



THE BIOLEA COMPANY

Biolea is a family-owned business specialized in the production of artisan stone milled and cold pressed organic olive oil, with the goal attaining the highest possible quality.

Our olive mill was constructed with local building material in a traditional manner to promote traditional Cretan architecture, and was built specifically to accommodate visitors and to hold in-house presentations and olive oil tastings, thus connecting our operation with the local tourist inflow. There is paved road access and ample parking for tourist buses. The factory is open year-round, introducing and educating tourists to olive oil. Over the past 20 years we have also welcomed conferences, food writers, travel writers, chefs, specialty foods enterprises and students.

In order to be responsible producers, and in accordance with our company's environmental ethics, Biolea is committed to sustainable agriculture and to reducing dependency on electricity and ultimately covering energy needs by reusing and recycling the wastes produced. This aspect of our company's mission is very much appreciated by our ecologically-minded visitors.

After more than 20 years of operation, Biolea has gained an international reputation for the quality of its products, and also for its pioneering efforts to promote more sustainable practices, both in agriculture and in the agritourism sector.

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BIOLEA ORGANIC OLIVE OIL TOUR

<http://www.biolea.gr/agrotourism.php>

- On arriving at Biolea our visitors are given a brief introduction on the importance of olive oil to the Cretan people, the importance of Cretan olive oil to the world, Biolea's contribution to Cretan olive oil heritage and tradition, and on the sustainability practices of the company.
- The tour begins with a visit through the olive mill itself, where the process of artisan stone milling and pressing of olive oil is explained step by step, with emphasis on the differences in nutrition and taste of the olive oil produced by traditional method and the industrial method.
- Next, we head up to our tasting room to view a short 6-minute DVD presentation of the harvest, milling production, bottling and tasting as it progresses.
- Lastly, visitors are invited to taste our olive oil, and our two flavored oils, lemon and nerantzi (bitter orange). We instruct them on how to taste olive oil, how to read an olive oil label at the supermarket, and the criteria to purchase the best value for their money.

Visitors are of course encouraged to ask questions throughout the tour, and have the opportunity to purchase Biolea olive oil on-site at producer's prices should they so desire.

We receive on average 7,000 visitors during the summer months and so far we have only received positive reviews and comments.

See our reviews at:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g1187586-d2171547-Reviews-Biolea-Kolymbari_Chania_Prefecture_Crete.html



COMBINE BIOLEA VISIT WITH...

Deliana Gorge and Church of Agios Ioannis:



located 5 minutes away from Biolea, Deliana has a very beautiful green gorge filled with wildlife and rare vulture-eagles. http://naturahellas.blogspot.gr/2013/01/blog-post_279.html

Then, the traveler can have a break with refreshments or even a light lunch at the local taverns at the square of the village. <http://www.faragi.4ty.gr>

Vouves Olive Tree and Museum of Olive oil

The Olive Tree Museum of Vouves is ideally located next to the Monumental Olive Tree of Vouves, one of the oldest olive trees in the world (at least 2000 years), which is visited by approximately 20.000 people every year from all over the world.

<http://www.olivemuseumvouves.com/pages.aspx?id=2&lang=en>



Wineries

Ten to twenty minutes from the factory are some internationally distinguished wineries. Karavitakis Winery, <http://www.karavitakiswines.com/index.php/en.html> Loupakis Winery, and Pnevmatikakis Winery are all open for wine tours and tastings. Visitors also have a chance to try local wine varieties such as Kotsifali, Mantilari, Vidiano, Vilana and Malvasia.



Orange Picking

In the village Ag. Antonios, (3 Km from Biolea), local farmers greet the visitors to their orange groves. There, the visitor has the opportunity to walk through the orange groves pick his own oranges and eat them on the spot, take them away or juice them and enjoy a fresh orange juice.



Organic Hand-Made Soap Workshop “FISIKA”

20 minutes from the mill is a charming workshop that makes hand-made soap and creams from olive oil produced at Biolea. <http://www.fisikashop.com/en>



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