

Our Crete

Daily 19:00 - 24:00

At the Sfakia Municipality stand, the presentation of a journey into the geological, aesthetic and cultural identity of Sfakia, a place where the steep, sharp mountains of the White Mountains descend dramatically until they meet the sea of the Libyan Sea. Impressive digital projections and interactive illustrations, paintings on objects washed up by the sea by the painter Georgia Kantounataki and an embedded reference to the work of Antonis Plymakis – researcher and writer with a significant contribution to the documentation of the natural and cultural geography of Sfakia. The digital tribute will include excerpts from his books, photographic and cartographic material, as well as a projection of the way in which speech and scientific observation capture the essence of the landscape.

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Our “Traditional Cretan Café” is brought to life by the Cultural Association “To Rodo”.

Wednesday 2 July 20:30 – 21:00

Workshop on the topic "Malotira and Marjoram, Enjoyment and Health" by Dr. Kostas Oikonomakis, Agriculturist, former Regular Researcher, ETH.I.AGE (Institute of Olive & Subtropical Plants of Chania)

Thursday 3 July 17:00 – 21:00

Workshop under the title “Olive Oil: The Taste of the Future”. Presented by the renowned chef Iosif Petroff and the renowned olive oil judges Ms. Eleni Barbopoulou and Ms. Anastasia Papamanolaki with the introduction of award-winning Cretan olive oils.

Thursday 3 July 19:00 – 20:00

“Our Spoon Sweets” by Ioanna Pantelaki-Terezaki, Chef of Cretan Gastronomy / Member of the Hellenic Academy of Chefs

Friday 4 July 19:00 – 20:00

“Our greens... our treasure.” Delegated Regional Representative SofiaMalandraki, inspirer of the “Let’s go... for greens” initiative, talks with Petros Marinakis, Owner of the Botanical Park of Chania and Deputy Mayor of D. Platanias, about the relationship of Cretans today with the herbs and greens of yesterday.

Saturday, July 5th 19:00 - 20:00

The “Cretan Dekatiano”, a form of local brunch, is introduced to us by Katsifarakis Ioannis, Board Member of the Chefs Club of Crete. An event organized by the Agri-Food Partnership of the Region of Crete in collaboration with the Festival Organizing Committee.

Sunday 06 July 19:30 – 20:00

"Tastes and Stories: A Wine and Cheese Journey from Crete". A very interesting cheese and wine workshop! An exceptional tasting experience, dedicated to the authentic gastronomy of Crete by the sommelier Yorgos Badoyiannis (from the Alibertos restaurant) and his team. Organized by the Agri-Food Partnership of the Region of Crete and the Festival Organizing Committee.

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# Events Program July 2025

# Earth Festival People & Products

## Wednesday 02/07

**19:00 – 20:00**

Welcome – Greetings

**19:00 – 21:00**

In the Children's Stage, artist Eliza Kiose from the Lyceum of Greek Women will give children the opportunity to paint a unique copy of a drawing by Florentini Kaloutsi.

**20:00 - 20:20**

On the Music Stage, Musician Nikos Zoidakis speaks to presenters Evangelia Xirouhaki and Katerina Bikaki about the Cretan mantinada (Cretan rhyme technique) of yesterday and today.

**20:30 – 21:00**

At the Cretan Workshop, Dr. Kostas Oikonomakis, Agronomist, former Regular Researcher at ETH.I.AGE (Institute of Olive & Subtropical Plants of Chania) invites us to get to know "Malotira and Marjoram, Enjoyment and Health". An action integrated into the transnational Cooperation Plan "LOCAL TOUR", (Sub-measure 19.3 CLLD/LEADER) in the framework of the implementation of the Local Program CLLD/LEADER O.A.K. S.A."

**21:00**

Tasting the famous... Antikristo of Crete (Cretan way of grilling meat chops placed across from each other) an action of Local Cretan Cuisine, integrated into the transnational Cooperation Plan "LOCAL TOUR", (Sub-measure 19.3 CLLD/LEADER) in the framework of the implementation of the Local Program CLLD/LEADER O.A.K. S.A. 21.30 – 24.00: On the Music Stage, Nikos Zoidakis' band and the Traditional Association "Ta Sfakia" keep us company. S.A.»

**21:30 – 24:00**

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## Saturday 05/07

**19:00 – 21:00**

On the children's stage, the Storytellers on the Boat, entitled "Strolling through our lands' fairy tales", tell stories of Crete, taken from the core of oral tradition!

**19:00 – 21:00**

At the Cretan Workshop, the Lyceum of Greek Women organizes an embroidery workshop with Ms. Kaiti Kastrinaki guiding the young and the old to create with needle and thread!

**19:00 – 20:00**

At the Festival square, the “Cretan Dekatiano” (Cretan type of brunch) is introduced to us by Katsifarakis Ioannis, Board Member of the Chefs Club of Crete. An action organized by the Agri-Food Partnership of the Region of Crete in collaboration with the Festival Organizing Committee.

**21:15**

At the LOCAL TOUR stand, Local Cretan Cuisine of vegetables and bread by the chefs of the Greek Academy of Chefs, Mrs. Ioanna Pantelaki - Terezaki, Simopoulos Pantazis and Simarakis Michalis. An action integrated into the transnational Cooperation Plan “LOCAL TOUR”, (Sub-measure 19.3 CLLD/LEADER) in the framework of the implementation of the Local Program CLLD/LEADER O.A.K. S.A.»

**21:30 – 24:00**

Manos Malaxianakis keeps us company on the Music Stage.

## Thursday 03/07

**19:00 – 21:00**

On the Children's Stage, artist Eliza Kiose from the Lyceum of Greek Women will give children the opportunity to paint a unique copy of a drawing by Florentini Kaloutsi.

**19:00 – 21:00**

Our Festival stands.... introduce themselves!

**19:00 – 20:00**

In the Cretan workshop, “Our Spoon Sweets” are presented by Ioanna Pantelaki-Terezaki, Chef of Cretan Gastronomy / Member of the Hellenic Academy of Chefs. An action integrated into the transnational Cooperation Plan “LOCAL TOUR”, (Sub-measure 19.3 CLLD/LEADER)

**19:00 – 21:00**

In Festival square, the Workshop "Olive Oil: The Taste of the Future" is presented by the well-known chef Iosif Petrov and the renowned olive oil judges Ms. Eleni Barbopoulou and Ms. Anastasia Papamanolaki. Award-winning local olive oils in international, national and local competitions are presented at their own stand while their organoleptic, etc. characteristics are analyzed, while in the same space, chef Iosif Petrov will give the public, but mainly people in the catering industry, the opportunity to taste unique quality olive oils and ask themselves: How do we transfer the olive oil mentality to kitchens and how to our special customers? We explain how we taste an olive oil, what characteristics we can find, what is the language of olive oil and how we understand its quality.

**21:30 – 24:00**

On the Music Stage, Manolis Kontaros keeps us company

## Sunday 06/07

**Nautical Week meets...the Earth Festival.**

**19:00 – 21:00**

An open educational activity by ARCHELON entitled “A sea journey with the Caretta-Caretta turtle” is presented on the children's stage. The purpose of the action is to introduce the sea and its inhabitants and to teach its protection through an experiential way. Organized by ARCHELON.

**19:00 – 21:00**

At the Cretan workshop, the Lyceum of Greek Women of Chania organizes a Weaving workshop with Mrs. Niki Karamanou and Yianna Markoulaki, introducing the public to the world of the loom and Weaving.

**19:30 – 20:00**

On the Square we meet "Tastes and Stories: A wine and cheese journey from Crete". A particularly interesting cheese and wine workshop! An experiential tasting experience, dedicated to the authentic gastronomy of Crete by the sommelier Yiorgos Badoyiannis (from the Alibertos restaurant) and his team. Organized by the Agri-Food Partnership of the Region of Crete and the Festival Organizing Committee.

## Friday 04/07

**19:00 – 21:00**

On the children's stage, a puppet show workshop and the play "The Puppet Showman and the Water Dragon" by the well-known puppeteer Nikos Blazakis.

**19:00 – 21:00**

The Lyceum of Greek Women organizes an embroidery workshop with Ms. Kaiti Kastrinaki guiding the young and the old, to create using needle and thread!

**19:00- 20:00**

At the Cretan workshop "Our herbs..our treasure" the Delegated Regional Representative Sofia Malandraki, inspirer of the initiative "Let's go... for herbs" talks with Petros Marinakis, Owner of the Botanical Park of Chania and Deputy Mayor of D. Platanias about the relationship of Cretans today with the herbs and the herbs of yesterday.

**21:15**

At the LOCAL TOUR Pavilion, chefs Ioannis Katsifarakis, Antonis Paraskakis and their team introduce us to the world of Cretan pasta with local Cretan cuisine. An action integrated into the transnational Cooperation Plan “LOCAL TOUR”, (Sub-measure 19.3 CLLD/LEADER) in the framework of the implementation of the Local Program CLLD/LEADER O.A.K. S.A.»

**21:30 – 24:00**

On the Music Stage, the musical group Kyklos keeps us company.



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**20:30**

Local Cretan Cuisine at the LOCAL TOUR stand with the scent of the sea by the chefs of the Hellenic Academy of Chefs, Mrs. Ioanna Pantelaki - Terezaki, Simopoulos Pantazis and Simarakis Michalis. An action integrated into the transnational Cooperation Plan “LOCAL TOUR”, (Sub-measure 19.3 CLLD/LEADER) in the framework of the implementation of the Local Program CLLD/LEADER O.A.K. S.A.»

**21:00 – 24:00**

On the Music Stage, the Chania Dance Group “O Psiloritis” takes us on a journey through island dances and music, and later Stelios Vamvakas and Evangelia keep us company.



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