

**Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:**

## The Minoan Villa Niros

Probably tenement of a venerable priest



**Preliminary note:** we already informed about the archaeological site at Niros; therefore see at: [ [http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter\\_en/369-12E.pdf](http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter_en/369-12E.pdf) ] **page 2** Brief info can also be found at: [ [http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter\\_en/141-06E.pdf](http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter_en/141-06E.pdf) ] **page 2.**

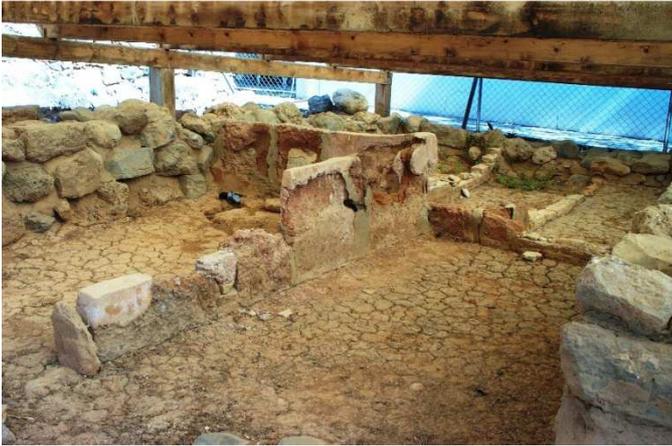
In addition we now present with this leaflet further detailed information, in particular pictures, to this archaeology place. The building remainders belong in LM III. Further information about “Minoan mansions“ in the “new palace time” on Crete are also in a publication of the University of Heidelberg (pdf file – in German only):

[ <http://archiv.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/volltextserver/volltexte/2003/3834/pdf/eberl.pdf> ].

The area became excavated by KSANTHOUDIDIS 1918 - 1919 and was published in the year 1922. Therefore the plant was formerly a two-story building with two inner courts, one in the east and one in the north of the area. The luxurious house was delighted from large ashlars. The walls were strengthened by wooden frames and covered with a thick layer from gypsum and marble slabs. The building possessed a shrine, stockrooms for agricultural products and rooms with banks. It was interpreted as the house of a high priest, probably due to numerous ceremonies vessels, which were found during the excavation.

The house was probably built in 16<sup>th</sup> Century BC (MM III period) and given up after its destruction by a fire in 15<sup>th</sup> Century BC (LM period IB). In the year 1960 the property was enclosed and the building remainders were restored.





To what extent the remainders of a small Minoan port (*Agii Theodhori*), which is located in close vicinity of the mansion (see in addition the indicated links in the preface) is connected, is not conclusively, since possible evidence there were too much destroyed.

Opening-hours of the place: see at our leaflet 141-06/E (page 2); link above within the preliminary note.