



Tour Name

Private Crete: Sunset Tour in Zorbas Land

Tour City

Crete

Tour Snapshot

Channel the life-affirming spirit of Zorba the Greek as we explore the unique nature of the Akrotiri peninsula. Breathtaking views and pretty monasteries abound as we get off the beaten track and discover the real Cretan countryside. Organic wine and olive oil tasting in a magical monastery is followed by a trip to Zorba's beach to watch the sunset, glass of raki in hand. The simple pleasures in life don't get better than this; Zorba would be proud!

Highlights

- Savour 5 different wines with a professional sommelier on hand, in the magical atmosphere of one of the most beautiful monasteries in Crete
- Take a hike to the famous Arkoudospilios Bear Cave
- Taste, enjoy and learn about Crete's most famous product, olive oil

- Get a close-up view of the filming locations of Zorba the Greek
- Watch the sunset over Stavros beach while sipping raki and feasting on traditional *mezedes*

Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour:

- By joining this tour you are helping to promote rural tourism, which supports local economies that don't generally benefit from tourism.
- By visiting a centuries-old monastery, your tour showcases an old monastic way of life that is based on simplicity and self-sufficiency.
- As part of your tour you will sample local wines and other organic products that are produced in a responsible manner with respect for the traditional economy and local ecology.
- All of the food you sample during your tour is locally sourced from villages, farmers, and stock-breeders of Crete.

Inclusions: Local English-speaking and knowledgeable wine expert guide, roundtrip transportation, entrance fees, sampling of 5 local wines accompanied with feta cheese, olives and rusks, olive oil tasting, a bottle of water, a glass of raki, seasonal mezedes (octopus, stuffed vegetables, cheese, fried vegetables).

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs or personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide and driver.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 - 5 hours
- Pickup location:

Pick-up from your Chania hotel.

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- Pickup time: 4.00 PM
- Drop off location:

Drop off back at your hotel.

Full Itinerary

Take your cue from Zorba the Greek and re-ignite your lust for life on this fabulous sunset tour and wine tasting. On the big screen, Zorba lives life to the fullest and that's what we will do as we explore the beautiful Akrotiri peninsula.

After collecting you from your hotel, we will drive out of the city, through traditional villages and tree-lined country roads. Soon the scenery will turn almost biblical, all barren and rocky terrain, wild olive trees and wandering sheep as we approach our first stop.

The stunning Moni Gouverneto or Monastery of Gouverneto is one of the oldest monasteries in Crete, sitting high on a cliff top. Built in 1537, the buildings boast a pretty Venetian-style façade and incredible views across the Aegean Sea.

After admiring another breathtaking vista (there will be lots on this tour!) we will go for a short but dramatic hike down a rocky paved path to ?rkoudospilios, meaning the 'Bear Cave.' But don't be afraid! The only bear in this cave is a natural rock formation but the myths and tales that inhabit it will have you questioning reality.

After soaking up more amazing views, we'll head back to our car and visit one of the richest and most beautiful monasteries in Greece, Agia Triada of Tzagarolon.

The monastery, whose name means "Holy Trinity," was built in the 17th century and is well known for the knock-out wines and olive oil it produces, with a high sense of responsibility and respect for the traditional economy and local ecology.

Amongst the Renaissance architecture, we will sample five different organic wines guided by a dedicated sommelier. Our special tasting will also include olive oil made on the estate, accompanied by feta cheese, olives and rusks.

Once the sun starts setting over this magical place, we will head over to Stavros beach, where Zorba taught cinema audiences how to dance. With a glass of raki in your hand and mouthwatering *mezedes* (local tapas) to feast on, we will finish our day the way he would have wanted it, happily drunk on the simple pleasures in life.

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Dress standard: To enter the monasteries you must respect the special dress code: long sleeves, covered shoulders, long pants or skirts. The requirements are skirts below the knee for women and no shorts for men. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts for anyone. Please wear comfortable shoes for walking on uneven rocky terrain.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

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Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour, however, please bear in mind that it this tour requires a walk on uneven, rocky terrain for approximately 30 minutes. Child price will be counted as same as adult.

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