

# THE TUI HOLIDAY EXPERTS



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## What do you enjoy most in your job with TUI in Greece?

I love the unexpected challenge of each day and the satisfaction of keeping a smile on my colleagues' faces. We provide service to approximately 1,000 guests on excursions on a daily basis. When a colleague calls with a problem, I will be there to support him – this is a challenge I still enjoy.

## What is special about Crete?

Crete is the queen of the Mediterranean and a blessed island. European history, mythology and civilization were born here. Places like the palace of Knossos, the island of Spinalonga, the old towns of Rethymnon and Chania and the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the town of Agios Nikolaos are worth visiting. People are warm-hearted, spontaneous and hospitable. Once you experience the Cretan hospitality, you will always return. In fact, a high percentage of our visitors comes back to the island.

## Which beach or natural spot would you recommend in your destination Crete?

My favourite beaches are the lagoon of Balos and the beach Elafonisi in the western part of Crete. You will find yourself magnetized by the exotic landscape. The pink coloured sand and the shallow, turquoise waters offer you a unique holiday experience. For natural spots I recommend the gorge of Samaria. With 18kms it

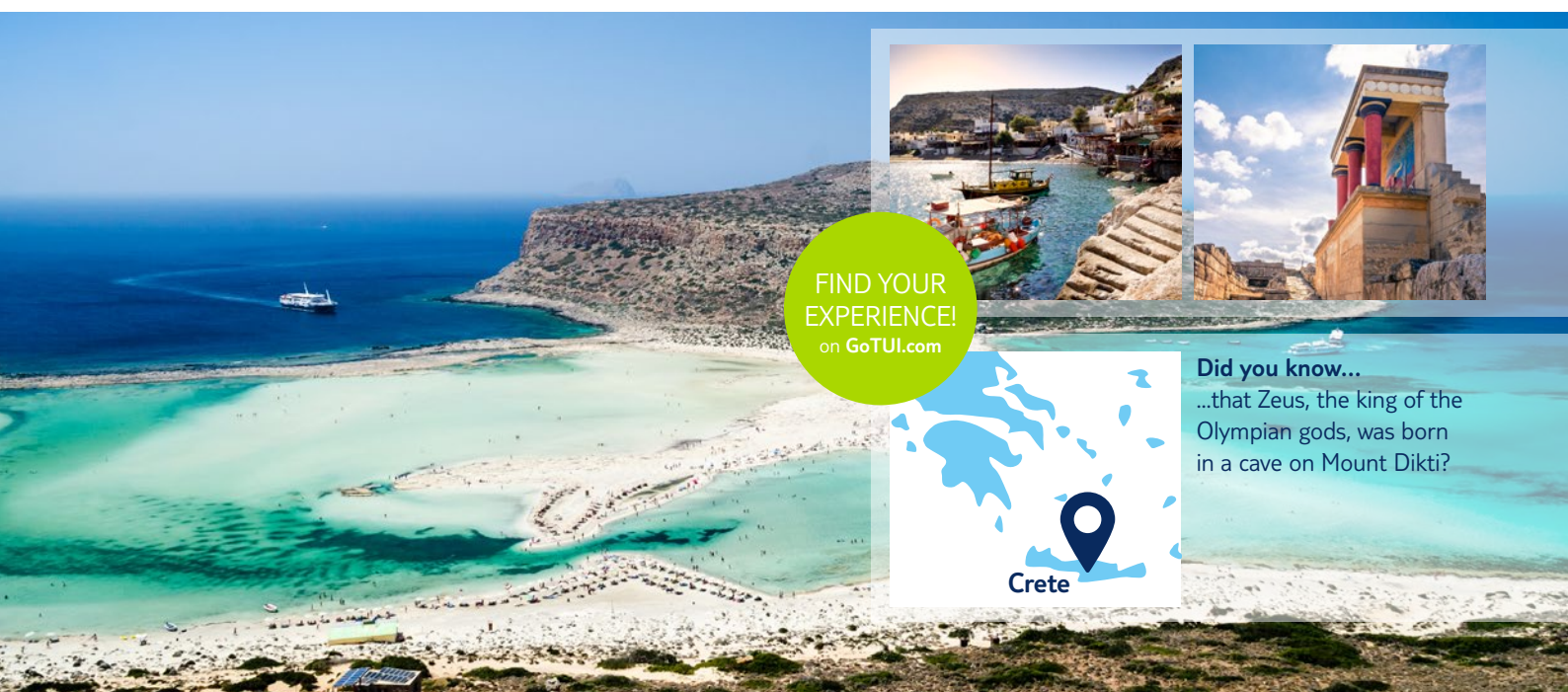
is the longest in Europe. Also, it's a real paradise of local flora and fauna. Hiking through it is a once in a lifetime experience.

## What local food should visitors try in Crete?

"Dakos"! A light yet filling salad based on barley rusk, or as we call it in Crete: "Paximadi". The rusk is lightly soaked in the water to soften it, and topped with grated fresh tomato and "Myzithra", a creamy local cheese. For the final touch, virgin olive oil is sprinkled on top with a pinch of salt, pepper and oregano. Obviously, you cannot come to Crete without trying "Tsikoudia" which you might know as "Raki". It is a strong spirit served in small glasses. Locals offer "Raki" as a gesture of hospitality and welcome.

## What is the best experience in your region that no visitor should miss?

I would strongly recommend the "TUI Collection Knossos, Museum and Heraklion" excursion. Tourist guides will introduce you to the sophisticated enchanting Minoan world accompanying you into the palace of Knossos. Here the first European civilization was born. Also, the Archeological Museum of Heraklion houses a unique collection of Minoan artifacts. After a short guided tour through the center, guests have free time to discover the vibrant capital of Heraklion.



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## Did you know...

...that Zeus, the king of the Olympian gods, was born in a cave on Mount Dikti?