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Chania, Crete

Port information

Currency

The currency in Crete is the Euro. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafés and restaurants.

Language

The language in Crete is Greek.

Getting around

Distance to town centre From the port it's around 6km to the centre of Chania

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Walking to the town centre is not recommended. The quickest way into the centre is by local taxi.

The port authorities will provide shuttle buses from the ship to take you into the town and you can purchase your tickets from the ticket booth outside the port

building.

Taxis

Taxis are available outside the pier and the cost of a taxi to the town centre is approximately 10 Euros. The taxis in Crete work like the ones in the UK where you pay the amount shown on the meter at the end of the journey.

Local buses

Local buses are available to take you to the beaches or beyond. Outside the port there is a bus stop. Purchase your tickets from the ticket booth outside the port building, and remember to validate them on the bus.

Main highlights

Agora. Built in 1913 as a vegetable, fish and meat market for the city of Chania, it officially opened to the public 3 days after the union of the island of Crete with Greece. There are some shops selling local products, and many souvenir stores. Closed on Sunday.

Chania Cathedral Trimartyri, Isodia Square. The church was built in 1860 during the Ottoman rule of the island.

Etz Hayyim Synagogue, off Kondalaki. Hayyim was a desecrated house of prayer that remained the sole Jewish monument on the Island of Crete after the destruction of Crete's Jewish community in 1944.

The Archaeological Museum of Chania. The original was built in 1605 as a Franciscan Monastery of St Francis of Assisi.

The Venetian port. This is probably one of the most picturesque ports of the country.

Essential information

Tourist information There is a tourist information desk is 100m from the pier.

Internet access

There is no free Wi-Fi for guests inside the port. Most of the cafés have free Wi-Fi. There are internecafés in the main square and the Venetian harbour of

Nearest beaches Nea Chora and Platanias beach are 6km away and both are sandy beaches.

Useful phrases

Yes Nai Ochi No Hello Gia How are you? Pos ise? Fine Mia xara Thank you Efcharisto Please Parakalo Good morning Kalimera Good day Kalimera Goodbye Good night Kalinihta

Where is the toilet? I don't understand

Bus Train Car Olive oil Wine (red/white)

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE: As with many

major cities, please keep a close eye on valuables.

Splatzia Square. Easily reached from Daskalodiani Street behind the Agora. A huge plain tree stands in the middle of the square where you will find Cretan men drinking 'tsikoudia' a local spirit. Behind it, you will find St. Nikolas' church. Originally built for the Dominican Order it was turned into a mosque during the Ottoman occupation and now it is an Orthodox church. The minarets have recently been restored and not surprisingly, they do not follow the Ottoman architectural style but a more western venetian influence. Dikastiria Square. This square is dominated by the neoclassical building of the Court House. It is a nice part of town to sit back and enjoy coffee.

Iroon Polytechniou street, lined with fine examples of neo classical architecture reminiscent of the time Chania was the capital of the short lived Cretan Republic, leads to the sea and the Koum Kapi beach and coffee shop

Dimokratias Avenue will take you back to the Agora through upmarket boutiques and the more exclusive shopping area of the city.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you a lovely day in Chania, Crete

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Krasi (kokkino/lefko)

Den kataklaveno

Leoforio

Treno

Amaxi

Ladi