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The Abduction of Europa

A MYTHICAL JOURNEY TO CRETE

According to Greek mythology, Europa was a beautiful Phoenician princess.

Zeus fell in love with her and transformed himself into a white bull to approach her.

When Europa climbed onto his back, Zeus carried her across the sea to **Crete**.

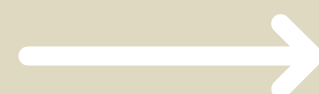
The myth



There, Europa became the mother of Minos, Rhadamanthus and Sarpedon. Minos would later become the legendary King of Knossos.

Her name would later be given to an entire continent: **Europe**.

Today, this ancient myth lives on at the **Port of Agios Nikolaos** through the Abduction of Europa sculpture.



The Horn of Amalthea

FROM A BROKEN HORN CAME A SYMBOL OF ABUNDANCE

One of Crete's most enduring myths tells of the infant **Zeus**, hidden in a cave on Mount Ida to protect him from his father, Cronus. There, **Amalthea** cared for and nourished him while he grew.

One day, while playing, Zeus accidentally broke one of the goat's horns. To make amends, he blessed it with the power to provide everything its owner desired. The broken horn became the **Horn of Amalthea**, later known as the **Cornucopia**, an enduring symbol of abundance, prosperity and plenty.



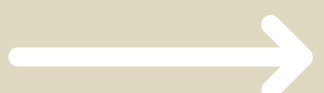
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Today, this ancient Cretan myth has a place in the modern landscape of Agios Nikolaos through the **Horn of Amalthea sculpture**, created by Nikos and Pantelis Sotiriadis in 2000.

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**A MYTH STILL PRESENT
IN AGIOS NIKOLAOS.**



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