of Crete in Greece. 10 Days in the West of Crete by Bus helps you discover the real Crete - archaeological sites, rocky mountains and gorges, historic towns, beaches and tavernas.

Anastasi, Apostoli and Katia of We Love Crete have put together their favourite places in the west of the island to give you a varied and interesting bus trip to follow. Or adapt for yourself.

Inside

- Learn the secrets of the Minoans at the Knossos Palace

- Get around easily, see Rethymnon and experience history at Arkadi
- See Balos Lagoon, Elafonisi protected natural beach and Paleochora Beaches
- Discover the Samaria Gorge and the south coast of Chania
- Have easy access to the route with our live-link map and clickable website links
- Local bus tips and bus timetable information, bus station tips and trip plans
- Packed with tips for accommodation that will save you Euros and provide budget, authentic local experiences

Everyone knows Crete as a beach destination, with an average of 300 days of sunshine a year. As an independent visitor, who wants to do more than just lie on the beach, it can be difficult to plan a great route by bus without knowledge of the island. That is where this little ebook comes in handy.

With 10 Days in the West of Crete by Bus, you won't miss the any of the historic sites, interesting towns and beautiful beaches. This route will show you how to get around. The stunning mountains and valleys of Crete will be at your fingertips.

Trip Ideas

- Experience mountain scenery and remote coastal villages in southern Crete
- Enjoy the beaches, nature and wildness of the The White Mountains

- Save money with our accommodation tips in Chania
- Explore the narrow laneways of the cosmopolitan and stylish Old Town of Chania
- See the different ways to explore Samaria Gorge by bus
- Divine Beaches! Azure, turquoise, crystal clear waters in the west of Crete

eBook Features

- Options for 5 or 7 days in Crete by Bus. Make the most of your time in Crete.
- We've suggested an itinerary, and given accommodation tips, different options for various routes along the way, and variations. There are plenty of information links within the book
- Save money by knowing your plans in advance and pre-booking your accommodation

- Print out the guide to take with you in the bus if you would like
- Take less time reading the timetables and more time chatting to the locals
- Ease the worry of 'where will we sleep tonight?' Enjoy more time relaxing at the taverna
- Have the suggested itinerary for the west of Crete and maps with you in one handy package

What This Book Is Not

This book is not a fully detailed Crete travel guide - this does not have detailed instructions "Turn left, turn right, take the second road after the goat shed". This is a route suggestion for independent, curious travellers who know how to read a map. We wrote this book in response to our readers, who often asked; "How do I plan my trip on the bus in Crete"? This suggested pathway, with different options, will help you travel Crete on the local buses.

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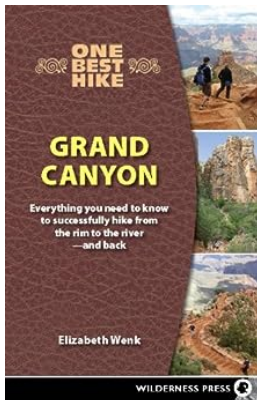
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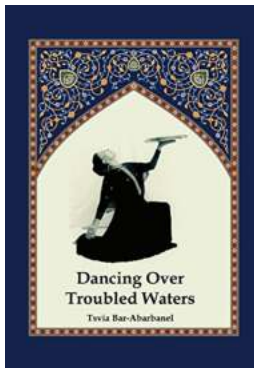
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