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Chania (pronounced "Hanya") is considered the loveliest port town in Greece. Swallows soar in sheer blue skies above the semicircle of tall Venetian houses around its picture-perfect Old Harbour. The tables of scores of bars and restaurants line the quayside. Behind the harbour front, narrow, traffic-free shopping lanes thread through the atmospheric Old Town. On either side of the town, sandy beaches stretch along the coast.

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THE CITY



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Chania is Crete's second largest town and is the lively capital of the western half of this long, narrow Greek island. It is very ancient: 4,000 years ago Chania was called Cydonia. It preserves many handsome signs of a long history as a possession of Venice. The Old Town, alongside the Old Harbour, is enclosed by Venetian ramparts and guarded by a waterside Venetian fortress, Fort Firca.

The modern city centre, just outside the old ramparts, offers the energy and character of a vibrant, authentic Greek town. Here are numerous shops, bars, restaurants and street life that are fun to explore. Chania is the focal point of western Crete's coastline of small and charming beach resorts. Each resort has its own appeal, and all are just minutes from Chania by car or bus along the seashore highway that runs at the foot of high craggy peaks and rolling foothills green with olive groves.

DO & SEE



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Start with a stroll along the historic harbour, take a glass-bottom boat cruise or go diving to fully experience the magic of this coastal town. The Samaria Gorge trail is a definitive must-do for hikers, and culture vultures will have several small museums to choose from.

Venetian Harbor



The harbour is hard to miss. Historic buildings are repurposed as buzzing seafood restaurants and cafes, and a waterside

promenade takes you on a journey through time - some parts of the fortifications date back to the 16th century.

Photo: Josef Skacel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Harbor, Chania

Firkas Fortress



The calm ruins of Venetian defence structures remain standing all around the Chania harbour. Its fascinating Naval

Museum (next door) recalls Chania's maritime tradition. The fortress is also where the Greek

flag first was raised.

Photo: Frank Bach/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fort Firkas, Chania

Limnoupolis Water Park



Limnoupolis Water Park is a great choice for families with children - the park offers water slides of varying steepness, as well as a number of pools and a lazy river. For grown-ups there is a Jacuzzi and a pool bar. Shops and eateries add to the water park's attraction.

Photo: Zurijeta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Varipetro Village, Chania

Phone: +30 2821 033 246

Internet: www.limnoupolis.gr

More Info: 8 kilometres from Chania

Samaria Gorge



This famous 16 kilometre hiking trail down a spectacular mountain gorge runs all the way to the island's southern coast. You will need sturdy shoes, water and a hat to shield you from the blazing sun. Spending the night at the trail's end and catching a bus back to Chania the following day may be a good idea.

Photo: Banet/Shutterstock.com

Address: Samaria Gorge, Chania

More Info: Starts at Omalos, ends at Agia Roumeli

Boat Trips



Glass-bottomed boats cross crystal waters to nearby St Theodore Island, while others sail to idyllic Stavros beach on the Akrotiri Peninsula.

Check around before choosing a particular company, as prices and routes may vary.

Photo: Paul Cowan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Venizelou Square, Chania

More Info: On the quay

Diving



There are at least two scuba diving centers in Chania - Blue Adventures Diving and Omega Divers. They are both certified and have good reputation

in the scuba business. Diving sessions are conducted under professional supervision, and enthusiasts of any proficiency level are welcome to join.

Omega Divers

+30 2 825 031 412

www.omegadivers.com

info@omegadivers.com

Blue Adventures Diving:

Dive office: +30 2 821 040 608

Dive center: +30 2 821 087 047

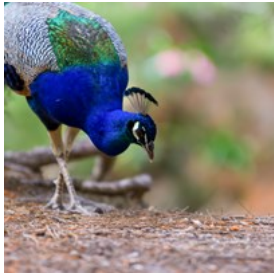
www.blueadventures.gr

Photo: CK Ma/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Chr. Episkopou Street, Chania

Internet: www.blueadventures.gr

Botanical Park & Gardens of Crete



A green area that spans nearly 20 hectares, the Botanical Park & Gardens of Crete provide a pleasant retreat from the summer heat. The

territory is overgrown by multiple species of herbs, flowers, medicinal plants and fruit trees. The parks are also home to colorful peacocks and other animals.

Photo: Telsek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Skordalou Platania, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 9am - 6pm

Phone: +30 697 686 0573

Internet: www.botanical-park.com

Maritime Museum of Crete



Maritime Museum of Crete is a great place to learn about the island's nautical history. On the first floor, an educational film about Crete's past is shown. Sweeping views over the harbour and the lighthouse can be enjoyed from the museum.

Photo: Gabriela Insuratelu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Coast Kountourioti, Chania

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 6pm

Phone: +30 282 109 1875

Internet: www.mar-mus-crete.gr

Email: mar-mus@otenet.gr

Chania Archaeological Museum



The permanent exhibition at Chania Archaeological Museum tells the story of Crete's history with multiple well-preserved exhibits, which include

mosaics, jewellery, coins, sculptures, and other

artifacts. The building itself served as a prison, cinema, and ammunition warehouse at different times.

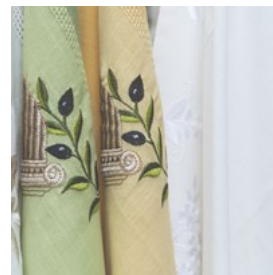
Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 Chalidon, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 8pm

Phone: +30 282 109 0334

Folklore Museum of Chania



Folklore Museum of Chania is a small and intimate museum showcasing Cretan artwork and embroidery, paintings, handicrafts, and various traditional pieces.

Photo: Curioso/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46B Chalidon, Chania

Phone: +30 282 109 0816

Museum of Typography



The Chania Museum of Typography traces the development of typography from the Gutenberg era until today. You will see different tools, objects, machines and prints which have been used throughout the making of contemporary print. Lectures and readings are held on occasion.

Photo: Steven W Moore/Shutterstock.com

Address: Park of small industries - Building 13-03, Chania

Phone: +30 282 105 1003

Internet: www.typography-museum.gr

Email: info@typography-museum.gr

Manousakis Winery



Manousakis Winery is a beautiful and cosy little farm, ideal for a day trip.

Get a cheese platter, taste some flavourful, fruity wine and simply

relax in this lovely environment.

Photo: lenetstan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vatolakkos, Chania

Phone: +30 282 107 8787

Internet: www.nostoswines.com

Segway Tours



Discover Chania as a part of a fun, enjoyable activity - aboard a segway! Going on a

Segway tour is a fun and easy way to discover the

city. Both group and private, individually-tailored tours are available - around the Old Town, harbour area, the Halpea district, along beaches, and more.

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Address: 14 Potie, Chania

Phone: +30 282 100 8695

Internet: www.chaniasegwaytours.com

Municipal Art Gallery of Chania



The Municipal Art Gallery of Chania contains extensive collections of art by mainland Greek and local artists, donated to the museum by several

private collectors and individual artists over the course of the past decades. A plethora of modern art is showcased here, and events are hosted frequently.

Photo: Comaniciu Dan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 98 Halidon, Chania

Phone: +3028210 92294

Internet: www.pinakothiki-chania.gr

Chrisoskalitissa Monastery



An oasis of tranquility awaits you at the historic Chrisoskalitissa

Monastery. A perfect stop on any road trip, this spot is off-the-beaten path on

the western side of Crete and offers stunning views of the coastline.

Photo: CCat82/Shutterstock.com

Address: Moni Chrisoskalitissas, Crete

Rethymno



Rethymno is a picturesque town half-way between Chania and Heraklion. If you want to go on a day trip, this one is a perfect

destination. Here you can enjoy the beach, get lost in the Old Town or have a glass of wine in the scenic harbour.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rethymno, Crete

Knossos



The archaeological site of Knossos is one of the most famous places on Crete. The drive from Chania takes quite a while, but there are

numerous tour operators that organize trips here. Knossos is said to be the oldest city in Europe, whose remains still stand today.

Photo: tuulijumala/Shutterstock.com

Address: Knossos, Crete

BEACH LIFE



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The Chania coast is ideal for quiet beach holidays with the family, given its long, narrow sandy strip both west and east of the town. A string of small resorts offers plenty of leisure facilities and tourist infrastructure.

Chania Town



Nea Chora beach, dotted with sunbathers and water sports enthusiasts, is close to all the facilities of the Chania Old Town. 5 kilometres down the

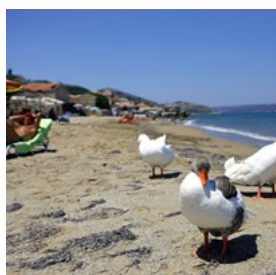
coast you can find the Chrissi Akti (Golden Beach).

Photo: imagesef/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Town, Chania

More Info: Just west of the Old Harbour

Almirida and Kalives



These two resorts are authentic villages with family appeal. Sandy beaches curve around calm bays backed by tavernas and beach bars.

You can get there with local bus.

Photo: Paul Cowan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Almirida, Chania

More Info: 20 kilometres east of Chania

Platanias and Agia Marina



Platanias and Aghia Marina are two laid-back little resorts merged on a 10 kilometre strip of beach backed by bars, tavernas and shops. The

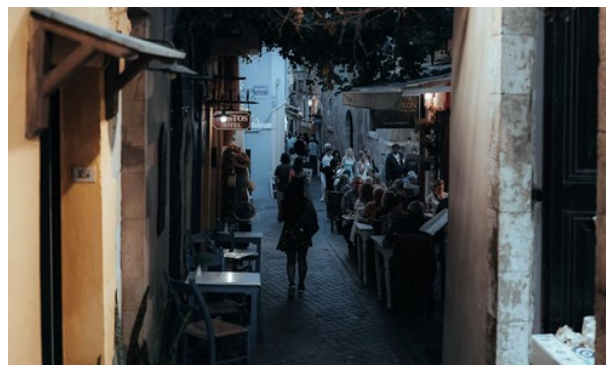
resorts do vary, with activity and sports around lively Platanias, and a quieter feel at Aghia Marina and Stalos, the eastern end of the strip. You can get there by local bus.

Photo: Antony McAulay/Shutterstock.com

Address: Platanias, Chania

More Info: 8-18 kilometres west of Chania

DINING



Birk Enwald/unsplash

A multitude of restaurants in Chania's old town, harbour area, and along the coast offer excellent (often al fresco) dining, relaxed and informal. Grilled fish and lamb dishes are specialities, plus vegetable dishes like boureki (courgette, cheese and potato bake) and melitzanokleftedes (aubergine patties). Cooking relies heavily on seasonal ingredients, most taverns specialising primarily in organic, locally sourced produce.

Zepos Restaurant



Experience unrivaled hospitality and immerse yourself in the Greek dining philosophy in the heart of Chania's Venetian harbour. Day or night, enjoy a tantalising selection of food and drink, as the magnificent sea views, friendly staff and delicate flavors create memories that will last a lifetime.

Photo: vs1/Shutterstock.com
Address: 42 Akti Kountourioti, Chania
Phone: +30 282 109 4100
Internet: www.zeposrestaurant.gr

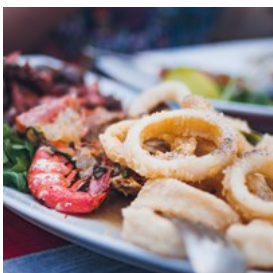
Lithos Restaurant



Very popular restaurant, cosy atmosphere and inspired dishes. Enjoy the panoramic view of the Venetian Old Harbour, the homemade-with-a-twist cooking and do some people-watching while you're at it. Ask the waiters for the local delicacies and let yourself indulge in a feast of Mediterranean flavors.

Photo: Solis Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Harbour, Chania
Phone: +30 28 2107 4406
Internet: www.lithosrestaurant.gr

Maria's Taverna

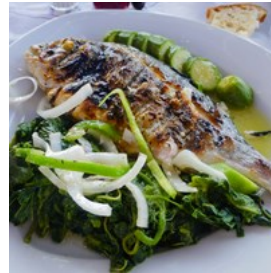


This is a popular traditional eatery, relaxed and cheerful, serving well-prepared Cretan, Greek and international favourites in its leafy-green garden. It stands on the edge of Kato Stalos settlement, at the start of the long beach

strip west of Chania.

Photo: hobo018/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kato Stalos, Chania
Phone: +30 28210 68 888
Internet: www.mariasrestaurant.net
Email: info@mariasrestaurant.gr

Amphora



Smart, professional service and top quality traditional Cretan cooking makes this one of the best Old Harbour restaurants. It boasts an ideal location at the end of the quayside. Superb vegetable dishes include kolokothikeftedes (courgette and cheese patties).

Photo: Inabella/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2nd Passage of Theotokopoulou str, Old Venetian Harbor, Chania
Phone: +30 2821 093 224
Internet: www.amphora.gr
Email: contact@amphora.gr

Tamam



Excellent traditional local food is served at this popular Cretan taverna occupying a former Turkish bath house in the Old Town. The menu features various Cretan specialties, ranging from meats (lamb, rabbit, and more) to vegetarian dishes. Frequent live music shows are put on here.

Photo: margouillat photo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 49 Zambellou, Chania
Phone: +30 2821 096 080

Cosmos



Boasting elegance and style, housed inside an old building high in upper Platanias, the Cosmos restaurant enjoys a fabulous setting and offers incredible views to diners. An astonishing choice of exotic meats includes crocodile, bison and kangaroo, as well as the usual suspects - lamb and beef.

Photo: vichie81/Shutterstock.com

Address: Platanias Old Village, Chania

Opening hours: Daily 11am-2pm, 6:30-11pm

Phone: +30 698 084 2741

Internet: www.cosmosrestaurant.gr

To Stachi



To Stachi specializes in organic vegan and vegetarian food, operating with traditional Greek and Cretan flavours and putting creative twists on local classics. Meat-lovers might be pleasantly surprised at the bold taste of purely vegetarian dishes served here.

Photo: B and E Dudzinsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Defkalionos, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 12.30pm - 8.30pm

Phone: +30 282 104 2589

Akrogiali Taverna



How does grilled calamari, steamed mussels or seafood souvlaki sound? If it gets your taste buds working then you most definitely have to visit Akrogiali Taverna. Come in the evening, take a seat outside and view the

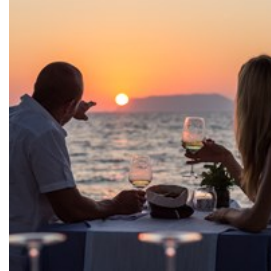
amazing sunset while enjoying the food.

Photo: Magdanatka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Akti Papanikoli, Chania

Phone: +30 282 107 3110

Thalassino Ageri



Thalassino Ageri is a hidden gem outside the main tourist routes, and is a secret well-kept by the island locals. The restaurant offers seating by the sea, on a uniquely scenic natural platform steps away from the water. It is, perhaps, amongst the top waterside vantage points for sunset-watching.

Photo: Apelavi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35 Bibilaki, Chania

Phone: +30 282 105 1136

Internet: www.thalassino-ageri.gr

To Xani Restaurant



To Xani Restaurant serves amazing Greek food. They use locally-sourced ingredients and products (as well as regional wines), which adds that little extra quality to every bite. It is a beautiful restaurant with a great atmosphere and live Greek music.

Photo: travellight/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parodos Kondilaki Street, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 12pm - 12am

Phone: +30 282 107 5795

Kariatis



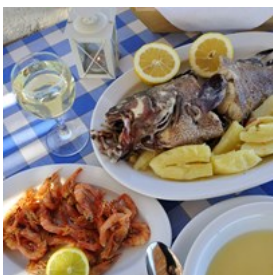
Kariatis is a refined dining establishment with futuristic interior design elements, specialising in Italian cuisine and offering great vegetarian and steak options. The menu is quite eclectic, with dishes such as sushi also prominently featuring on it.

Photo: Elena Elisseeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Katechaki, Chania

Phone: +30 282 105 5600

Portes



Portes is located in the Old Town of Chania and offers friendly service and tasty food. A good idea is to reserve a table if you are going there for an evening dinner. The food is traditional with a twist and their barbecue is claimed to be simply amazing.

Photo: T photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Akti Papanikoli 1, Chania

Phone: +30 282 107 6261

Taverna Kavouras



Taverna Kavouras is your typical Greek tavern, located in the beautiful old harbour of Chania. Marvel over their fresh, delicious fish and seafood dishes while admiring the beautiful sunset. Try the seafood platter (may be easily shared between 2 or even 3 diners).

Photo: Natthawon Chaosakun/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Akti Tompazi, Chania

Phone: +30 282 102 8668

Email: info@kavouras-tavern.com

The Well of the Turk



The Well of the Turk offers an extensive selection of different flavours from around the world. Choose between Mediterranean (Turkish and Greek) options while listening to oriental tunes. They have a great atmosphere and a varied menu for a lovely dinner.

Photo: PI/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kallinikou Sarpaki Street, Splantzia, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 6pm - 12.30am

Phone: +30 282 105 4547

Internet: www.welloftheturk.com

Almiras Restaurant



Almiras serves excellent Cretan cuisine, all in a magnificent setting with sweeping views over the island sunset and the village below. Here, visitors may expect a welcome drink on the house, followed by a feast on authentic local fare. The restaurant is equipped with a children's play area.

Photo: Mikhail_Kayl/Shutterstock.com

Address: Palaia Ethniki Odos Chanion Kissamou Platani

Phone: +30 28210 60083

Internet: www.almiras.gr

Email: info@almiras.gr

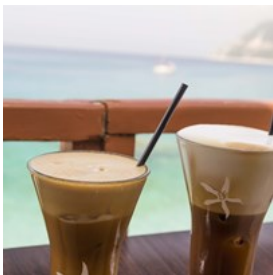
CAFES



Frank Bach/Shutterstock.com

Cafés, bars and ice cream parlours are all much the same thing in the resorts, and those often serve food, too. Watch the world go by or simply listen to the waves rustle, taking a long cool drink at a shaded outdoor table - it's all part of the pleasure.

Koukouvaya



Set in a simply stunning location, Koukouvaya is the place to be for some of the finest front-row seats to the beautiful Cretan sunset. It is

primarily a coffee shop, with multiple delicious varieties on offer, but light meals (salads and sandwiches) are served as well.

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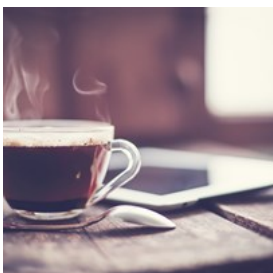
Address: Venizelos Graves, Chania Town

Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am

Phone: +30 2821 027449

Internet: www.koukouvaya.gr

Kormoranos Bakery Cafe



The quaint traditional cafe offers in- and outdoor seating, and features a variety of Greek and Cretan specialties - from meze

platters to full meals of generously portioned meat-based dishes. The little cafe is great if only for a coffee and pastry, too.

Photo: iravgustin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46 Theotokopoulou, Chania Town

Phone: +30 697 471 4226

Pallas



The refined Pallas restaurant boasts an extensive menu (with set menus of the day available, at different price ranges) and some of

the best views over the harbour from its gorgeous, open-air rooftop terrace. The establishment functions as cafe by day and bar by night.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15-17 Akti Tobazi, Chania

Opening hours: Every day from 8.30am

Phone: +30 2821 045 688

Internet: www.pallaschania.gr

Alcanea Café



Here you can enjoy a light menu based on Mediterranean flavors and a selection of innovative cocktails and distinctive wines from

Greek and Cretan vineyards. Come for a coffee break, an informal lunch, a sunset cocktail or a glass of wine, while watching the comings and goings of the Old Port.

Photo: GDmitry/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Aggelou, Chania

Phone: +30 28210 75370

Internet: www.alcanea.com

Email: info@alcanea.com

Oki Bar



A great beach bar not too far from the water, Oki invites visitors to an evening drink in a relaxing atmosphere, with seating available both

indoors and on the outdoor terrace. The bar also owns a space with sunbeds and umbrellas right by the beach - all available to customers.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Marina

Phone: +30 697 800 7655

Kipos Cafe



Located amidst the greenery of Chania's public garden, Kipos is a pleasant cafe lost in time - some of its curious exhibits include old

record players and vintage posters. Located out of the way of main tourist streams, the cafe still serves excellent snacks and - best of all - decadent waffles.

Photo: AnjelikaGr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Municipal Garden, Chania

Phone: +30 2821 054520

Internet: www.kiposcafe.gr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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For most visitors, the definition of nightlife in Chania is a leisurely al fresco dinner at one of the town's many taverns (many restaurants host live music), followed by a stroll under the stars. For something more dynamic, there are late-night bars and dance clubs in Chania's harbour area and in the beach resort of Platanias, west of town - an area beloved by the younger generation of vacationers.

Eclipse



The lively bar and nightclub is located in Platanias (west of Chania), and invites holidaymakers to a fun night of drinks and

dancing all throughout the summer season (April-October). The atmosphere is rather casual, the vibes gradually shifting from bar to club as the evening progresses.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Khaniá, Platanias, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 9am-7am

Phone: +30 2821 068 139

Cafe Cafe Cocktail & Gin Bar



Enjoy a vast selection of coffees, drinks and exotic cocktails as you sway to the music or have a dig into the long list of beers while shooting some pool or watching games on the projector screens. If you feel peckish there are numerous cold dishes and home-made sweets to try out.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Platanias, Chania
Phone: +30 2821 068 015

Splendid



One of the liveliest nightlife venues in Platanias, Splendid is a bar, club and lounge for the younger public and those looking to party, with pole dancing and drinks till dawn - both done by the guests. It certainly is one of the places to be for those seeking nightlife entertainment.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Platanias, Chania
Phone: +30 2821 060 346
Internet: www.splendid-kania.gr

Conor Pass Irish Bar



If you want to visit a genuine Irish pub, try the Conor Pass located in the old harbour. The atmosphere is very laid-back and relaxed, and Guinness is served alongside the Greek Mythos - and so are many more beer varieties. The bar is popular with 30+ visitors.

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Address: 13 Katehaki, Chania
Phone: +30 6972889531

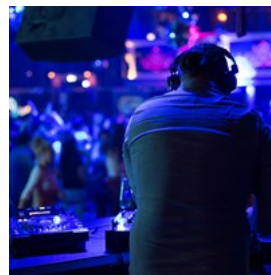
Avalon Rock Pub Chania



As the name reveals, this Chania establishment is all about rock and metal - the only music genres you will hear within these walls. You can easily find the Avalon Rock Pub Chania by strolling along the waterfront, heading westwards to the Frika Fortress.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Kountourioti Bay, Chania

Mylos Club



One of the hottest dance clubs in all of Crete, Mylos tends to get busiest during the summer months, when crowds of party-seeking vacationers occupy Chania and its surrounding villages. Check the schedule to see what guest DJs or parties are on when you're in town.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video/Shutterstock.com
Address: Platanias, Chania
Opening hours: Mon - Sun 11.45pm - 7.30am
Phone: +30 694 526 0673
Internet: www.mylos-kania.com

Utopia



On a hot summer day, Utopia feels like a tropical forest - complete with lush greenery, palm trees, and beachy vibes. The cafe and bar is located in Platanias, just outside of Chania, and

only operates during the summer season (April to October).

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 730 14, PEO Kissamou Chanion 255, Platanias

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am

Phone: +30 282 1060 033

Flamingos Sky Bar



The rooftop terrace of Agii Apostoli's Flamingos Hotel is a pleasant hangout spot, complete with hammocks free to be used by guests. There is also a good restaurant on site, so the bar is a great option for pre- or after dinner drinks in a relaxing environment.

Photo: Christopher Gardiner/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agii Apostoli, Chania

Phone: +30 2821 032046

Internet: www.flamingos.gr

Ammos & Ilios Beach Bar



Party vibes are felt day and night at Ammos & Ilios, with DJs spinning groovy tunes and sun-kissed vacationers living it up by the beach, cocktails in hand - naturally. At night, the venue transforms into a full-blown dance club, parties hosted all through the summer.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Marina

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +30 2821060045

Internet: www.ammos-ilios.gr

Costa Costa Beach Bar



Another attractive beach bar is the Costa Costa in Agia Marina. This place is among the most popular with tourists, and tends to get quite packed

during the summer months - music is played, food served and sunbeds available. After the sun sets you can head over to the adjoining Villa Mercedes Club.

Photo: Cor Meenderinck/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Marina

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +30 698 080 9999

Villa Club Chania



The lustrous Villa Club is located in Agia Marina, right next to the Costa Costa Beach Bar. This one is another great place for a summer outing in

the area - parties are put on frequently, so come here to dance the night away after a splendid day out on the beach.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Marina

Phone: +30 28210 60301

Cabana Mare Beach Club



Cabana Mare is an all-in beach club ideal for daytime and evening relaxation. Music pours from the speakers and beach vibes naturally fill

the air, as guests linger by the bar or in and around the refreshing on-site pool, steps away from the sea shore.

Photo: Ivan Neru/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Marina

Internet: www.cabanamarechania.gr

Klik



Located in the old port area, Klik is an easy find for those looking for a happening in town. The bar has been attracting visitors for year - thanks to the good music they play and its party vibes. The crowd is quite international and not limited to Scandinavians only.

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Address: 2 Sourmeli, Chania

Phone: +30 6947122193

SHOPPING

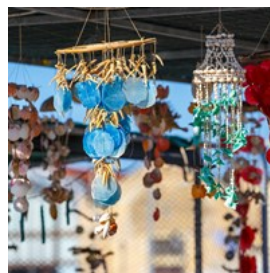


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Chania is the main shopping centre for all of western Crete. Stroll in the narrow lanes of its Old Town to discover numerous interesting small shops. The town has a great covered market (Agora) and fascinating specialist shopping streets to explore. Good buys from around €7 include crochet bags and beadwork, local rugs and kilims and authentic Greek bath sponges. Do not miss narrow Skridlof Street, a traditional leatherworkers' lane where bargains include high quality handmade goods such as handbags, purses, shoes and sandals. There is also a

metalworkers' lane, Sifaka Street.

The Old Town

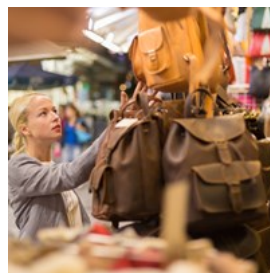


In Chania's Old Town, lanes are crammed with enticing little shops, some selling tourist knick-knacks and souvenirs, others with better merchandise such as artisan gold and silver jewellery. Stroll through and browse around - if only to acquaint yourself with local crafts.

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Address: Old Town, Chania

Skridlof Street



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Sifaka Street



There is also a metalworkers' lane, Sifaka Street. This is where you will find an abundance of knives - stainless steel, handcrafted knives with ornate, carved handles to last decades. Shop around at the many small craftsmen's shops to find the best bargains.

Photo: ULKASTUDIO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sifaka Street, Chania

Agora Marketplace



Where Old Town and modern city meet, the fine Covered Market, or Agora (Mousouron Street) is the focal point.

This is more a shopping mall than a marketplace, it provides a cool haven where locals throng among shops and stalls offering every kind of local produce, alluring pastries, piles of olives, fragrant herbs and spices, and appetising cheeses like delicious Cretan graviera and mizithra.

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Address: Nikiforou Foka Street, Chania

Georgina Skalidi

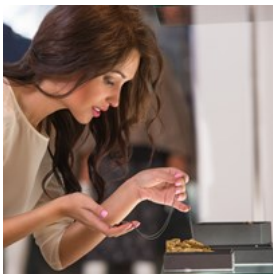


Thessaloniki-born designer Georgina Skalidi today runs two shops in Greece. One of those is located in Chania, walking distance from the

town's main attractions. Here you will find a haven of creatively designed beautiful leather bags, footwear, and accessories.

Photo: Voyagerix/Shutterstock.com
Address: 58 Chatzimixali Daliani, Chania
Phone: +30 282 15 01 705
Internet: www.georginaskalidi.com

Ekaterini Handmade Jewelry



Ekaterini Handmade Jewelry is a beautiful artisan boutique in the heart of Chania. The jewellery collection is large and there are many

different necklace, bracelet, and ring designs on display. Shop assistants are helpful yet

unobtrusive, and prices reasonable for the quality.

Photo: Milles Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 41 Kondylaki, Chania
Phone: +30 2821 097 187
Internet: www.ekaterini-eshop.com

Karistianis



Karistianis is for those who want to get serious about hiking - all necessary clothing and gear can be either found here, or at the sister shop

across the road (whose assortment is heavier camping-focused). Brands represented include (but aren't limited to) Helly Hansen, Odlo and Reef.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com
Address: 9-11 Skalidi, Chania
Phone: +30 28210 93573

Miden Agan



Miden Agan stocks hundreds of varieties of Greek and Cretan wines, including some that are produced by the store owners themselves. It's a

great little shop to purchase gourmet gift sets with local delicacies and sweets (try the syrup-drenched "spoon sweets").

Photo: Delpixel/Shutterstock.com
Address: 70 Daskalogianni, Chania
Phone: +30 28210 27068
Internet: www.midenagan.gr

Gong



Gong stocks clothing and accessories with a vintage feel to them - printed shirts and dresses, bags (made from old vinyls or stylized

Campbell's tomato soup tin-bags), retro pins and jewellery. There is a lot to browse through for the lovers of retro and not only.

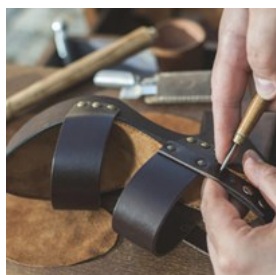
Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 Karaoli & Dimitriou, Chania

Phone: +30 28210 45260

More Info: Old Harbour

Tsiftsoglou



The talented Tsiftsoglou brothers have been creating beautiful leather works ever since 1988, when the store was first established. Solid

craftsmanship, combined with great practical designs, all results in a an extensive selection of leather creations - sandals, shoes, bags, and more.

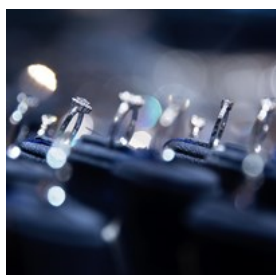
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Address: Platanias

Phone: +30 694 782 44 11

Internet: www.tsiftsoglou.com

Katerina Garofalaki



At Katerina Garofalaki you can revel in beautiful jewellery and watches - the store has stocked some of the finest jewellery and watches in

town since 1920. Brands represented today include ones like DKNY, Dior, Tag Heurer, Gucci, Armani, and other reputable ones.

Photo: ne3p/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Mousouron, Chania

Phone: +30 28210 41614

Internet: www.garofalaki.gr

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Chania Airport (CHO)



Chania Airport, western Crete's main gateway, is located 14 kilometres from the city. Most travellers arrive on tour operator packages

including bus transfer or car hire. Independent travellers can catch a taxi into town.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Chania Airport, Chania

Phone: +30 28210 83800

Internet: www.chq-airport.gr/en

Public Transport



From 6 am to 6 pm, public buses serve the coast road to and from Chania, stopping at the resorts. In Chania, town buses serve the modern

districts, but the Old Town is small enough to walk around, and its lanes are too narrow for

buses.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.bus-service-crete-ktel.com

Taxi



Chania's blue and white taxis can be hailed or phoned. Tips are optional.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Phone: +30 2821 098 700 / +30 2821 098 701

Internet: www.chania-taxi.com

More Info: www.chaniataxi.gr

Post



The main post office in central Chania is located on Peridou Street. Stamps can be bought at many shops.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Peridou Street, Chania

Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 7 am to 8 pm, and Sat 8 am to 2 pm. Small offices open Mon - Fri: 8 pm to 2 pm.

More Info: Around the corner of Kydonias Street

Pharmacy



On the door of any pharmacy a list shows which pharmacy is on night duty. You can recognize the pharmacies through a green cross on the door. Normal business hours are 8 am-1 pm and 5 pm-8.30 pm.

Apotheke Chania

31 Chatzimichali Giannari

+30 2821 002252

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +30 Area code: 28210 Note that numbers and codes within Greece do not begin with a 0.

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220V



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

53,910 in the town and 70,000 in the greater Chania area.

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Traditional local shop hours are generally open Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 2:30 pm, and also from 5 pm to 8 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Shops catering mainly to tourists are usually open every day of the week from 9 am to 10 pm.

Newspapers

Chaniotika Nea
Minima
Stigmes
Crete Gazette

Emergency numbers

Ambulance: 166
Police: 100
Fire Brigade: 199

Tourist information

The tourist office is called GNTO
40 Kriari Street, Megaro Pantheon, Chania
Open Mon-Fri 7:30am-2:30pm

+30 28210 92943





8th Dekemvriou	D3	Haous	A3	Malene	C4
A Mantaka	A3 B3	Hatzidaki	D3 D4	Malinou	D4
Ag Konstantinou	A2	Hiotaki	C3	Manou	D3 D4
Akti Enoseos	B2 C2	Igoumenou Gavriil	C4 D4	Manousogiannakidon	B3 B4
Akti Kanari	A2	Ioannikou Patriarhou	A2	Margouniou	A3 A4
Akti Kountouriotou	B2	Ionias	B3	Mariakaki	B4
Akti Papanikoli	A2	Ipirou	C2	Maridaki	D2
Akti Tombazi	B2	Ipsiladon	B3	Markora	C3
Albert	D3	Irakliou	C4	Mavili	D3
An Gogoni	A4 B4 C4	Iroon Politechniou	D2 D3	Mavropateron	D4
Anapafseos	B3 B4	K Sfakianaki	B3	Mesologiou	D2
Andrea Papandreou	C3 D3	Kabon	A3	Michelidaki	C2 C3
Antoniadou	D4	Kalafati	B4	Milonogianni	B3 B4
Apokoronou	C3 C4	Kalitsounaki	D3	Minolaki	C4
Apostolidou	A2	Kallergon	C2	Minoos	C2
Apteron	B4 C4	Kanevaro	B2	Mitsotaki	D3
Archoleontos	C2	Kapodistriou	D3	Monis Gonias	A3
Archondaki	C2 C3	Karaiskaki	B3	Mousouron	B2
Athnasioupatr	A2	Karaoli Dimitriou	B2	Nearchou	C4
Botsari	A3 B3	Katraki	B4	Nikiforou Episk	C2
Chatzimichali Giannari	B3	Kelaidi	B3	Nikiforou Foka	C2
Danali	A3	Kiprou	C2	Nikonos Osiou	A3
Daskalogianni	C2	Kiriara	D4	Ounesko	B4
Digeni Akrita	D2	Kirilou Mitr	A3 B3	Pahianon	A4 B4
Diktims	C4	Kisamou	A3	Palama	C3
Dimakopoulou	D3 D4	Klimatos	A4	Paleologou	A2
Dimitrakaki	D3	Kokotsi	D2	Pana Gouli	D4
Dodekanisou	C2	Konstantinoupoleos	B3	Papadaki	B4
Dragoumi	D2	Korai	C3	Papamalekou	A3
Efedron Polemiston	B4 C4	Koraka	B3	Papanastasiou	D3
El Venizelou	C2 C3 D2	Kornarou	C3	Paparigopoulou	C3
Eleytherias	D3	Kornarou P	B4	Pardali	A2
Elirou	C4	Koustogerakou	A3	Pastrikaki	D2
Er Stavrou	D2	Kriaradon	C3	Peridou	B3
Erofolis	C3	Kriari	B3	Perivolion	A4
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Foumidon	A3	Kydonias	B3	Pithagora	D3 D4
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Gali	D2	Lefkon Oreon	A3 A4	Platia 1821	C2
Georgiladon	C3 C4	Lekanidi	D4	Platonos	D3
Gerasimou Patr	A2 B2	Leledaki	A2	Polenta	A3
Gerola	D3	Lisou	C4	Polirinias	C4
Giaboudaki	C4 D4	Lithinon	B2	Poltholaki	D4
Giannaria A	C3	Loutrou	A3	Polychronidi	D3
Glafkou	C2	Makedonias	C2	Praidou	A2 A3
Grigoriou E	B3	Malathirou	C4	Pslaki	C4

Rethymnou	D3	Smyrnis	A2 B3	Tsontou Varda	D3
Rollen	D2 D3	Solomou	C3	Tsouderon	B2 C2
Roufou	D3	Soukatzidi	B4	Valaoritou	C3
Salpidonos	C2	Spanoudaki	B4	Valestra	A2
Samona	B4 C4	Spantidaki	A4	Vasou	A3
Saratsoglou	A3	Spartis	D3	Voloudakidon	B3 C3
Selinou	A3	Stratigou Tzanakaki	C3	Vom	C3
Sfakion	C3	Theotokopoulou	B1 B2	Voudoumba	C2
Sifaka	C2	Therisou	B4	Xanthoudidou	D4
Skalidi	B3	Thimnianis	A3	Xepapa	A3 A4
Skaltsouni	D4	Trigeta	A3	Zambeliou	B2
Skiner	A2	Trikoupi	C2 C3	Ziber	D2
Skoula	A4 B4	Tsilivaki	D2	Zymvrakakidon	B3 B4
Skridlof	B2				