



## **Historic and exclusive Cressa Ghitonia Village in Crete becomes part of the Aria Hotels portfolio**

***- Unique venue for weddings and private celebrations***



**20 January 2016.** Aria Hotels, with its growing reputation for boutique hotels and unique properties throughout Greece, has brought the notable Cressa Ghitonia Village on the island of Crete into its portfolio. Just a few kilometres from Sitia, this amazing property comprises 15 individual suites and rooms, which all formed the ancient village, along with a courtyard, swimming pool, spa complex, restaurant and bar. For anyone seeking an exclusive private venue for their wedding or private celebration then Cressa Ghitonia Village offers all they need with its panoramic views of the nearby mountain scenery and proximity to beautiful beaches.

Finished to the highest standards, the suites and rooms are available in a number of configurations with some ideally suiting families and others perfect for couples in search of a little privacy and seclusion. In total the property can accommodate over 50 adults and children. The accommodation incorporates many original features such as stone arches, wooden ceilings and classical fireplaces. Some of the dwellings were artisan houses whilst others were shops and merchant stores. All combine in a truly magical effect that feels like stepping back into the time with all the luxurious facilities and comforts of a modern boutique hotel.

Local cuisine is an important feature of the Cressa Ghitonia Village. The property has its own produce garden offering fruit, vegetables and herbs, and many of these are incorporated into the age-old recipes on the menu, served with a modern twist by the resident chefs. Organic olive oil also features heavily, bringing the sights and scents of the locality onto the dishes. Local Cretan delicacies are available throughout the day, particularly via the Pool Bar which offers lighter meals and snacks. Cretan wines and local liqueurs such as raki also feature, and can be enjoyed while relaxing on the terrace as the island's dramatic sunset unfolds.

Another major feature is the Spa complex with its own hammam, sauna and Jacuzzi®. Here, a variety of locally-sourced ingredients such as olive oil and salt grains are deployed by in-house massage and beauty specialist consultants to ease away everyday cares and stresses, reviving the senses through an array of expert treatments. The menu of treatments offers something for everyone, from natural remedies and interventions to targeted body therapies and sports massage.

The property itself, overlooking the Aegean Sea, is a feast for the senses and a great spot for exploring more of this historic island with its coastal tavernas, Minoan-era fortifications and settlements, jewel-like beaches, nature trails and breathtaking scenery.

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### **About Aria Hotels**

*Aria Hotels ([www.ariahotels.gr](http://www.ariahotels.gr)) is a small, privately owned boutique hotel & villas company that offers guests authentic Greek hospitality with simple, effortless charm. Operating in Greece since 2010 and focusing in providing high quality services, they promise to the guest the ideal get-away in exceptional destinations around Greece.*

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*Cressa Ghitonia Village (Sitia, Crete)  
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Kipi Suites (Zagori, Epirus)  
Alcanea Boutique Hotel (Chania, Crete)  
Scalani Hills Boutari Winery & Residences (Heraklion, Crete)  
The Windmill (Kimolos, Cyclades)  
Milaki (Kimolos, Cyclades)  
Alikaki (Kimolos, Cyclades)*

#### **Holiday Villas**

*Villa Athermigo (Chania, Crete)  
Critamo Cottage (Chania, Crete)  
Aria Villas (Serifos, Cyclades)*

#### **Beach Houses**

*Thalassa Beach House (Kimolos, Cyclades)  
Bonatsa Beach House (Kimolos, Cyclades)*

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