Chania

Distance to town:

Around a 10 minute walk from the bus stop

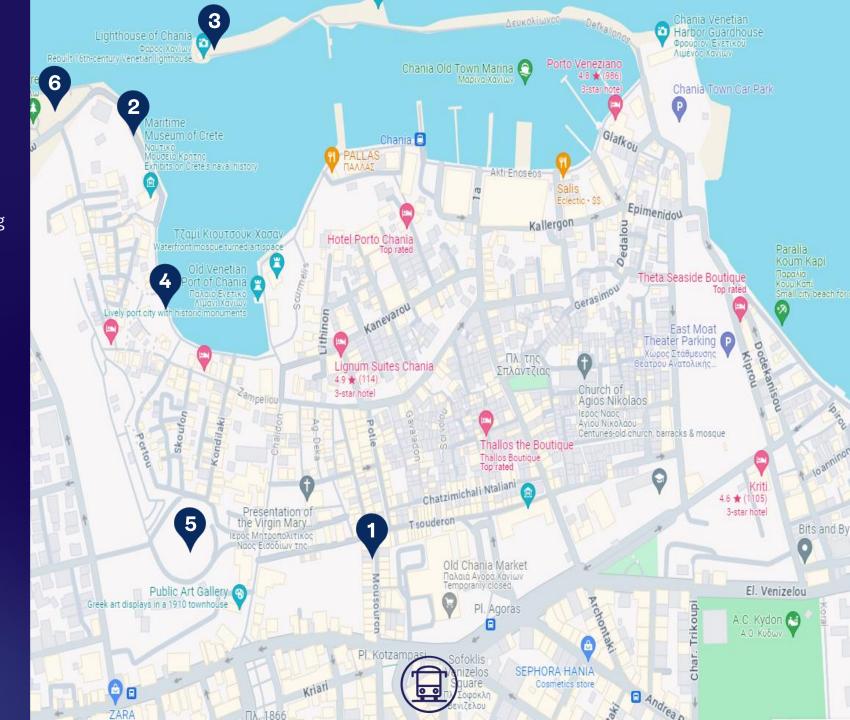
Shopping:

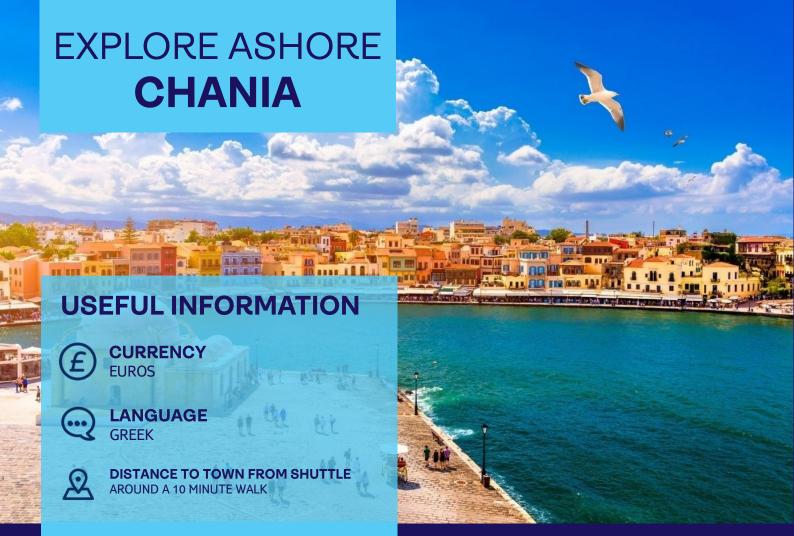
Head to the Old Town, where you'll find everything from stylish souvenirs to colourful clothing



Top Sights:

- 1 Chania Old Town
- Maritime Museum of Crete
- 3 Lighthouse of Chania
- 4 Old Venetian Port
- 5 West Venetian Town Walls
- 6 Talos Square





AT A GLANCE

Situated just three miles from Chania, travellers arriving at the port of Souda can easily reach the city centre. Port buses, available for $\[mathebox{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{E}}}1.50$ each way, provide a quick 10 to 15-minute journey, while taxis offer a direct route for around $\[mathebox{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{E}}}10$. Alternatively, a scenic 90-minute walk from the ship to town allows for a more leisurely experience.

Chania boasts a rich history dating back to ancient times, with influences from Minoans, Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, and Ottomans. Its strategic port location has led to centuries of invasions and conquests, reflected in the diverse architecture of its Old Town. Today, landmarks such as the Venetian Harbour, Firkas Fortress, and Archaeological Museum offer insights into Chania's captivating past.

OUT AND ABOUT

Lighthouse of Chania: At Chania's Venetian Harbour entrance stands the timeless Lighthouse of Chania, a symbol of maritime history. Built by the Venetians in the late 16th century, it illuminates the night sky, casting a warm glow over the tranquil waters.

West Venetian Town Walls: Encircling Chania's Old Town, the West Venetian Town Walls showcase the city's strategic importance. Built in the 16th century, they offer glimpses into Chania's rich history and provide scenic views of the city and sea.

Table Square: In Chania's Old Town, Table Square is a vibrant gathering spot surrounded by cafes and historic buildings. Named for its marble-topped tables, it invites visitors to savour a leisurely meal or drink while soaking in the city's charm.

BEST BEACHES

In Chania, beach enthusiasts can choose from a variety of options. Paralia Koum Kapi Beach near the Old Town offers soft sands and clear waters, with amenities like sunbeds and beachside cafes. Further west, Agia Marina Beach is perfect for water sports and beach volleyball, with seaside taverns serving Greek cuisine. Southwest of Chania, Elafonissi Beach boasts pink sand and turquoise waters, along with sun loungers, beach bars, and souvenir shops. Whether seeking relaxation or adventure, Chania's beaches cater to every preference.

SHOPPING

Shopping in Chania's Old Town offers a mix of traditional charm and modern convenience, with boutique shops and vibrant markets selling locally made products like ceramics, textiles, and olive oil. Exclusive souvenirs include local artwork, handmade jewellery, and specialty food products. Conveniently located within a 10 to 15-minute walk from the harbour, visitors can explore these shopping areas, discovering unique treasures amidst Chania's picturesque surroundings.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

To experience Chania like the locals, tourists can stroll the promenade and enjoy Greek coffee at a local cafe, then explore the lively market scene

JUST SO YOU KNOW

During the busy summer months, Chania, Greece, can get hot and crowded due to numerous ships in town, so stay hydrated