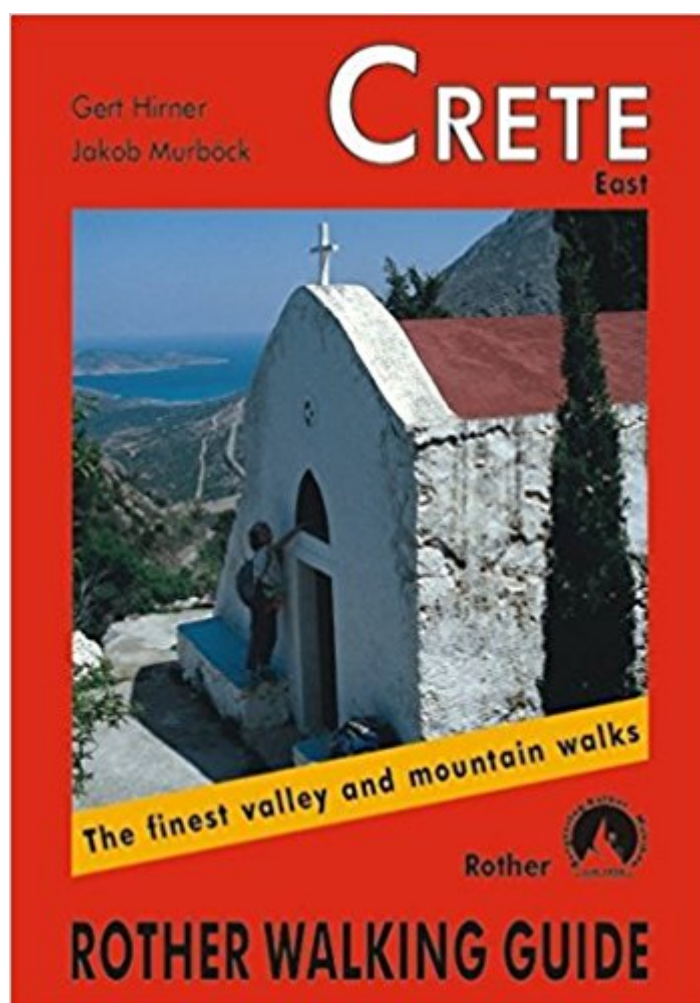


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Due to its diverse countryside and mild and settled weather, Crete is one of the most popular holiday destinations in the Mediterranean Sea. In the winter, when snow and rain sweep Central Europe, temperatures are mild on Crete. Spring starts rolling out its flowered carpet across the island early in the year. While snow can still be found on the higher mountains, oranges decorate the trees in the valleys, ox-eye daisies and poppies colour the fields, and rare types of orchids greet nature-lovers. Hikers appreciate the fifth-largest Mediterranean island not least due to its natural environment, parts of which are still unspoilt, the incredible wealth of plants, the wild gorges and gentle valleys, the enchanting coastal regions with their beautiful beaches and bays, as well as due to its panoramic mountain summit, attaining a height of almost 2,500 m. This Rother Walking Guide presents the hiker with a wide variety of tour recommendations encompassing all regions of the eastern part of the island. It ranges from the "bathing suit walk" to hikes reaching hidden bays, excursions to picturesque villages and secluded monasteries, to tours of the alpine mountain terrain. Special attention was also paid to the many ancient sites which, especially in Eastern Crete, can be optimally integrated into the walks. Many of the 50 tour recommendations are excellent for families with children or older hikers. Each tour recommendation is described in a detailed and informed manner, and is illustrated with a colour photo as well as a hiking map having the ideal scale of 1:50,000 or 1:75,000 and an illustration of the route. Together with the volume Crete West, it is an essential guide for Crete fans!

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