

Join us in search of the Goddesses of ancient Crete

Feel Her power in holy mountains, sense Her mysteries in the darkness of caves, pour out libations of milk and honey on Minoan altars. Contact a sacred energy that will transform the way you feel about women, yourself...

Walk on the stones of the ancient sites at Knossos, Phaistos, Malia, Kato Zakros, Agia Triada, Archanes, Mochlos, Myrtos, Tylissos, and Kato Symi. Discover the matrifocal subtext of Christianity at Paliani (with its sacred myrtle tree), Kera Kardiotissa, and Kritsa. Nourish your soul in the museums of Heraklion, Agios Nicholaos, and Siteia. Descend into the caves of Skoteino, Amnissos, Psychro, and Ida. Hike in the mountains at Zaros, Zakros, Archaes, Psychro, and Ida. Stay in small villages, meet local people, dance to Cretan music, feast on freshly cooked fish, tsatsiki, taramosalata, feta cheese, tiny olives, fried potatoes, local wine...



CAROL P. CHRIST loves Greece, the Greek people, the Greek language, and the Goddesses of the Greek land. Crete has a special place in her heart. There, she was taken to an ancient festival, discovered a sacred tree, descended four levels into the darkness of a cave, and was adopted by a Cretan family. Leading Goddess pilgrimages to Crete is a labor of love that calls upon her deepest knowledge and intuition.

Carol holds a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Yale and is author of *Odyssey with the Goddess: A Spiritual Quest in Crete* (Continuum), *Diving Deep and Surfacing: Women Writers on a Spiritual Quest* (Beacon), *Laughter of Aphrodite: Reflections on a Journey to the Goddess* (Harper), and co-editor of *Womanspirit Rising* (Harper) and *Weaving the Visions* (Harper), books that have changed women's lives and helped to transform the teaching and practice of religion in North America. She has taught at the Harvard Divinity School, Pomona College, San Jose State, and California Institute of Integral Studies. In 1987 she resigned a tenured full professorship and moved to Greece.

JANA RUBLE was a participant on the first Goddess Pilgrimage to Crete, where she was led in the path of an ancient ritual dance. Her openness, warmth, enthusiasm, and groundedness will help create a dynamic experience in Crete. She will make your travel arrangements and answer your questions about the tour.

Jana is a professional cellist and teacher who plays with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and the Laurel String

"The tour made a profound effect on my life. It was beautifully planned and executed... I especially appreciate the pains you took to have us meet and talk with the villagers."

- Rebecca Gibson
Tour Participant, Poet,
Professor of English

Each Goddess Pilgrimage to Crete is limited to the first 15 women who apply. The pilgrimage will involve some (sometimes strenuous) hiking and climbing. Academic credit of 1-3 units is available at extra cost for directed reading with Carol P. Christ through the California Institute of Integral Studies.

The tour price of \$2950 includes round-trip air fare from JFK, land arrangements, hotel accommodations based on double occupancy, air-conditioned bus, entrance fees, and some meals. Single supplement (may be required if you travel solo) is \$200. A deposit of \$250 (refundable for two weeks) will hold your space. A refund of \$100 is offered up to 60 days before departure. Final payment is due 60 days before departure. A 50% refund will be given for cancellation between 60 and 45 days; no refunds after that.

Make checks or money orders payable to:

Goddess Pilgrimage Tours
1306 Crestview Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24060
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We will try to adhere to the proposed schedule, but we cannot guarantee that changes will not have to be made due to weather, bus breakdown, changed hours at sites, etc. In case

P.S. Thanks for calling
Call back if you
have any questions.
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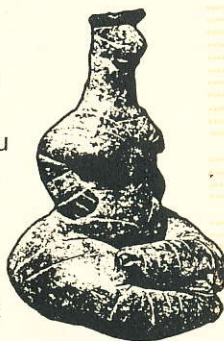
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GODDESS PILGRIMAGE TO CRETE

with Carol Christ

- Day 1 Leave New York
- Day 2 Arrive Athens, transfer to Heraklion, overnight in Heraklion
- Day 3 Visit Heraklion archaeological museum, lunch in Heraklion, late afternoon visit to Knossos, overnight in Heraklion
- Day 4 Visit Paliani Convent with its sacred tree and wonder-working icons of the Panagia (Mary) en route to Zaros, a village in the Psiloritis Mountains with a working water mill and tavernas with fresh water fish, overnight in Zaros
- Day 5 Visit Phaistos, Agia Triada, and museum of Cretan Ethnology in Vori, lunch at seaside village of Kalamaki, overnight in Zaros
- Day 6 Free day in Zaros to rest, enjoy the mountains and ancient olive groves, evening of Cretan music with local singers, overnight in Zaros
- Day 7 Visit archaeological museum in Archanes and peak shrine of Mount Juktas, lunch in Skoteino, visit Skoteino cave, overnight in seaside village of Amnisos
- Day 8 Visit Eilitheia cave and villa of the lillies in Amnisos, see Minoan villa in Nirou Hani, and Malia, lunch in the mountains, pottery studio in village of Thrapsano, overnight in Amnisos



- Day 9 Visit convent of Panagia Kera Kardiotissa, Trapeza and Dictean caves, lunch in the Lasithi plain, overnight in Agios Nikolaos
- Day 10 Visit archaeological museum in Agios Nikolaos, church of Panagia Kera in Kritsa with 14th century frescoes, visit the ancient town of Gournia, lunch and swim at Istron Bay, overnight in Siteia
- Day 11 Hike the gorge down to Kato Zakros and see Minoan cave tombs, visit palace of Kato Zakros, lunch and afternoon swim in small fishing village of Kato Zakros, overnight in Mochlos
- Day 12 Spend all day in the quiet fishing village of Mochlos with spectacular views of the archaeological sites on adjacent island, optional visit to Mochlos Island (weather permitting), rest, swim, eat fresh fish, overnight in Mochlos
- Day 13 Visit mountain shrine at Kato Symi, lunch in Kato Symi, visit hilltop villa at Myrtos and/or villa at Vasiliki, swim at Myrtos, overnight in Heraklion
- Day 14 Visit the Minoan villas at Tylissos and hike to the Idean cave, lunch at taverna on the mountain plateau, translated conversation with local women in Anogeia, overnight in Anogeia
- Day 15 Day in Heraklion for return visit to archaeological museum, optional visit to historical (and folk) museum, shopping, overnight boat to Piraeus, the port of Athens
- Day 16 Visit Parthenon and archaeological museum in Athens, shop in Plaka, overnight in a hotel in Plaka
- Day 17 Catch your flight home or continue traveling in Greece