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Blue Palace Blue Palace, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Crete, Greece

ACCESS: Mini Van Transfer: 170 EUR (one way fee) upon request.

Heraklion International Airport (HER) is 78 km the nearest airport and approximately one hour drive from Blue Palace Resort & Spa. Heraklion is connected with Athens (flight time duration 35 min) with 5-7 flights daily. Flights depart as early as 06.50 a.m. from Athens, and as late as 11.00 p.m. from Heraklion. Aegean (a Star Alliance Member) daily a direct flight between Paris Charles de Gaulle and British Airways between London and Heraklion, Crete. The services run through the summer season until the end of October.

VALUE ADDED: Pools, spa access, Fitness center, bottled water, beach loungers, beach towels, twice daily housekeeping with nightly turndown service, slippers, bathrobes, resort transportation, parking, wireless internet access, children's playground, complimentary children's program, hiking, tennis, babysitting services on request.

Ultimate Guest Services and Romance Department: From the moment you enter Blue Palace Resort & Spa, you will notice the warm Cretan hospitality, the attention to detail and our genuine desire to make you feel pampered in a place of breathtaking beauty. The Ultimate Guest Service team is the recognized destination expert at creating an authentic and truly memorable itinerary of activities to enjoy during the stay or make suggestions and arrangements for guests before arrival. Reach out for their expert tips for the best table at Blue Door or the best local eatery, most secluded beach or advance reservations to ancient ruins. Perhaps you desire a bath with candles, champagne & strawberries dipped in chocolate to put you in the mood? Perhaps you need to fly by helicopter to another island? Or, perhaps you inspire romantic atmosphere and wish to enjoy an al fresco intimate dinner or a sunset boat trip to Spinalonga Island with your loved one?

RESORT FEE: No resort fee.

BEST PRICE PERIOD: March, November

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FULL ACTIVITIES LIST:

Elounda Spa & Thalassotherapy

Private beach

Water sports

Fitness Classes

Private boats (private cruise on a motor yacht or on a traditional caique)

Helipad

Diving Center (Offering scuba, night diving, boat diving, snorkeling, deep diving, and underwater photography)

Three outdoor pools

One heated indoor pool at the spa

Tennis (Two flood lit tennis courts)

Kids club

Children's pool

Babysitting on request

Hiking

Table tennis facilities, billiard, backgammon and cards

Seminars (Balanced Meals & Cooking and Nutrition Demonstrations & Strategies)

The Cretan Golf Course (18 holes) can be reached in 40 min

ACCOMMODATIONS:

251 guest rooms ranging from elegant bungalows to 52 exclusive suites and 4 private villas enjoy the absolute luxury of facing the Aegean Sea, while 142 of them boast a private infinity pool. Features: luxury beds, 320-count pure cotton satin sheets, pillow menu, LCD TV screens, wireless Internet access. In villas: Nintendo, iPod and mp3 player, exclusive bath amenities.

13 meeting rooms, 11,517 sf of total meeting space, Stretching across 143 acres, celebrations, meetings, and conferences for 10 to 230 guests

Accommodation Breakdown:

Superior Bungalows Sea View (sleeps 3)

Superior Bungalows Sea View Private Pool (sleeps 3)

2-Bedroom Deluxe Private Heated Pool (sleeps 4)

Junior Suites Sea View (sleeps 3)

Junior Suites Private Heated Pool (sleeps 3)

Mediterranean Maisonette Suites Sea View Private Pool (sleeps 3 adults or 2 adults & 2 children)

Deluxe Suites Sea View Private Pool (Sleeps 4)

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Island Luxury Suites Sea View Private Heated Pool (sleeps 4)
Two Bedroom Villas Sea View private heated pool (sleeps 4)
The Grand Villa (sleeps 4)
The Royal Blue Villa (sleeps 6)

The Best of the Best Accommodation: The Royal Blue Villa (Three-bedroom 3,121 square feet residence. Each bedroom has an en suite marble bathroom, some with their own fireplace and a private veranda with gardens. The villa also features a private heated pool.

Most Romantic Accommodation: Island Luxury Suites Sea View Private Heated Pool enlarged private heated pool of 322 square feet and an outdoor patio with privacy. 775 square feet accommodations.

Most Family Friendly Accommodations: Deluxe Suites Sea View with Private Pool a separate living room which leads to an oversized veranda with a corner 473 square foot infinity pool. 732 square feet accommodations.

DINING: Savor all the dishes and drops endemic to the island. Immerse yourself in a cooking class or afternoon tea – done the Greek way. For those more wine inclined, be guided by our Hotel Sommelier through the process of Grappa Distillation, to create your own custom made Raki or Tsikoudia. Sipping on some of the best wine labels on the island is well within reach at Anthós Restaurant, glorifying the practice of Cretan Wine Tasting. Finding the perfect pairings of local cheeses and traditional cold cuts has never been so delicious. Of course, luxuriating in the pleasure of privacy is honored with sumptuous private dining arrangements for your room or at the beach.

The Blue Door: This dinner alone makes the trip to this coast of Crete worthwhile!

Once an old fisherman's stone house, this culinary treasure features well-kept family recipes, signature seafood and fish dishes. For travelers, sampling the catch of the day, is one of the most satisfying ways to feel like a local. At a land that extends along the coast, with fishermen from the neighboring harbors delivering their catch daily, Blue Door fairly claims the title of the all-time classic Greek holiday spot; right by the water.

Cretan Feast: Come and join us in a unique ritual, the Cretan feast; large bonfires are lit at our private beach for the cooking of the famous "antikristo" lamb – sprinkled in sea salt and slowly cooked for five hours above the fire – while authentic local delicacies will be prepared on the spot. All of these festivities accompanied by the distinct tunes of Cretan lyra. Enjoy this unique cultural and gastronomical experience, while rejoicing in a landscape of breathtaking beauty by the sea and enjoying the unparalleled service of Blue Palace. Every Friday, from June to September, at Blue Door.

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Afternoon Tea – The Greek Way: Traditional tea - scones, cream and jam; finger sandwiches and dainty cakes - is served every afternoon at Arsenali Lounge Bar. Indulge yourself with a glass of champagne too. If you're feeling adventurous, opt for our Cretan Afternoon Tea Experience. With an extensive selection of Greek herbal teas or the famous Greek coffee prepared on the spot, the traditional Cretan pastries and delicacies make for the perfect company. Balanced out with savory bites with the freshest local ingredients, tea takes on the Greek way of treating yourself.

Cretan Wine Tasting at Anthos: Get acquainted with some of the best local wine labels with our Cretan Wine Tasting experience. Hosted by Anthós restaurant, savor every sip of the most distinguished wines. An array of delightful bites, such as local cheeses and traditional cold cuts, refreshing dips and crudités accompany the decadent drops. A wine specialist will ensure you are well acquainted with the Greek grape varieties, unravelling the palette of Cretan wine flavors. Held from 12:00 -13:00 or 18:30-19:30 | only available for groups between 4 -10 persons

A lesson in Greek Cuisine:

Join us for a Greek cooking class, focusing on the island's authentic flavors and traditional recipes. Learn how to make your favorite Cretan salad Dakos, aromatic and delicious Dolmadakia (vine leaves stuffed with rice and herbs) and enjoy a step-by-step lesson on how to prepare a traditional Prawn Saganaki. Learn valuable cooking secrets, take a wonderful lesson putting theory into practice and enjoy the dinner you prepared at Blue Door Taverna.

Cretan Grappa Distillation: Guests have the opportunity to make their own flavored tsikoudia or raki, produced by Cretan wine varieties such as Moschato Spinas, Vilana and Liatiko. Our sommelier will guide you through the process, helping you to select the flavor of your preference and pair it with local herbs, spices and dried fruits. Once the distillation process is finished, you may enjoy the grappa you've produced at the spot or at the privacy of your room

GREECE EXCURSIONS: Those who choose to experience Greece by boat are not confined to the water alone. There are numerous excursions offered which provide travelers with a chance to experience the best of both land and sea. VIP day trips can be enjoyed with luxury transportation provided from port to hotel. Once at the hotel, travelers can immerse themselves in spa packages, dining experiences, and other exclusive hotel amenities.

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THINGS TO DO IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA:

Spinalonga Island: Pebbled beaches border high protective walls where desert grass grows from cracks in earth-colored brick. A circular fortress rises impressively from a rocky hillside, overlooking vast open seas. Controlled by the Venetians in the 17th century, Spinalonga fell to the Ottomans in 1715 before becoming one of the last leper colonies in Europe. Uninhabited since 1957, the small island just across the bay from the hotel is covered in enchanting ruins, emblematic churches, and colorful reconstructed storefronts.

The Palace of Knossos: The ancient Minoan ruins of the magnificent Palace of Knossos were one of the most significant discoveries of the 19th century. One thousand interlocking rooms, which over four millennia ago served as artist's workshops, wine processing centers, and places for worship and adoration, have been sublimely reconstructed.

Archanes: This historic village, acclaimed as one of the most exceptionally restored in Europe is filled with Venetian mansions and picturesque cafes. Blooming lemon trees flank the elegant entries of distinctive homes and churches that lead to a Minoan graveyard at the edge of the village.

Boutari Crete Winery: Straight rows of carefully planted grape vines stretch across a fertile valley. Informative tours present the region's winemaking history and offer a look at its processes.

Agios Nikolaos: Picturesque buildings painted sand and mauve climb up a low hill at the edge of Mirabello Bay overlooking red-hulled fishing boats that bob against their moorings. A majestic coastal drive south from Elounda, Agios Nikolaos offers magnificent coves, pine-fringed footpaths, and an acclaimed archaeological museum. Agios Nikolaos is probably best known as a town that serves as a hub to the twenty or so small villages and farms that make up that part of Lassithi

Isola Beach Club: At the Beach Club, you can enjoy the effortless cool of lazy summer days. Set amongst olive trees, the spiral stone building is where our DJ weaves the musical spells of the moment, conspiring with top mixologists and our madly inventive chef to deliver the Cretan beach experience at its most alluring. Daybeds, loungers and swings will set the mood during the day lending itself to breezy nights around the fireplace and full moon parties.

The Haven: Reserved exclusively for guests staying in Island Luxury Suites and the Private Villas, the Haven is fully equipped with loungers and parasols, where personalized Cretan baskets of complimentary goodies are delivered, such as fresh towels, the latest magazines or aromatherapy spritzes. An elite beach service crew will attend to your needs and occasionally

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surprise you with treats. A private gazebo is reserved for guests of our private villas. For peace and pampering, it is hard to beat.

The Main Beach: The main beach is furnished with private decks, fully equipped with loungers and parasols and leads to the main floating pier. Order an ice bucket of rosé wine, and a cone of freshly grilled prawns, and settle back to enjoy a spot of sightseeing Spinalonga island lies right in front of you. Our water sports club is also headquartered nearby, so expect enthusiastic critique of your paddle board progress from people sipping cocktails!

Water Sports: Located at the beach, the Water Sports Center offers aquatic options to suit enthusiasts of all ages. From traditional water sports like water skiing, windsurf to knee boarding, wake boarding, and trick skiing, there is something for everyone. For diving enthusiasts, our dive masters offer scuba lessons, night diving, boat diving, snorkeling, deep diving, and underwater photography.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

World Luxury Hotel Awards, Best Luxury Island Resort

Condé Nast Traveler, US, Readers Choice Awards

Travel + Leisure, US, World's Best Awards, Ranked 2nd in the TOP 5 Best Resort Hotels in Greece

Condé Nast Traveler, US, Readers Choice Awards, 3rd Best European Resort

Spafinder Wellness 365 Travel Awards, Country Award: Favorite Wellness Travel Property in Greece

TripAdvisor, Certificate of Excellence Winner

Condé Nast Traveler US, Gold List