

# 12-Day Crete Wild Nature Escape

12 days · 7 stops · 2026-08-24

Experience a 12-day romantic escape to Crete, where you and your partner will immerse yourselves in the island's **wild natural beauty** and **relaxing seaside charm**. Begin your journey in the vibrant city of Chania, explore the breathtaking **Samaria Gorge**, and enjoy a peaceful night in the tranquil village of Sougia. With a rental car at your disposal, discover hidden gems, pristine beaches, and authentic Cretan culture at your own pace. This trip promises a perfect blend of **adventure, relaxation, and unforgettable moments** in one of Greece's most enchanting destinations.

Wrocław → Chania → Samaria Gorge → Sougia → Rethymno → Heraklion → Wrocław

## Wrocław, Poland

DAY 1–1

## Chania, Crete, Greece

DAY 1–4

Chania is a charming city on the northwest coast of Crete, known for its picturesque old town with Venetian harbor, narrow cobblestone streets, and vibrant local markets. It's a perfect base for exploring the wild landscapes of Crete, including the famous Samaria Gorge. The city offers a blend of relaxing seaside vibes and rich cultural experiences, ideal for a romantic getaway with your partner.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

WRO → CHQ

9h 36m · 1 stop

\$300.44

STAY

EdgeWater Beach Hotel

Ακτή Παπανικολή 15, 731 36 Chania Town · 9.7

ITINERARY

- Day 1 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Chania · 2 experiences: Old Venetian Harbor, Tamam Restaurant
- Day 2 · Explore Chania Old Town and Culinary Experience · 3 experiences: Chania Old Town, Chania: Authentic Cooking Class, La Bodega
- Day 3 · Imbros Gorge Hike and Libyan Sea Relaxation · 2 experiences: From Chania: Imbros Gorge Hike & Libyan Sea Relaxation, To Stachi
- Day 4 · Departure to Samaria Gorge · 1 experiences: Kouzina EPE

## Samaria Gorge, Crete, Greece

DAY 4–5

Samaria Gorge is one of Crete's most iconic natural wonders, offering a breathtaking hike through a dramatic 16-kilometer gorge surrounded by stunning wild landscapes. It's a perfect spot for those seeking relaxation in nature and an unforgettable adventure. The trail ends near the charming village of Sougia, ideal for a peaceful night stay after your trek.

ARRIVE · CAR

Chania → Samaria Gorge

2h 14m

ITINERARY

- Day 4 · Explore Samaria Gorge Adventure
- Day 5 · Scenic Drive to Sougia and Relaxation · 1 experiences: Taverna To Thalassino

## Sougia, Crete, Greece

DAY 5–6

Sougia is a charming coastal village on the southwestern coast of Crete, perfect for a relaxing night stay. It offers a peaceful atmosphere with beautiful beaches and access to wild, natural surroundings, making it an ideal spot for couples seeking tranquility. The village is also a great base for exploring the nearby Samaria Gorge and other stunning natural landscapes.

ARRIVE · CAR

**Samaria Gorge → Sougia**  
59m

STAY

**Monastery Estate Guesthouse**  
Moni Selinou, 73009 Sougia · 9.3

ITINERARY

Day 5 · Arrival and Explore Sougia's Natural Beauty · 2 experiences: Sougia Cafe, Taverna To Thalassino  
Day 6 · Relax and Prepare for Next Destination · 1 experiences: Sougia Cafe

Rethymno, Crete, Greece

DAY 6–10

Rethymno is a charming town on the northern coast of Crete, known for its beautiful Venetian harbor, narrow cobblestone streets, and vibrant old town. It's a perfect base for exploring the island's wild nature and relaxing by the sea. Since you have a car, you can easily visit nearby natural spots and enjoy the local cuisine in cozy tavernas.

ARRIVE · CAR

**Sougia → Rethymno**  
13h 21m

STAY

**Dea Del Porto Wellness & Spa Suites**  
Nearxou 14, 74131 Rethymno Town · 9.8

ITINERARY

Day 6 · Arrival and Relaxation in Rethymno · 1 experiences: Avli  
Day 7 · Explore Rethymno Old Town and Venetian Harbor · 2 experiences: Kafenio Meze Meze, Prima Plora  
Day 8 · Nature Walk and Beach Time at Preveli · 1 experiences: Meli & Kanela  
Day 9 · Cretan Countryside and Olive Oil Tasting · 2 experiences: To Pigadi, Avli  
Day 10 · Departure Day from Rethymno · 1 experiences: Kafenio Meze Meze

Heraklion, Crete, Greece

DAY 10–13

Heraklion is the vibrant capital of Crete, offering a perfect blend of rich history, stunning coastal views, and lively local culture. It's an ideal starting point for your adventure, with easy access to Samaria Gorge and the charming village of Sougia. Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere, beautiful wild landscapes, and delicious Cretan cuisine as you explore this captivating destination.

ARRIVE · CAR

**Rethymno → Heraklion**  
10h 24m

STAY

**Sofia Hotel**  
Stadiou 57, 71601 Heraklio Town · 8.2

ITINERARY

Day 10 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Heraklion · 2 experiences: Lions Square & Morosini Fountain, Peskesi  
Day 11 · Explore Heraklion's History and Culture · 4 experiences: Palace of Knossos, Heraklion Archaeological Museum, Ippokambos, Gournes Beach  
Day 12 · Adventure and Local Flavors in Nature · 2 experiences: Crete: Sunset or Morning Quad with Local Products Tasting, Paralia Seaside Restaurant  
Day 13 · Departure Day - Relax and Prepare · 1 experiences: Kafenio Ta Chalkina

Wrocław, Poland

DAY 13-13

ARRIVE · FLIGHT  
HER → WRO  
6h 55m · 1 stop  
\$396.82