

A friendly bridge holiday at Crete's award-winning Kernos Beach Hotel

Good cards, fun people & great food in a relaxed setting

A holiday for social, intermediate and advanced players who enjoy bridge, hosted by Lou Hobhouse, who is both the Editor of the English Bridge Union's magazine and a brilliant bridge teacher.

With optional lessons every weekday morning and friendly duplicate or social games every evening, you can play as much, or as little, bridge as you want. There's no need to come as a pair, there will always be a spare partner.

Where

On one of the finest beaches along Crete's northern coast, the 4* Kernos Beach Hotel offers individual bungalows with their own terrace, or superior rooms with balconies. Both the hotel's main restaurant, serving Greek and Mediterranean food, and its Fish Restaurant overlook the Aegean and if you feel like something simple, there is also a taverna and café. The shops, bars and bakeries in Malia's Old Town are a short walk away.

When

Anytime between the 8th and 19th October 2022. The holiday is based on guests coming for seven nights, but come for longer if you choose. The weather should be predominantly dry and warm enough to sunbathe.

How much

Early bird rates for seven nights with breakfast and dinner are £870 a person based on two people in a bungalow with a private terrace. For those who prefer their own room, the price for a week is £1,170. Groups booking for four at a time can enjoy a £25 discount per person. Any bookings taken (subject to availability) in June will be £100 more per person. The price for stays over seven days will be calculated individually. Room upgrades may be available. Please enquire for details.

Please arrange your own flights to Heraklion (HER) airport (direct from London, Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester). We can arrange transfers to the hotels for the popular flights for an additional charge. This will be arranged in August and the cost depends on the number on each flight (from £20 to £80 return). We insist you also purchase travel insurance.

Deposit

There is a £400 deposit per person with the balance due to be paid at the end of August. Details on confirmation of booking.

Excursions and activities

The hotel has an excellent spa, pools and mini-golf. There are tennis courts on site (bookable) and a golf course just 10 mins away. We will also arrange excursions (according to demand) - Knossos Palace (the 4,000 year-old home of the mythical Minotaur and its maze), a boat trip to the historic leper island of Spinalonga, a guided walk with beautiful views, and the chance to see cheese, olive oil and wine being produced. Details and prices of all excursions and activities will be sent out in August and booked according to demand.

Bridge muggles

Non-playing partners and friends are most welcome. Come, relax and enjoy the facilities and excursions. There is still plenty to do (and the chance to do nothing).

Booking

Availability (and cheap flights) are already going quite quickly, so please email hobhousebridge@gmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your place.



Bungalow with private terrace - large double beds or twin beds available (at the moment!)



Walk directly onto the hotel's sandy beach



Boat trip to Spinalonga



Hike through incredible scenery

Visit archeological site of Knossos

