



Crete, Greece Inn-to-Inn Sea Kayaking

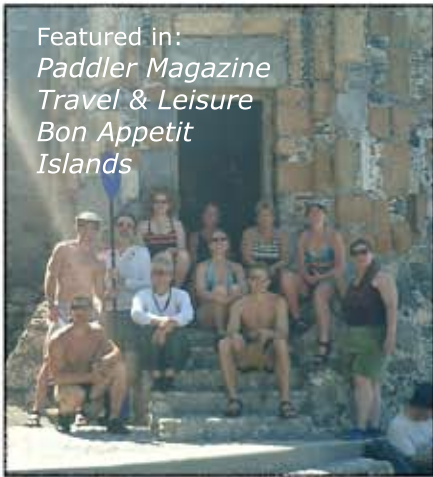
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Close your eyes... relax... Imagine hiking up an ancient hillside to view a spectacular sun setting over the Mediterranean... Imagine walking down a quaint street lined with elderly men playing dominos, and women sweeping dust off their doorsteps. Everyone smiles at you as you pass... all are friendly. Imagine casually paddling turquoise water during the day, and falling asleep at night to the sound of lapping waves out your balcony door...

Welcome to Crete, the Aegean wonderland and mythical birthplace of Western civilization. The largest and most southerly of the Grecian Islands, Crete is blessed with the crystal-clear Mediterranean Sea, magnificent mountains rearing up from the coast, deep wooded gorges, and plains thick with vegetation. The sea kayaking leaves you breathless and a support van will shuttle all of your gear, making paddling comfortable for everyone. The Aegean heritage of the island of Crete will live in your memory for ever.



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Your tour begins in Heraklion where we visit Knossos, the spectacular and restored ruins. We shuttle from there to the spectacular southern coast, where we will spend two nights in Matala covering the basics of kayaking and exploring the beautiful beaches. Leaving Matala, we will shuttle to the western edge of our tour to hike down the legendary Samarian Gorge.

Each day of paddling provides opportunities for cappuccino stops at seaside tavernas, cliff jumping and exploration. On day 4, we paddle from the shore of Agia Roumeli to Loutro, making planned stops to visit ancient chapels and sea caves that dot the shore. From the charming, roadless seaside community of Loutro, where we will spend two wonderful nights, we will guide our kayaks to Hora Sfakia for lunch and then on to Frangokastello, a Venetian Fortress town. Our final days of kayaking take us along the rugged coastline of Plakias, and on to Agia Galini, an idyllic and romantic fishing community. After breakfast on day 8 we will return to Matala, either by paddling across the bay or by van.



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Trip Details

Skill Level 1
No Experience Necessary!!!

- 8 days, 7 nights
- Family-owned Inns
- From: Heraklion, Crete, Greece
- 2010 Price: \$2,995.00 (Single Supplement: \$475.00)
- 2010 Dates: May 31-June 7, June 8-15, September 3-10, September 11-18, 19-26 and **NEW DATE ADDED** September 27-October 4
- 2011 Dates: May 30-June 6, June 7-14, September 2-09, September 10-17, 18-25, 26-October 3
- Included: Guides, ground transportation, support vehicle, lodging, most meals, kayaking equipment & instruction, and entry fees to Knossos, Festos & Samarian Gorge
- Not Included: Air / ferry to Heraklion, lunches, drinks & 1 dinner, personal clothing or accessories, full medical, baggage & trip cancellation insurance, airport taxes, and gratuities for guides.

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