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www.chania.eu/tourism
www.chania.gr
www.chaniacrete.gr
www.gnto.gr

Emergency numbers

Police: 100 (local telephone)
Fire: 199

Tourist information

Tourist Information Office
Heraklion
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www.greeka.com/crete/crete-tourism.htm

CRETE

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Reality and mythology, traditional and modern. The great combination of all these makes Crete a cosmopolitan centre and one of the most important tourist destinations in Mediterranean. Crete is the largest island of Greece. Its culture, natural beauty and climate, warm summer sun and cool sea combined with its dynamic people have made Crete one of the largest and most modern tourist centres in Greece.

THE ISLAND



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Heraklion is a modern town (the largest of the island, with a population of approximately 180,000 inhabitants), and is the administrative, commercial, industrial and agricultural centre of Crete. The strange coexistence of the beautiful and the ugly, the old and the new, the apparent architectural chaos and the mixture of buildings from different civilizations, makes the city really interesting and attractive.

The fact that you may walk by the Venetian port enjoying the view of an ancient period and in two minutes distance you may find yourself having a coffee or a drink in a very modern and trendy café/bar, makes the visitor have a truly unique experience. Eleftherios Venizelos Square (Platia Eleftheriou Venizelou)—the Lion's Square, as the locals call it—is the city's traditional centre. This will be your first and your last destination during a day. Around this square, you'll find all the commercial streets of the town.

There are many restaurants and taverns offering Cretan specialities throughout the area and also many cafés and bars. The eastern part of the Heraklion prefecture has some major resorts near the sea like Chersonisos, some major archaeological sites like Malia and many important Byzantine churches. Only 5 kilometres south from the centre of Heraklion, you can visit Knossos—the largest and the most brilliant centre of Minoan civilization. Great beaches, intensive night life, warm people, great cuisine and the strange “game” between the old and the new are promising unforgettable holidays in the island.

DO & SEE



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Crete is surrounded with history and beautiful scenery. Take a stroll along the old port, get lazy on the beach or discover a new pub each night in Hersonissos. Crete has everything you can think of for a perfect holiday!

The Old Port

It is to be found on the left side of the modern port. During the Venetian period, it was an important commercial and military centre. The perfect spot for a nice romantic walk, especially during the night.

The Koules Fortress

The fortress is really impressive and one of the special sights of Heraklion. It was built at the entrance of the Venetian port in order to protect from raids. Fragments of the carved lions of Saint Mark can be seen on its sides. On the top, an outdoor theatre has been built and they use it during the summer festivals. The name Koules is a Turkish name, but the Venetians called it Rocca al Mare. The castle is open to the public.

The Minoan Palace Of Knossos

The archaeological site of Knossos is at a distance of 5 kilometres southeast of Heraklion, near the small village of the same name. It is the largest and most known centre of the Minoan civilization.

More Info: Bus no 2 runs regularly between Heraklion and Knossos.

The Archaeological Museum

The Archaeological Museum holds finds from Knossos, Archanes, Phaestos, Zakros and many other

archaeological sites in Crete. It's a must see place for the visitors who want to have an overall view of the island's archaeological treasures. Popular highlights include the Phaestos disc, classic Hellenic and Roman sculptures, frescoes, jewellery, wall paintings and pottery.

Address: Xanthoudidou Street 1
Phone: +30 2810 226 092

Hersonissos

Hersonissos is the night-life paradise of Crete. There are hundreds of bars, big hotels and nice restaurants. There are also nice beaches, especially "limanakia," a number of very small bays. Ideal for sea, sun and fun lovers. One hour distance from the centre of Heraklion, you can go there by bus. The buses leave from the station near the port—Kountourioti str, Limenos area.

Malia

Malia has plenty to do—day and night. Plenty of taverns, pubs and discos and a lovely beach. A great party place! It is ninety minutes away from Heraklion. Get the bus from the same place as for Hersonissos.

Amoudara

West of Heraklion is the closet summer resort. Restaurants, tavernas, cafés, music bars, gift and jewellery shops are available along the road, with some beach-side taverns. You can go there taking the bus from Eleftherias square (Liberty square) or by taxi.

Chania – Rethymnon

If you are planning to stay more than a week in Crete and specifically at Heraklion, take the chance to visit two more great cities of the island with great natural beauties, gorges and very traditional villages: Rethymnon is 1.5 hours away from Heraklion (by bus), and Chania is 3 hours from Heraklion. For both destinations, you can get the bus from the central bus station near the port.

Phone: +30 2810 221 765
Internet: www.bus-service-crete-ktel.com

EATING



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The Cretans are particularly fond of lamb and goat meat. The "Ofto lamb" and "Psito" are well known. Especially famous are the island's dairy products—Kefalograviera, the semi-hard kefalotyri, Anthotyro and soft mizythra are all delicious and among the best Greek cheeses.

Loukoulos

For a special meal in a wonderful terrace garden or the antique interior dining area you should visit Loukoulos, which has the appearance of a period house. Loukoulos has interesting Mediterranean dishes with a Greek flavour and wonderful eye-appealing salads.

Address: Korai 5
Phone: +30 2810 224 435
Internet: www.loukoulos-restaurant.gr

Paralia Fish Tavern, Ouzerie

Paralia is a traditional fish tavern in Heraklion. They serve wonderful fish dishes and some other Greek specialities. Open during the summer season.

Address: Sofokli Venizelou 5
Phone: +30 2810 282 475
Internet: www.paraliacrete.gr

Petousis Tavern

This is one of the most famous taverns in Heraklion. Even if it's situated in an area which is "alive" during summer (Amoudara is a summer resort in Heraklion), this specific tavern is full almost every day! Traditional Greek food, special in a very nice environment.

Address: 140 Andrea Papandreou Str
Phone: +30 2810 821 376 / +30 2810 823 071
Internet: www.petousis.gr

Remezzo

Remezzo has a beautiful location just by the sea side. Here you can find a range of food from a big breakfast, to an afternoon snack and a cocktail at sunset.

Address: 16A, El. Venizelou Sq.
Phone: +30 2821 052 001
Internet: www.remezzo-crete.gr
More Info: Old Venetian Port

Symposium

Symposium has an open-air restaurant giving their customers the best service, great Mediterranean and European meals and delicious wine. It is located in Platanias and has lovely, relaxed atmosphere for a relaxed dinner.

Address: Platanias - Hania
Phone: +30 2821 060 545
Internet: www.symposium.com.gr

CAFES



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Most of the cafés and bars in Heraklion are in Korai street, the centre of the town. There is no need to know the number. The island, even if is the largest in Greece, is like a “big family.” Just ask someone for help, and they’ll gladly point you in the right direction!

Living Room Lounge Café

Livingroom is a trendy café with nice people at the centre of Heraklion. Here you can find warm and cold

drinks, salads, snacks and cocktails.

Address: El. Venizelou 5
Phone: +30 283 102 1386
Internet: www.living.com.gr

Technopolis

This area is 10 minutes outside the centre of Heraklion in an area pretty famous during the summer. A new, modern building with cinemas, restaurant and a café/bar.

Address: 116 Andrea Papandreou Avenue
Phone: +30 2810 823 813
Internet: www.texnopolispark.gr

Kentrikon Café

Kentrikon Café is located on the junction of Betolo street and Dorotheou Episkopou. It is a two story building and the perfect place for a good cup of coffee in the afternoon.

Address: Betolo and Dorotheou Episkopou
Phone: +30 28210 41442
Internet: www.kentrikoncafe.gr

The Back Door

The Back Door is one of the oldest cafeterias in Chania. Even though it is one of the oldest it is newly renovated and centrally located. They serve juice, coffee, snacks, ice cream and a bit later cocktails.

Address: 1, Akti Koundourioti
Phone: +30 2821 074 274
Internet: www.crete-cafe.gr
More Info: Old Venetian port Chania

Fabricia

This century building is turned into an amazing café-bar and creperie. Here you can eat breakfast, try a lovely crepes and later, like most bars, they serve cocktails and beer.

Address: Koutouloufari
Phone: +30 28970 23981
+30 2810 252797
Internet: www.jmfabrica.gr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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When we are talking about the nightlife on the Greek islands (and, generally, Greece) we mean intensive nightlife till the morning. For many Cretans the nightlife begins at 6 pm-7 pm and finishes at 6 am!

La Brasserie

This is a small and warm bar at Korai street, which organizes acts pretty often and some great live concerts, mainly with rock bands. Come and enjoy the warm night and great music!

Address: Korai 15, Heraklion

The Rock Café

The Rock Café is located in the old town of Rethymnon and has 3 bars and dance floors. At this place it is a party every night of the week and plays everything between pop, rock and R&B.

Address: 6, I. Petihaki str.
Phone: +30 2831 032 118
Internet: www.rockcafe-rethymno.com
More Info: Rethymnor

Malia

Along the main coast of Malia you can find everything you need for a good night out. Restaurants, clubs and of course a beautiful beach.

The Matrix Club

This club is the biggest club in Hersonissos. This is the place to go to if you want to get lost in music and dance the night away.

Address: Eleftheriou Venizelou
Phone: +30 2897 021 103
Internet: www.matrixclub.gr
More Info: Main Road Hersonissos

Murphys bar

Murphys is located right by the beach in Hersonissos. It is a well visited bar which plays a mix of R&B, soul and trance.

Address: Agia Paraskevis 61
Phone: +30 28970 23 787
Internet: www.murphysbar.gr

SHOPPING



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The city's commercial centre is located in the triangle formed by the Averof, 1821 and Kalokairinou streets, as well as in the surrounding streets. There are many commercial stores with clothes and shoes for all ages and styles. The shopping centre of Heraklion, does not have many differences from the shopping centres of other European cities.

It's nice to combine your shopping with the special delicacies you can find in the same streets. "Loukoumades" with honey and the famous bougatsa (pie filled with cream) will make even an outstanding shopping bill look sweeter! Beyond the clothes stores, you can find popular art stores and the traditional knife stores where you can buy the famous Cretan knives.

In the lively traditional market in the 1866 street, you can find products for making your own Cretan meal. There are many small shops off the main streets which

sell local products and many gifts shops (some of the with really strange gifts) on 1866 Street and more so its side streets.

SLEEPING



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Crete offers a wide range of selections of hotels and hostels. You can book before arriving at your destination or find budget accommodations once you have arrived.

Creta Maris Beach Resort

Creta Maris is located at Hersonissos offering high quality all inclusive services at a Cretan, traditional and green oriented environment... in three words "Green Cretan All inclusive". It is a blend of tradition and luxury, offering an experience of the real Crete on a picturesque bay with crystal clear waters.

Address: 70014 Hersonissos
Phone: +30 2897 027 110
Internet: www.maris.gr

Elmas Dream Apartments



Elmas Dream Apartments is a small quiet family hotel of 15 spacious and comfortable apartments. 100 meters from the beautiful beach of Chrisi Akti and 3 km to the center of Chania town. Also enjoy two

exquisite villas with the blend of traditional Cretan stone mansion and modern design, with private pools. The surrounding fields of olive, orange, wine and lemon trees compose a beautiful landscape that promises moments of quality and relaxation.

Address: Hrisi Akti
Phone: +30 28210 87401
Internet: www.elmasdream.gr
www.elmasdreamvillas.gr

Avli Lounge Apartments

Avli is a boutique hotel located in the center of the Old Town of Rethymnon, Crete. The 15th century historical building houses seven unique, high aesthetics suites. Each suite has been decorated individually and combines traditional architecture, antique furniture and modern comfort and luxury. A high class get-away for guests who are looking for an exceptional experience and personal service in accommodation.

Address: Xanthoudidou 22 & Radamantios GR
Phone: +30 28310 58250
Internet: www.avli.gr

Lato Boutique Hotel

The stylish leather couches in the lounge, the minimal luxury in the bar, the panoramic view and the excellent location are great reasons to choose the Lato Boutique Hotel!

Address: Epimenidou str 15
Phone: +30 2810 228 103
Internet: www.lato.gr

Kronos Hotel

Kronos hotel is simple but warm. Friendly people, good prices, convenient and with a view of the sea. Sit on the veranda, enjoy the view and a cold drink!

Address: Sofokli Venizelou and M. Agarathou str 2
Phone: +30 2810 282 240
+30 2810 287 395
Internet: www.kronoshotel.gr

Marin Dream Hotel

Marin Dream hotel is a fully renovated hotel just 2 minutes away from the centre of Heraklion. Relaxing and trendy environment, friendly atmosphere and rooms with great view on the Venetian Castle of Koules.

Address: Doukos Bofor 12

Phone: +30 2810 300 019
Internet: www.marinhotel.gr

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

Airport

The “Nikos Kazantzakis” is one of the three largest international airports in Greece, and is only 10 minutes away from the centre of Heraklion. If you take a taxi you will pay approximately €15 (including the

luggage). You can also take the bus No 1, which takes you to the town centre.

If you plan to rent a car on the island, just keep in mind that even if the local traffic is not huge (during summer the problem is much bigger) you will face a great problem with parking, especially in the centre of the town. Get a car only if you plan to visit other cities as well. Within Heraklion it will be better if you rent a bike or a motorcycle.

Phone: +30 2810 397 800
Internet: www.heraklion-airport.info

Public Transport

Buy tickets for the busses from the kiosks you will find in many places in the town. It will be better to buy tickets for your return as well at the same time. Buses start at 5.30-6 am and the stop around midnight. Buses run every 20-30 minutes.

Taxi

Don't take a taxi “without reason.” You can go by foot to most of the important places of Heraklion.

Heraklion Radio Taxi

Internet: www.heraklion-taxi.com

Pharmacy

Each pharmacy in Heraklion has a notice in the window showing which are open out of normal hours and their addresses.

Post

Daskalogianni Square

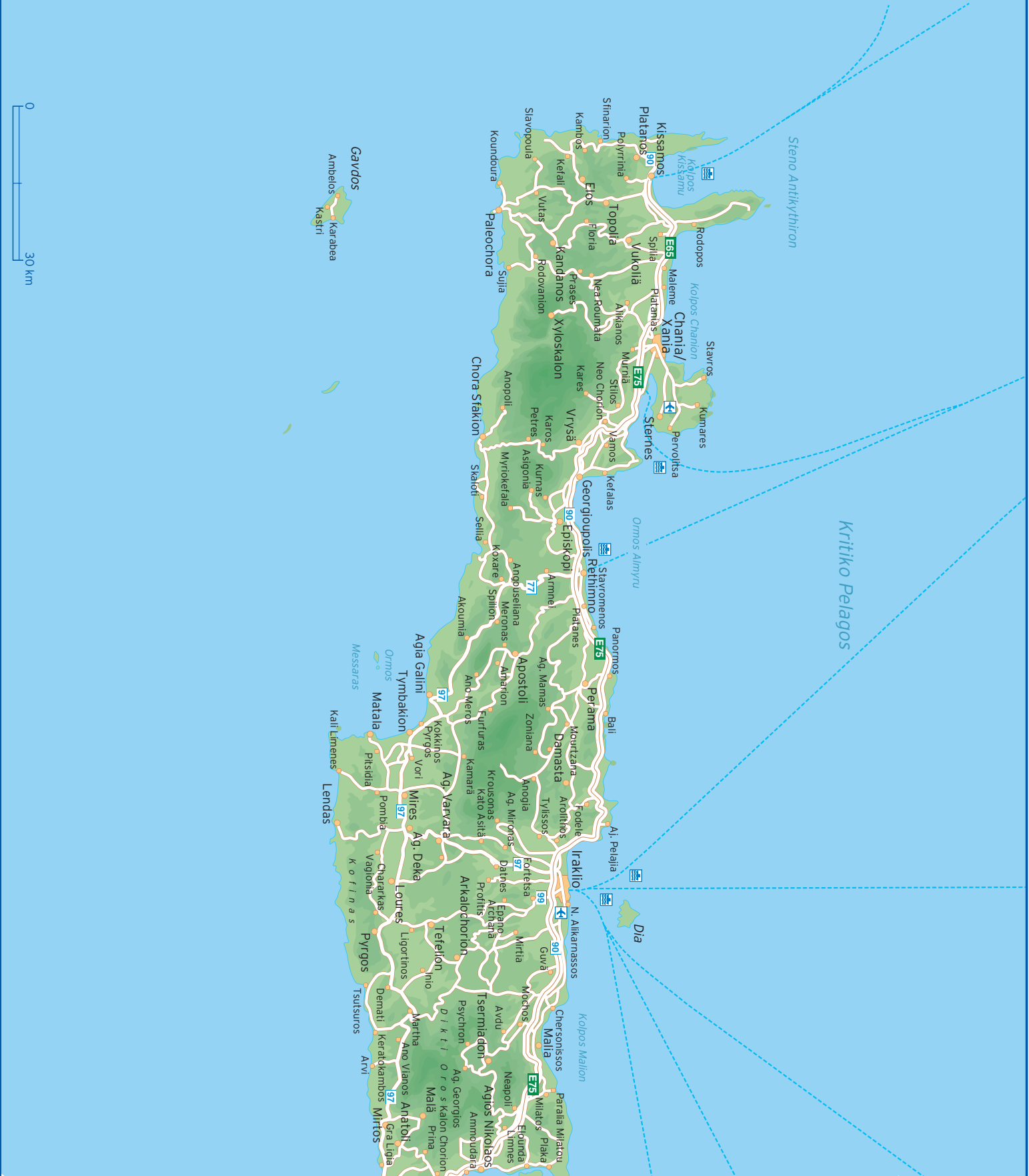
Phone: +30 2810 234 468

Telephone

Country code: +30
Area code: 2810

Electricity

230V, 50Hz



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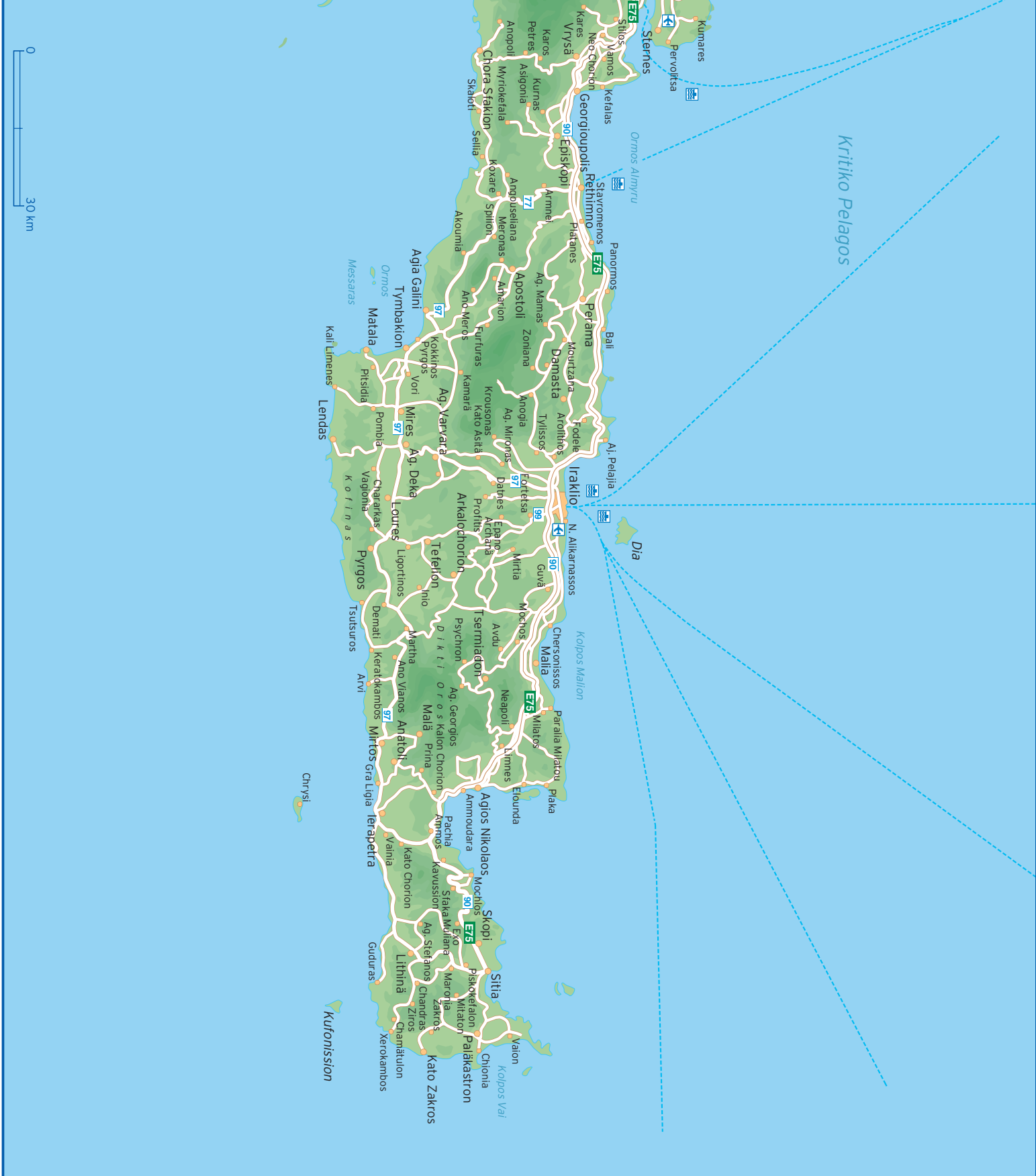
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Ag Titou	C2	Idomeneos	C2	Platia Agios Titos	C2
Agios Mina	B2 B3	Ikarou	D2	Platia Arkadiou	B3
Akadimias	C4	Ioustinianou	B3	Platia Daskalogiani	C3
Akti Sof Venizelou	A1 B1 C1 D1	Kagiambi	B2	Platia El Venizelou	C2
Alber	B3 B4	Kalokerinou	A3 B2	Platia Eleftherias	C3
Amalthia	B3	Kalokerinou L	B1	Platia Fereou	B3
Androgeo	C2	Karterou	B3	Platia Kiprou	C4
Anopolis	C3	Kastrinaki	C4 D4	Platia Koloundourioti	D1
Anthemiou	D2 D3	Kazani	B2	Platia Kornarou	B3
Archanon	C3	Kazantzaki	B2	Platia Romanou	B3 C3
Archimidi	D3	Kidonias	B2	Porta Bethlehem	A3
Aretoussas	C2	Kikladon	A4	Porta Kenouriad	C4
Ariadnis	D2	Knossou	C4	Psichari	A4
Arkoleondos	C2	Kokini	B4	Renieri	C3
Athanassiou	C4 D4	Kokinidi	A2	Rollen	B4
Athinas	D4	Kondilaki	A4	Romanou	B3
Averof	C3	Korai	C2	Samoil	A2
Beaufor	D2	Koroneau	C2	Sapoutie	C2 D2
Bizaniou	B3	Koroneou	B2	Satha	A3
Chalzidaki	A4	Kounali	A4 B4	Savathianon	A2
Chandaka	B1 B2	Kourmoulidon	A3	Sfakion	A3
Chanion	B2	Kritovoulidi	B3	Simiakou	A1 A2
Charkoutsis	A1 A2	Lasthenous	A2	Sitias	A2
Cheretidou	B4	Leoforos Demokratias	D3 D4	Skordilon	A2
Chorgon	B2	Malikouti	D2	Skra	A2
Chrissoptomou	C4	Markopoulou	B3	Smirnis	C3
Daliani	C4 D4	Markou Moussourou	B3	Soumerli	C3
Dedalou	C2	Mastracha	A2	Spinalongas	A3
Delimarkou	A2	Matiou	A2	Stavraki	B4
Dendidaki	A2 B2	Merambelou	D2	Talo	A3
Diakou	D4	Michelidaki	B2	Thalita	B1 C1
Dikeossinis	C2	Milatou	C2	Thenon	A4
Diktis	A2	Miliara	C3	Thessalonikis	B3
Doiranis	B2	Miliaraki	D4	Tilissou	A2 A3
Drakondopoulou	D4	Mirionou	A2	Tirnadou	C4
Epimenidi	C1 C2 D2	Missonos	D4	Titou Georgiadi	D3
Eptanissou	A4	Mitsotaki	B1	Trifitsou	C3
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Evropis	C2	Nikolaidi	A4	Tsouderon	C3
Gavaladon	A2	Nikolaou Plastira	A3 B4 C3	Valestra	A2
Gazi	B1	Nikoussiou	B4	Vanou	B3
Georgiadi	A4 B4 C4	Odos 1821	B2 B3	Vassilogeorgi	A3
Geronimaki	D3 D4	Odos 1866	C2 C3	Vikela	B3
Giamalaki	B2	Odos 1878	B2	Vironos	B1 C1
Giamboudi	B3	Papadopoulou	A2	Vistaki	B2
Gianikou	B3 B4	Papandreou G	C4 D4	Vourdoubadon	A2
Gianitson	C3	Passifais	D2	Xanthoudidi	D2
Gorgolaini	A2	Pediados	C3 C4	Zervoudaki	C4
Grevenon	B2	Petraki	C4	Zoudianou	A3
Harilaou Trikoupi	C4 D4	Piranthou	A4		