

## THE TRADITIONAL CAIQUE

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A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE



For a truly mesmerizing experience get on board our traditional caique, exclusive for the distinguished guests of Blue Palace Resort and Spa. Travel on the crystal-clear waters around the Mirabello Gulf and unlock some of the most authentic surroundings.

Set off from the hotel's own jetty aboard our quintessentially Greek fishing boat and savor a selection of Cretan wines and a platter of cheese locally sourced from dairy farms. The caique sails around the coast of Elounda and around the isle of Spinalonga, which sits right across from Blue Palace. Spinalonga is a National Heritage Monument, non-inhabited islet, with a rich history that uniquely captures the history of Crete itself. With impressive relics from the Roman times, Venetian occupation, Ottoman Turks and most recent history as a leper colony, Spinalonga has been immortalized in the best-selling book of Victoria Hislop "The Island". Its view is truly breathtaking!

### PICNIC AT BLUE PALACE

Enjoy a delicious lunch, with a selection of homemade dishes, light snacks; fresh bread and Greek wine, all packed in a traditional picnic basket. You can choose to enjoy this picnic lunch on our traditional caique, sailing around the coastline of Elounda and the island of Spinalonga. This package includes two types of menu, customized to your needs. It is a great opportunity to enjoy an al fresco romantic meal for couples or the perfect opportunity for some family bonding!

€ 340 per couple (excl. beverages), € 64 surcharge per additional person (excl. beverages), € 25 surcharge per child (excl. beverages), two-hour trip

### ROMANTIC SUNSET CAIQUE TRIP

Spend the evening sailing on the caique surrounded by the breathtaking natural beauty of the coast line of Elounda and Spinalonga Island. Set off from the hotel's own jetty with chilled champagne and the chef's treat of canapés with local indigenous flavors for an intimate interlude.

€ 250 per couple - one hour trip



*"I may have fallen as hard for Plyto in a tasting room or over dinner at home, but the setting of our first encounter made it inevitable. I was on a sloop, sailing past the stone bastions of Spinalonga, the mysterious Venetian fortress off Crete's northern coast. Friends I 'd met that afternoon had laid out meats and cheeses beside canapés that looked like miniature sculptures. The sea was simmering, the sky a shade of El Greco blue..."*

**Bruce Shoenfeld – Travel + Leisure August 2013**