

MINOS KALOKERINOU

If you ever get the chance to visit the wonderful city of Heraklion on the beautiful island of Crete, going shopping in the city centre will get you across «**Kalokerinou Street**». There, you can find a great deal and variety of shops where you can go on a your shopping spree.

But have you ever wondered before where the name «Kalokerinou» comes from? Well, to answer this question, we have to dive way back in time, in 1843, when **Minoas Kalokerinou** was born. Minoas was son of the very famous and rich Kalokerinou's family and he was the last child of the merchant Adreas Kalokerinou and Margiora Krasaki.

He signed to the Lawschool of the University of Athens, but he only attended the course for 1 year due to his father's death. Then, he decided to completely drop out lawschool and manage the money Andreas left him with his brother Lisimahos. Soap making and vinification started to really appeal to him.

He got married at the age of 26 to a woman named Skevi Kriezi and brought to life 4 children, Maria, Andreas, Leontas and Odiseas Kalokerinou. He tragically lost his brother in 1898, during the events of the 25th of August.

But what made him as great as he is now is the fact that in 1878 he excavated the Tselepi Kefala hill in the area of Knossos. What he found there was astonishing

and major for the Heraklion culture. He was the very first man to prove the existence of the ancient Minoan civilization and bring it to the worldwide limelight. Under thick layers of volcanic ash, he brought to the surface one small part of the glamorous Knossos' Palace and many other things from that time, causing the whole Europe to come to Heraklion and fall into an «Excavation Fever», and dug up the city to find things like the ones Minoas found.

Years later, the well-known British archeologist Arthur Evans excavated the rest of the palace, making it available for visitors from all around the world to take a little sip of the great history that belongs to our city, Heraklion.

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INFORMATION ABOUT IMPORTANT LOCAL PEOPLE OF CRETE WHOSE NAMES WERE GIVEN TO STREETS AND OTHER CENTRAL LOCATIONS OF HERAKLION CITY.