



The Zeus Trail

Highlights

- > Walk in the footsteps of the father of the gods
- > Discover Zeus' birthplace
- > Get to know Crete and its people

Profile

- > From accommodation to accommodation
- > With 6 selected hikes of the desired level of difficulty
- > With luggage transport

Service

- > 7 nights in selected accommodations, rooms with bath/shower and WC
- > Transfers according to itinerary
- > Luggage transport from accommodation to accommodation
- > GPS data for the hikes
- > 7 x breakfast
- > ASI tour book

Zeus – father of the gods, ruler over thunder and lightning, the cunning seducer. He was born in Crete, and is said to remain in Crete to this day. On ancient connecting paths that skirt the venerable place of his birth and traces of the Roman Empire, one of the tours, which has three different levels of difficulty, leads right over him, the sleeping father of the gods.

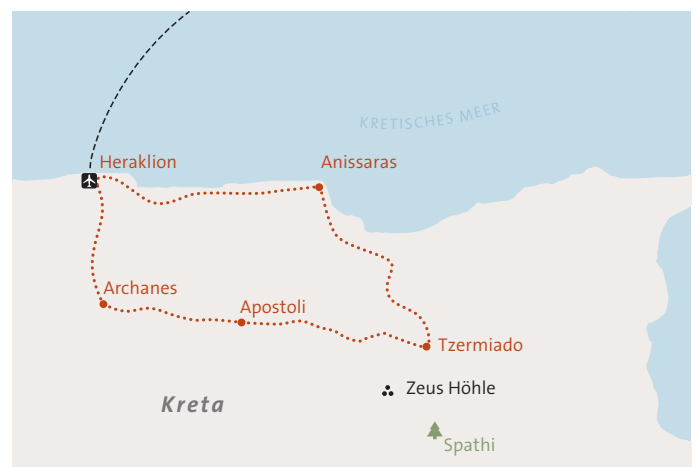
Trip type
Trekking trips, hiking trips

Area covered
Greece

Travel Code
2NOOSL005T

Minimum number of participants:
from 1 person

Length of trip
8 days



Day 1 Welcome to Crete

Individual travel to Crete

🏠 Accommodation
Hotel Rea Heraklion

Day 2 The sleeping Zeus

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Aqueduct near Spilia to Archanes

Your hike starts at the aqueduct of Spilia, then takes you past another aqueduct and through the largest wine-growing area to Archanes.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 232 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 20 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 6.5 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 2 h

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Aqueduct near Spilia to Archanes – via the summit of Mount Juktas

From the aqueduct of Spilia to Archanes. On your way, you pass three aqueducts, walk through the village of Agia Irini and cross the summit of the Mount Juktas.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 670 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 408 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 13.5 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 5 h

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Knossos-Archanes via the summit of Mount Juktas

You start your hike in Knossos and walk past aqueducts, over the summit of Mount Juktas to Archanes.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 760 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 475 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 18 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 6 h

🍽️ Meals
breakfast

🏠 Accommodation
Trullos Traditional Houses
GR

Day 3 Prometheus and his heirs

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Difficulty level 2 – Agarathos Monastery to Apostoli

At the start of your hike you can visit the monastery of Agarathos and hike to Apostoli.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 485 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 34 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 4,6 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 2 h

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Difficulty level 3 – Nikos K. Museum to Apostoli

Your hike starts at the Nikos Kazantzakis Museum and goes via the monastery of Agarathos to Apostoli.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 670 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 408 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 13.5 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 5 h

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Archanes to Apostoli

You hike from your hotel in Archanes to the interim destination of Apostoli.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 606 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 412 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 12,4 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 4:30 h

🍽️ Meals
breakfast

🏠 Accommodation
Nopi's Organic Orgon Farm
Apostoli
GR



Day 4 To the Lasithi plateau

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Gonies to Kera through the Roza Gorge

Your hike to Kera starts in Gonies. Your route takes you through the breathtaking Roza gorge

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 489 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 17 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 4,6 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 2 h

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Tixos to the plateau, via an old Minoan hiking trail

From Tixos, you hike up to the Lasithi plateau on an ancient Minoan path.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 531 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 267 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 9,2 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 3 h

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Lykos to the plateau, via an old Minoan hiking trail

On your way from Lykos to the Lasithi plateau, you will pass numerous ruins, ancient temple columns and an old basilica.

Daily tour

⬆️ Ascent approx. 592 m ⬇️ Descent approx. 390 m Ⓜ️ Distance approx. 12,4 km ⌚ Walking time approx. 4:10 h

🍽️ Meals
breakfast

🏠 Accommodation
Sigano's Aparthotel Argulias
Tzermiado
GR

Day 5 The birth place of the father of the gods

Difficulty Level 2

To the Zeus Cave with return by taxi

Today's hike takes you to the birthplace of the father of gods: the Zeus Cave

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 32 m Descent approx. 15 m Distance approx. 6.5 km Walking time approx. 1:45 h

Difficulty Level 3

To the Zeus Cave with return by taxi

Here you have a slightly longer hike to the Zeus Cave

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 172 m Descent approx. 76 m Distance approx. 8.7 km Walking time approx. 3:30 h

Difficulty Level 4

Difficulty level 4 – To the Zeus Cave

You walk from your accommodation to the Zeus Cave and back again.

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 141 m Descent approx. 141 m Distance approx. 19.3 km Walking time approx. 4 h

Meals breakfast

Accommodation Sigano's Aparthotel Argulias Tzermiado GR



Day 6 The hinterland of Tzermiado

Difficulty Level 2

Circular hike in the hinterland of Tzermiado

Today you do a circular hike in the hinterland of Tzermiado.

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 440 m Descent approx. 440 m Distance approx. 6.6 km Walking time approx. 2:30 h

Difficulty Level 3

Circular hike in the hinterland of Tzermiado

Here you have a slightly longer hike to the Zeus Cave

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 490 m Descent approx. 490 m Distance approx. 10.7 km Walking time approx. 3:30 h

Difficulty Level 4

Summit tour

After a short transfer, you start your summit tour near to Tzermiado.

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 854 m Descent approx. 1.078 m Distance approx. 12.9 km Walking time approx. 6 h

Meals breakfast

Accommodation Sigano's Aparthotel Argulias Tzermiado GR



Day 7 From the plateau to the north coast

Difficulty Level 2

Tzermiado to Kera

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 306 m Descent approx. 432 m Distance approx. 6.2 km Walking time approx. 2:30 h

Difficulty Level 3

Tzermiado to Krasi

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 490 m Descent approx. 490 m Distance approx. 10.7 km Walking time approx. 3:30 h

Difficulty Level 4

Tzermiado to Krasi

Daily tour

Ascent approx. 792 m Descent approx. 1.016 m Distance approx. 12.9 km Walking time approx. 6:40 h

Meals breakfast

Accommodation Anna Maria Village Anissaras GR

Day 8 Farewell to Crete

Today it is time to say goodbye to Crete.

Meals breakfast