

PAA/PYA Excursion to Crete!! July 3 – 9, 2022

Tentative Schedule of Events*

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.-- Ice-Breaker activity at Hydramis beach/pool area to meet your fellow PAA/PYA members.

6:30 p.m.--9:00 p.m. - Informal Dinner Buffet at the Hydramis Beach Hotel Dining Room.

9:30p.m. - 12:30 a.m.- After Hours Pool Party with an open bar, mezethakia, and music by **Ilias Horeftakis**

Monday, July 4, 2022--Happy Independence Day!

Registration Opens from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-- Daily buffet breakfast at the Hydramis Hotel.

Buses depart the hotel for Arkadi at: 9:00am

10:30 a.m. - Explore the Arkadi Monastery either with your pareia or with a guide-lead tour.

Enjoy a 4th of July celebratory ceremony and Doxologia with special VIPs.

Buses depart Arkadi from Agios Antonios at:

12:30 p.m. Travel to Agios Antonios Gorge--Take a scenic hike to the Church of Agios Antonios (which is built in a cave). Afterwards, enjoy a well-deserved lunch at Drimo Taverna to sample local delicacies and participate in a hands-on demonstration of local treats like raki, cheese making and so much. **Music will be provided by Alexandros Papadakis**

Cretan Music Lessons: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hotel (location TBA)

Buses depart for Merona at:

9:00 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. - Attend a traditional Cretan Glendi at the village of Meronas **Music By Galatios Mosxonas and Bobby Agelakis**

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-- Daily buffet breakfast at the Hydramis Hotel.

Buses depart hotel to Agios Nikolaos and Spinalonga at 9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - Travel to Agios Nikolaos and Spinalonga. Take a boat ride around Spinalonga, tour the island and then return to Plaka or travel to Agios Nikolaos, shop for local treasures, enjoy delicious Cretan delicacies, or soak in the sun at the beach. Box lunches provided for both locations. Tour guides will be available

Buses depart Agios Nikolaos or Spinalonga/Plaka for Fodele at approximately 4:00 p.m. Guests will need to walk about a ¼ mile to the center of the town of Fodele and back. Musical performance by Dimitri Sgouros!!

Optional Tour: For those daring to experience the rugged beauty of the Cretan landscape we are offering this optional "Safari Club Jeep experience" to Lasithi (7 hour safari jeep trip with lunch) \$45.00 per person.

11:00 p.m.-- PYA Late Club Night--SENSO Club in Chania (free to the first 50 youth members...\$50.00 value).

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-- Daily buffet breakfast at the Hydramis Hotel.

12:00 p.m - Stick your toes in the sand while you bask in the sun during a beach party at the hotel! Lunch will be served at the hotel during the party.

Buses Depart for Optional Wine Tour from hotel at 11:00 a.m. *Guests will need to walk approximately 250 feet to the winery and back*

11:00 a.m.--Optional Tour--Wine Tour and Tasting—Manousakis Winery! The tour will include appetizers, wine tasting and transportation. Participants may purchase wine on their own. Cost of event: \$25.00

Buses Depart from Manousakis Winery at 3:00 p.m.

Cretan Music Lessons: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the hotel (location TBA)

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - Enjoy a traditional Cretan dinner and dance the night away with live music with your fellow Cretans at the Garden of the Senses in Iraklion. **Music Provided By Nikos Manioudakis**

Thursday, July 7, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-- Daily buffet breakfast at the Hydramis Hotel.

Buses depart from hotel to Iraklion at 9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - Day trip to the famed city of Heraklion where participants will be offered guided tours of the city of Heraklion and the Archeological Museum (included in package price). Attendees will have plenty of time to shop, explore other historical sites on their own and grab a bite to eat.

Buses depart from Iraklion back to hotel beginning at 3:30 pm until 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.-- Buffet Dinner included at the Hydramis Hotel

Buses depart from Hotel to Chania at 8:30 p.m.

9 p.m.- 2:30 a.m. - The group will head over to the famed Limani in Chania for the night. Transportation to the Limani and back to the hotel will be provided, but food is not included

Private PYA event.

Friday, July 8, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-- Daily buffet breakfast at the Hydramis Hotel.

11:00 a.m.-- Guests will enjoy lunch, live music, and dancing at the historical site of Theriso, the village where famed statesman Eleftherios Venizelos started the movement to unite Crete with Greece. **Musical entertainment by Georgios Franzeskakis and Georgios Stratakis.**

Cretan Music Lessons: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the hotel (Location TBA)

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.-- Buffet Dinner included at the Hydramis Hotel

8 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.-- Stroll around the old town of Rethymnon, and then at 10 p.m. enjoy a concert at the Fortezza (Venetian Fort).

Saturday, July 9, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-- Daily breakfast at the Hydramis Hotel.

12:00 p.m.-- Guests can either attend a beach party at the Hydramis Hotel or participate in an optional tour.

Optional Day Trip: Day trip to Rethymnon-- shuttle transportation will be provided at no additional cost to and from the city, but lunch is not included for this option. FREE OF CHARGE

8:00 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.-- Enjoy a Grand finale traditional Cretan Glendi in Keramia at the village Kampoi. **Music performance from Pontikakis and Skarakis**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Excursion participants must purchase a registration package to participate in the events listed below. To purchase your package, go to www.pancretan.org. Current Package Price is \$450.00. Twelve Year Olds and Under cost \$200.00; and Children Two and Under are Free.

SPECIAL DEAL for PYA Members: A \$250 refund will be issued to all PAID PYA Members who register at the Hotel and attend the excursion reducing the cost for our youth. These refunds will be issued after the trip.

All attendees must register online to attend all events (parents and/or guardians can register their children but no children can attend on their own under the age of 18). You can either pay online by credit card or send a check, made out to Pancretan, and send it to PAA Secretary, Dianne Sophinos, 338 Bayberry Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403. Packages are fully refundable until April 30, 2022.

*Times and events offsite are subject to change.

After Hour Party - parties will take place beachside at the Hydramic Beach Resort

Three Dance Workshops will also be available Free of Charge to participants.. For more information and how to sign up, visit www.pancretan.org