

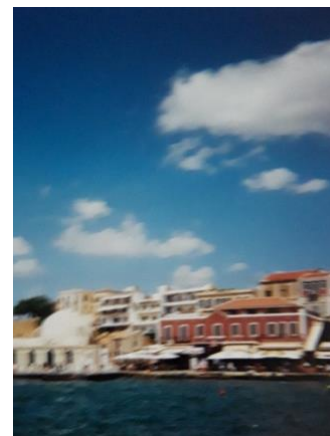


Minoan Crete

Dec 27, 2023- Jan 4, 2024 (departure Jan 5)
w/ opportunity for an informal extension to Rhodes

Crete without tourists crowds or triple digit temperatures!

**Three Minoan palace complexes
and an ancient town!**



120 years ago, when Crete had just liberated itself from Turkish rule, archaeologists Arthur Evans, Harriet Boyd, and Federigo Halbherr discovered on Crete a Bronze Age world of frescoed palaces and mysterious inscribed tablets. Avoiding the commercialized carnival of summer we aim to return to the excitement of those pioneering days while discussing the latest discoveries and controversies.

We will stay in picturesque Ayios Nikolaos, Chania, the most authentic of the Cretan cities with its reminiscences of Venetian and Turkish times, and Herakleion with its quaint streets and outstanding museum. For those continuing to Rhodes, we stay in Rhodes City with its Inns of the medieval knights of St. John.

We visit Gournia, the Minoan town discovered by Boyd, the palace of Knossos with its domestic, religious, and workshop quarters, the French excavations at Mallia, and the Italian discoveries of the villa at Ayios Triada and the palace of Phaistos, with Middle Minoan as well as Late Minoan remains. Our visit to Rhodes includes beautiful Lindos where Athena had her temple.

Director: Beverly Berg, PhD, retired professor of ancient history, has directed eight January Term Abroad programs for Linfield University (including Crete and Rhodes) and 15 previous Vergilian Society programs.

Price: \$1995, single supplement \$300, includes hotels, breakfasts, two dinners, ground transportation (except from and to airport on initial and final days), entry fees. It does not include airfare between US and Greece, nor airfare between Crete and Rhodes, which participants must reserve themselves.

Participants should contact the director at bberg@linfield.edu as soon as they know of their interest. The full itinerary and further information will be posted at www.vergiliansociety.org. Early sign up, with deposit of \$750, is advised to assure your place.

Scholarships are available!



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