



One Week Flower Trips on Crete

Spring 2017

14th – 21st March

Cost per person: £1,200

This includes bed and breakfast accommodation at Corali Studios, Elounda, morning coffee and lunch, transport from and to the airport, and all guided trips. All trips will be accompanied by Julia Jones, FLS. President and Founder of the not-for-profit organisation 'Flowers of Crete'

Day One

Guests will be greeted at Heraklion airport, and driven to Elounda to settle in to Hotel Krini Elounda.

Day Two

A day trip into the mountains to find wild paeony, arum lilies and endemic orchids, with lunch in a traditional taverna.



Paeonia clusii ssp *clusii*

Day Three

A drive to the far east of the island to walk through the native palm groves of the endemic Phoenix theophrastii and the palm beach at Vai. This is the only native palm forest in Europe. After the visit to Vai, a short drive will take us to the ancient Minoan Palace at Zakros and a chance to walk in the scenic Gorge of the Dead to find

rare, endemic flowers. Lunch at a beautifully restored old stone house which serves excellent local produce.

Day Four

A trip to the island of Kolokytha to find a variety of beautiful and rare flowers and to spend the day finding and photographing flowers, leaves and grasses. Lunch at a local beach side taverna.

Day Five

Following a remote mountain road from north to south coast there will be plenty of stops to find orchids, wild fritillary and many endemic flowers, including a short walk to a panoramic view point to view both Cretan and Libyan seas and a drive through broad leaf woodland to a remote deserted village, where cyclamen and many endemic

flowers can be found beside a fast flowing mountain stream.

Tulipa cretica

Day Six

A trip to the beach at Malia to find some interesting flora, followed by a drive into the mountains to the famous Lassithi plateau, where we will find fields of flowers and stunning scenery.



Cyclamen creticum

Day Seven

After breakfast, guests will be taken to Heraklion airport for their flight home.

Please note: Cost of holiday does not include flights, evening meals, drinks not included with meals and phone calls from your hotel.