

A Cretan Day

Learn about Cretan life on a relaxed, carefree trip through the countryside.

Two-thirds of Cretans live in villages and those who live in town return to their villages at weekends and holidays. This tour will take you to traditional villages and through picturesque landscapes in the area of Apokoronas, one of the prettiest and greenest places in the west. Our guide will paint a fascinating picture of Cretan lifestyle, traditions and culture.

Our first stop is the extraordinary stone village of Koumos, built by one man over a period of twenty years. Then on to Aptera, the fortress built by the Turks, situated on high ground with spectacular views. After, we drive through the village of Stylos.

After a short drive through lovely scenery, we arrive at Gavalochori with its Historical Folklore Museum, where you can see examples of local handicrafts. Our lunch stop will be a Vamos, the capital village of the county of Apokoronas. This well-preserved village will delight those who wish to stroll through its narrow streets, where time seems to stand still. On our way to Vrysses, where we visit a local winery, and of course taste the produce, we will make a short stop at the monastery of St George in Karydi.

Our last stop is the Kournas Lake, on the only freshwater lake in Crete. Surrounded by mountains it is the perfect end to a day filled with history, local customs and idyllic scenery.

Itinerary

09.25 Koumos	35 minutes
10.15 Aptera	20 minutes
11.15 Gavalochori	45 minutes
12.10 Vamos	75 minutes
13.35 Ag. Giorgos	25 minutes
14.15 Vrysses	70 minutes
15.45 Kournas	30 minutes.

