Highlights

Duration
7-8 Hours

Distance
135

Difficulty
3.0

Altitude Dif:
550

>Enjoy Cretan Villages and the best panoramic view of Psiloritis Mountain
>Visit a winery for tour and tasting
>Visit an olive mill for tour and tasting
>Visit an original shepherd's hut "Mitato", experience a live cheese-making process and taste local cheese
>Lunch with traditional Cretan platters
>Embark on semi-private safari tour for up to 6 or 8 persons per vehicle

Pick Up Times

8:30 Georgioupoli
8:35 Kavros
9:00 Rethymnon
9:15 Platanias
9:25 Adelianos Kambos
9:30 Stavromenos
9:45 Panormos
Tour starts at 10:00 am

Schedule

March – November: Tuesday – Thursday – Saturday
December – February: On Request

Price

> 109.00€ Adults Aged 13-up
> 89.00€ Children Aged from 7 to 12,99

* The prices are for group participation with a minimum of 4 pax to start.

Price Includes

>Free hotel pick-up and drop-off
>4×4 off-road vehicles or 4×4 minivans (7 or 9 seater) driven by multilingual escort-drivers
>Lunch with traditional Cretan platters
>All entrance fees and tastings at the winery, olive oil mill, and farm
>A visit to an original shepherd's hut "Mitato" and cheese making process
>Liability insurance and local taxes

Gallery

Price Does Not Include

> Coffee or beers or refreshments in tavern
> Purchases at the winery or olive mill
> Gratuities

Description

Discover the raw, untamed beauty of Crete and its world-famous authentic flavors on an exclusive semi-private 4×4 safari departing from Rethymno – a thrilling journey that perfectly combines heart-pounding off-road exploration across rugged mountain trails with intimate, mouthwatering gastronomic experiences: hand-picked local wines tasted at a family winery, extra-virgin olive oil fresh from the press, and traditional cheese still made by Cretan shepherds in a stone mountain hut, all wrapped in breathtaking panoramic views, hidden villages lost in time, and the legendary warmth of Cretan hospitality.

Discover Cretan Wine Secrets: Your day starts at the award-winning Klados Winery in Panormos, where the owner personally guides you through the vines and cellars, revealing the secrets of Cretan winemaking before treating you to a wine tasting of the island's finest indigenous varieties.

Melidoni Olive Oil Mill – Tasting Tradition: Continue to Melidoni olive oil mill for an authentic taste of liquid gold. Discover the journey from tree to bottle – traditional stone presses alongside modern methods – and sample fresh, peppery extra-virgin olive oil that captures the pure essence of Crete.

Halepa Monastery – Scenic Splendor: Climb higher to the historic Halepa Monastery, beautifully perched with jaw-dropping panoramic views over mountains and valleys. Learn its dramatic past as a hideout for Cretan rebels and soak in one of the island's most photogenic spots.

Shepherd's Life, the Enigmatic ''Mitato'' Hut: The real magic happens when you leave the paved roads behind and venture deep into the mountains to a traditional shepherd's mitato – the iconic stone hut where Cretan cheese is still made by hand. Watch shepherds craft local cheese right in front of you, hear stories of mountain life, and keep your eyes peeled for wild Cretan Ibex (kri-kri) and soaring eagles against a backdrop of endless peaks.

Axos Village Tavern: The adventure ends in the charming mountain village of Axos, where you'll sit down to a hearty lunch of authentic Cretan dishes at a family-run tavern – fresh local ingredients, warm hospitality, and flavors you'll remember long after the trip is over.

Throughout the day, breathtaking panoramic views, hidden villages untouched by mass tourism, and the genuine soul of Crete unfold before you. Travel in comfort and style with our expert local driver-guides and fully equipped 4×4 vehicles on this small-group, semi-private safari that shows you the real Crete – raw, delicious, and unforgettable.

RTH01. Rethymno 4×4 Safari: Tastes & Farm Experience, Itinerary:
08:30 – 09:45: Pick-ups (1 h 15 min)
09:45 – 10:00: Drive to Klados Winery (15 minutes)
10:00 – 10:50: Winery Tour & Tasting Stop (50 minutes)
10:50 – 11:10: Drive to Melidoni Olive Oil Mill (20 minutes)
11:10 – 11:40: Olive Oil Tour & Tasting Stop (30 minutes)
11:40 – 12:15: Drive to Halepa Monastery (35 minutes)
12:15 – 12:35: Monastery Visit (20 minutes)
12:35 – 12:50: Drive to Axos Gorge photo stop (off-road) (15 minutes)
12:50 – 13:00: **Axos Gorge Vultures photo stop (off-road)** (10 minutes)
13:00 – 13:05: **Short drive to the Shepherd's Hut** (5 minutes)
13:05 – 14:20: **Shepherd's Hut & cheesemaking stop** (1 h 15 min)
14:20 – 14:25: **Drive to Axos Village** (5 minutes)
14:25 – 15:50: **Lunch Stop** (1 h 25 min)
15:50 – 16:50: **Drive back to pick-up points** (1 hour)
*Time schedules may vary depending on group size and weather conditions

Don't Forget

Essential Items for Your Journey: Remember to pack comfortable shoes, such as trekking shoes or sandals, a camera to capture memorable moments, and sun protection. During spring and autumn, consider bringing a jacket to stay comfortable.

Important Considerations: Please note that this trip is not recommended for individuals with car sickness, mobility or kinetic issues, back problems, pregnant women, or children under 7 years old, as we do not provide baby seats. Additionally, individuals taller than 195 cm or heavier than 130 kg may find the trip challenging. Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited for minors under the age of 18.

Flexibility in Program: Uncharted Escapes prioritizes your safety and comfort. We reserve the right to make minor adjustments to the program if necessary, especially in the case of unfavorable weather conditions. Such changes may occur without prior notice, ensuring the best possible experience for our guests.

Reservation Guidelines: To secure your spot, reservations must be made at least 24 hours before departure. Cancellations should adhere to our cancellation policy outlined in our "Terms & Conditions" section. Please familiarize yourself with these policies to ensure a smooth and transparent booking process.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Late cancellations, made within the specified timeframe in our Terms & Conditions, will not be eligible for a refund. In the event of tour cancellation due to insufficient participants or adverse weather conditions, Uncharted Escapes will refund 100% of all payments made.

For a detailed understanding of our terms and conditions, please visit: Terms & Conditions

Adventure Tips

Immersive Experience for All: Our trip is crafted for those seeking an extraordinary adventure, catering to diverse audiences including youth groups, solo or couple participants, families with older children, and corporate teams. Discover a journey beyond the ordinary.

Thoughtful Guided Stops: Enjoy the journey with guided stops strategically placed every 30-40 minutes, ensuring everyone's comfort and providing ample opportunities to soak in the surroundings.

Customized Culinary Delights: Uncharted Escapes prioritizes your dining preferences. When meals are included, inform us in advance about any vegetarian preferences or dietary restrictions, including food allergies, allowing us to prepare suitable alternatives tailored to your needs.

Your Well-Being Matters: Recognizing the importance of your holidays, we are dedicated to ensuring you can unwind, relish, and dream as you wish. Count on us to make your experience not just enjoyable but also secure, reflecting our unwavering commitment to your well-being.