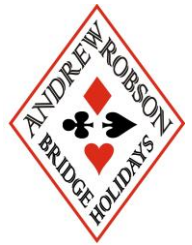




Crete 2025



5* Porto Elounda Golf & Spa Resort

Sunday 21st - 28th September 2025

OR

Sunday 28th September - 5th October 2025

ARBH are delighted to visit Crete for the first time for our summer bridge holiday: known as Zeus' birthplace, the island is full of hidden gems, rich history, rugged natural landscapes and a wealth of authentic places for curious travellers to explore. Note that this is not a golf holiday although a handful of guests will play.

We will stay at the luxurious 5* Porto Elounda Hotel, where luxury meets the greens of Crete's stunning landscape. Nestled along the pristine shores of Mirabello Bay, Porto Elounda invites you to indulge in the epitome of Cretan hospitality. The hotel has a private sandy beach.

As always, there will be two interesting excursions: the first cruising to Spinalonga and exploring the delights of this historic island and the second visiting the traditional village of Krista and then olive oil tasting after a delicious two course lunch above the lake of Agios Nikolaos

Programme: Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme which will include Andrew Robson's Lessons on four mornings (with set hands), Gentle Duplicate before dinner and relaxed supervised play after dinner. As usual, the standard is friendly Intermediate; the Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious 24 board club duplicate.

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Crete: Home to unique cultural sites such as the sunken city of Olous-Elounda, the ancient palace complex of Knossos and Dikteon Cave, the island's past is matched by its incredible natural beauty, including the high-altitude Lassithi Plateau and famous E4 hiking trail.

Ancient history, stunning landscapes, and modern luxury are what Eastern Crete is made of. From the captivating shores of Elounda to the majestic heights of the Lassithi Plateau, Elounda Peninsula will be your ideal gateway to an unforgettable Cretan adventure. Immerse yourself in the charm of Elounda, a trio of villages with a view of the Venetian castle on Kalydon Island, home to the famous "Spinalonga" fortress. Take a boat trip to Spinalonga and indulge in the seaside delights of Plaka.



Porto Elounda Golf and Spa Resort: Porto Elounda has embarked on a transformative journey, entering a new era of luxury and sophistication. In 2024 the hotel has created 48 new suites, alongside the revamped pool, gym and beach areas. Hotel website: www.portoelounda.com/en/ The average temperature for September is 24C.

Leisure facilities: there is a complex of swimming pools including the largest seafront pool in Crete, spanning 420 square metres, an indoor pool, sauna and gym. There is a wellness centre and spa which offers a variety of facial, beauty and body treatments, yoga, massages and therapies. It is advised to pre-book these treatments to avoid disappointment.

Golf: the hotel has a private 9-hole par 3 course and just 30 minutes away is the Crete Golf Club, an 18-hole championship course nestled in a mountain-style layout. I will be on for a round or two so bring your golf shoes if you would like to join me!

Tennis: the hotel has three Astroturf tennis courts and expert instructors are available for lessons



Bedrooms: All rooms have sea views and balconies. Contemporary and refined, the Sea View Rooms offer expansive private terraces, extending a personal invitation to revel in an authentic Cretan vacation experience of tranquility and authentic charm. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning, television, minibar, safe, hairdryer, shower/bath, coffee/tea set, bathrobe, slippers and Wi-Fi.

Premium Junior Suite: Revel in spacious elegance and mesmerizing sea views from the furnished private balcony, creating a serene ambiance for an unforgettable stay.

Premium Junior Suite with individual pool: These rooms offer a similar experience to above but the furnished private terrace offers direct access to an individual seawater swimming pool.

Premium 1-bedroom Suite: As above but also includes a separate living room. No pool.



Dining: We will dine in several different hotel restaurants during the course of our stay. Experience the sublime freshness and the taste of local ingredients. Discover age-old recipes reimaged for the modern connoisseur.

The exciting selection of Cretian and international gastronomy coupled with a perfectly paired glass of wine might just become the secret ingredient to spice up your holiday.

EXCURSIONS



Cruise to Spinalonga Island

Embark on a journey to discover the beauty and history of Spinalonga Island, guided by experienced professionals who will lead you through the fascinating remnants of this Venetian fortress. Once a thriving community and later a leper colony, Spinalonga offers a unique glimpse into Greece's cultural and architectural heritage. The island's imposing fortifications, serene surroundings, and historical significance make it an unforgettable stop.

Following our exploration of Spinalonga, we will set sail across the shimmering waters of the Gulf of Elounda towards the tranquil Kolokytha Bay. Here, surrounded by the lush Mediterranean landscape, you will enjoy a light lunch of delectable finger foods, specially prepared to complement the relaxing atmosphere. Afterward, take the opportunity to swim in the crystal-clear waters



Elaphite Panagia Kera Church, Kritsa Village and Olive Oil Tasting

Set off on a scenic excursion to explore the rich history and culture of Crete. Our first stop is the **Panagia Kera Church**, a Byzantine gem known for its remarkable 13th-century frescoes,

We then continue to the **traditional village of Kritsa**, one of the oldest and most picturesque villages in Crete. Wander through its narrow, winding streets lined with charming, whitewashed houses and local artisan shops,

Following our visit, we'll head to a **restaurant above the lake of Agios Nikolaos**, where you'll enjoy a delicious lunch featuring traditional Cretan dishes, all while taking in breathtaking panoramic views of the lake and surrounding landscape. Our journey concludes with a visit to a **local olive oil farm**, where you'll enjoy a tasting of high-quality olive oils, each with distinct flavors that reflect the unique characteristics of the region.

Price to be confirmed in June 2025. Delicious two course lunch, guide, private boat, coach transfer and entrance fees will be included.

Transport, Prices, and Booking Conditions

Booking & Deposit:

Note that bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a booking form and non-refundable deposit cheque for £250. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have. Booking forms online on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk
There is a £25 per person admin charge for any amendments to bookings which includes room upgrades.

Transport:

You will need to book your own flights but if you book the BA flights below then you can join our coach transfer to/from the hotel for a small additional cost.

21.09.2025	BA 2752	d Gatwick	09.15	a Heraklion	15.20
28.09.2025	BA 2759	d Heraklion	13.40	a. Gatwick	15.50

The flight times are the same for the second week of 28 September. EasyJet and other airlines will fly to Heraklion - BA now fly from Heathrow but at different times. Best to book flights early as prices go up over time. Transfer time to the hotel, approx. 50 minutes.

Package includes:

- Bridge tuition to include 4 x lessons with Andrew's set hands, 6 x Gentle Duplicates and Supervised play after dinner (Chicago scoring)
- Exclusive use of the Bridge room for the week
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening
- The use of facilities within the hotel
- Half board accommodation as detailed below

Accommodation: Price includes half-board accommodation as on page 3. Please note: rooms do vary in size and style. ARBH will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

<u>Holiday Cost:</u>	Premium Junior Suite:	2 sharing	£2295 per person
		1 person	£2895
	Premium Junior Suite: with individual pool	2 sharing	£2645 per person
		1 person	£3495
	Premium 1-bedroom Suite:	2 sharing	£2745 per person

Flights: **Guests need to book their own flights.** ARB Holidays are not responsible nor liable for guests' independent flights. If a holiday is cancelled or if a guest cancels, then guests should contact their airline for a refund or voucher.

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Extending your stay:

You are welcome to stay extra nights and make your own travel plans. We have been working with F&P travel to build your trip and if you would like to stay on they would be more than happy to help you book extra nights here or expand your trip in Crete to take in other destinations. Please contact the team at hello@fandptravel.com or give them a call on 01306 264005.

Insurance:

It is the responsibility of individuals to ensure they have adequate travel insurance for this trip, to include any activities in which they may be participating. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

Money:

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before the beginning of June 2025, a surcharge, appropriate to the fall, will be charged to all clients on the package price and excursions.
- The deposit is non-refundable.
- The full balance is due in early June 2025 (we will email a balance request in June).

Cancellation:

The deposit is non-refundable and once the balance has been paid, no refunds will be given, although you should be able to claim on your insurance.

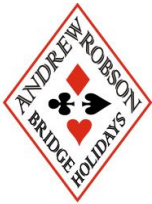
ARB Holidays - Liability:

In all the arrangements we have made for your holiday, we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the suppliers of the services used are of an acceptable standard. However, we would point out that we do not own or control the organisations providing transport or accommodation for your holiday. We cannot accept any liability for services provided (carriage by air, sea or land, accommodation and other space), where these services are interrupted by force majeure, which includes but is not limited to acts of God, adverse weather conditions (including ash clouds), acts or threat of war, government action, strike, terrorism, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, medical emergency, pandemic such as COVID, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure.

Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd accept no liability for any mishap, loss, damage, illness, accident or death that may occur during this trip.

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CRETE BRIDGE HOLIDAY 2025

BOOKING FORM

Please pay the £250 per person deposit via online banking (email Jack for details) or use telephone banking or visit a branch or ask a family member to make the transfer for you. We do not accept cheques nor credit/debit cards. One booking form per person please (except couples). Fill in an online booking form on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk Do not post a booking form.

1. I would like to book _____ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

Names including Title (Mr, Mrs etc)

Room type (see page 3)

Premium Junior Suite

Premium Junior Suite with individual pool

Premium 1-Bedroom Suite

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2. **Insurance:** Please sign below to state that you have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions listed on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk

Name

Signature

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3. Please note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. vegetarian meals, allergies etc.

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4. Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address

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Email

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5. **Next of Kin:** Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name:

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Main Contact Number:

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