



# Chania

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Chania (say "Hanya") must be 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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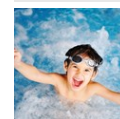
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## THE CITY



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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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Chania has a plethora of pursuits to offer you holidaymakers. Start with a stroll along the historic harbour, then go on a glass-bottom boat cruise and enjoy the wonderful sea life, descend underneath the sea surface under professional diving instructors' supervision, or try the Limnopolis Water Park for an adrenaline rush on water slides. 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, being one of the attractions essential to Chania vacationers. Here, historic buildings are occupied by 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.

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Address: Old Harbor, Chania

### Firkas Fortress



The calm ruins of Venetian defence structures remain standing all around the Chania harbour, with the best-conserved bit being the Western part of the wall. Its fascinating Naval Museum (next door) recalls Chania's maritime tradition. The fortress is also where the Greek flag first was raised.

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Address: Fort Firkas, Chania

### Limnopolis Water Park



Limnopolis 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.

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Address: Varipetro Village, Chania  
Phone: +30 2821 033 246  
Internet: [www.limnopolis.gr](http://www.limnopolis.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.

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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

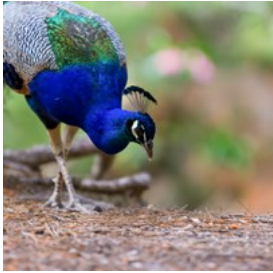
in the scuba business. Diving sessions are conducted under professional supervision, and enthusiasts of any proficiency level are welcome to join.

Omega Divers  
+30 2 825 031 412  
[www.omegadivers.com](http://www.omegadivers.com)  
[info@omegadivers.com](mailto:info@omegadivers.com)

Blue Adventures Diving:  
Dive office: +30 2 821 040 608  
Dive center: +30 2 821 087 047  
[www.blueadventures.gr](http://www.blueadventures.gr)

Photo: CK Ma/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 39 Chr. Episkopou Street, Chania  
Internet: [www.blueadventures.gr](http://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.

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Address: Skordalou Platania, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 9am - 6pm

Phone: +30 697 686 0573

Internet: [www.botanical-park.com](http://www.botanical-park.com)

### Maritime Museum of Crete



Maritime Museum of Crete is a great place to spend a couple of hours and get to know more 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 unfold from the museum.

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Address: Coast Kountourioti, Chania

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

Phone: +30 282 109 1875

Internet: [www.mar-mus-crete.gr](http://www.mar-mus-crete.gr)

Email: [mar-mus@otenet.gr](mailto:mar-mus@otenet.gr)

### Chania Archaeological Museum



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

mosaics, jewellery, coins, sculptures, and other artifacts. The building itself served as prison, cinema, and ammunition warehouse at different times.

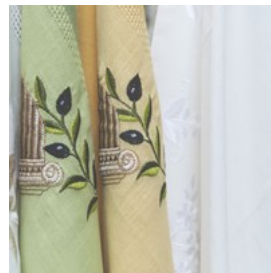
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Address: 21 Chalidon, Chania

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 8pm

Phone: +30 282 109 0334

### Folklore Museum of Chania



Folklore Museum of Chania is a small but very interesting museum, which will most probably not take you more than an hour to visit. The

museum showcases Cretan artwork and embroidery, paintings, handicrafts, and various traditional pieces found in many island homes.

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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.

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

Phone: +30 282 105 1003

Internet: [www.typography-museum.gr](http://www.typography-museum.gr)

Email: [info@typography-museum.gr](mailto: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. The staff here is very friendly and you can buy the wines in the little shop on-site.

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Address: Vatolakkos, Chania

Phone: +30 282 107 8787

Internet: [www.nostoswines.com](http://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.

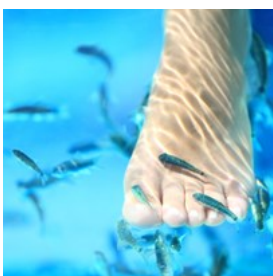
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Address: 14 Potie, Chania

Phone: +30 282 100 8695

Internet: [www.chaniasegwaytours.com](http://www.chaniasegwaytours.com)

### Doctor Fish - Foot Spa & Reflexology



Doctor Fish is a lovely fish spa located in the centre of Chania. This is the perfect treat for your feet after a couple of days of walking and

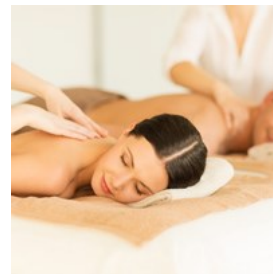
discovering the island. Experience the unusual sensation of fish gently peeling the old skin off your feet - all in a pleasant environment.

Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 Karaoli & Dimitriou, Chania

Phone: +30 282 104 2222

### Green Care Spa



Green Care Spa is a lovely, modern, and centrally located spa which offers customers all types of relaxation treatments. Especially

popular is the Indian head massage but they also have waxing, pedicure, manicure, and other professional beauty and wellness procedures.

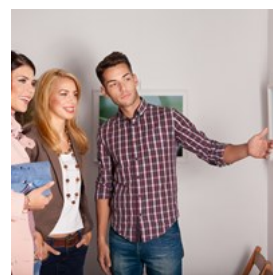
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Address: 45 Daskalogianni, Chania

Phone: +30 282 150 1540

Internet: [www.greencarespa.gr](http://www.greencarespa.gr)

### 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.

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Address: 98 Halidon, Chania

Phone: +3028210 92294

Internet: [www.pinakothiki-kania.gr](http://www.pinakothiki-kania.gr)

### Chrisoskalitissa Monastery



An oasis of tranquility can be found at the historic Chrisoskalitissa Monastery. Going here takes quite a while, but if you are on a road trip this

place is well worth a visit. You can find the monastery on the western side of Crete. From here, amazing views of the Cretan coastline unfold.

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Address: Moni Chrisoskalitissas, Crete

### Rethymno



Rethymno is a picturesque town to the east of Chania, 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.

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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 claimed to be the oldest city in Europe, whose remains still stand today.

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Address: Knossos, Crete

### Golden Fun Park



Just 5 minutes west of Chania is the Golden Fun Park - a one-stop entertainment stop for the whole family. The park has numerous

facilities for young and old - bowling lanes, miniature golf, billiards, video games, children's playgrounds and much more.

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Address: Agii Apostoli, Chania

Phone: +30 28210 32132

Internet: [www.goldenfunpark.gr](http://www.goldenfunpark.gr)

### 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



Hora 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).

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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 Aghia 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.

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Address: Platanias, Chania

More Info: 8-18 kilometres west of Chania

## DINING



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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 specializing 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.

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Address: 42 Akti Kountourioti, Chania

Phone: +30 282 109 4100

Internet: [www.zeposrestaurant.gr](http://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.

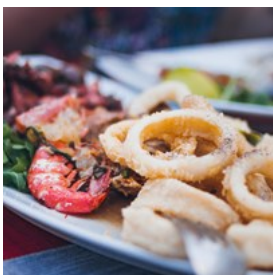
Photo: Solis Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Harbour, Chania

Phone: +30 28 2107 4406

Internet: [www.lithosrestaurant.gr](http://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

Email: [info@mariasrestaurant.gr](mailto:info@mariasrestaurant.gr)

### Monastiri Taverna



Chania's harbour is home to many restaurants with an exceptional view, however, far not every one of them boasts price to quality ratios like that

of Monastiri Taverna. For those looking to try traditional Cretan cuisine, this is a great place to start.

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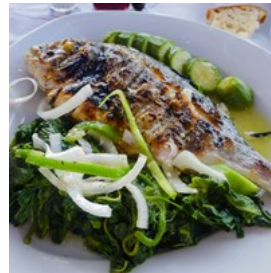
Address: 12 Akti Tompazi, Chania

Phone: +30 2821 055 527

Internet: [www.monastiri-taverna.gr](http://www.monastiri-taverna.gr)

More Info: Venetian Harbour

### 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: 20 2nd Passage of Theotokopoulou, Chania

Phone: +30 2821 093 224

Internet: [www.amphora.gr](http://www.amphora.gr)

Email: [contact@amphora.gr](mailto: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.

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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: Every day 6.30pm - 11.30pm

Phone: +30 2821 068 558

Internet: [www.cosmosrestaurant.gr](http://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.

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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.

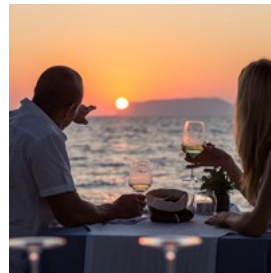
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Address: 19 Akti Papanikoli, Chania

Phone: +30 282 107 3110

Internet: [www.akrogiali-taverna.gr](http://www.akrogiali-taverna.gr)

### 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.

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Address: 35 Bibilaki, Chania

Phone: +30 282 105 1136

Internet: [www.thalassino-ageri.gr](http://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.

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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, specializing 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.

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Address: 12 Katechaki, Chania

Phone: +30 282 105 5600

Internet: [www.kariatis-restaurant.gr](http://www.kariatis-restaurant.gr)

### 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.

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Address: 48 Portou, 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).

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Address: 1 Akti Tompazi, Chania

Phone: +30 282 102 8668

Email: [info@kavouras-tavern.com](mailto: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](http://www.welloftheturk.com)

### Rudi's Bierhaus



Rudi's Bierhaus is a bit different from the other restaurants in town, its main distinguishing feature being the wide selection of beers

(international and local brews). Rudi himself often welcomes guests in person, and is always willing to give a recommendation, in case one is needed.

Photo: Christopher Elwell/Shutterstock.com

Address: 16 Kallergon, Neoria, Chania

Phone: +30 282 102 0319

### Almiras Beach Bar and 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.

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Address: Agia Marina, Chania  
Phone: +30 2821 084960  
Internet: www.almiras.gr

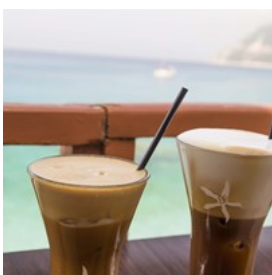
### CAFES



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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.

### Koukouvagia



Set in a simply stunning location, Koukouvagia 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.

Photo: kostasgr/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Venizelos Graves, Chania Town  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am  
Phone: +30 2821 027449  
Internet: www.koukouvaya.gr

### Glymidakis Bakery



For freshly baked Cretan breads and pastries, try the locally-beloved Glymidakis - a bakery and cafe (seating available at tables outside) that offers a wide selection of those. Fresh coffee brews are on offer as well - choose from multiple varieties.

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Address: Fiotaki, Chania  
Phone: +30 2821 081920

### Kormoranos Cafe Mezedopoleio



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.

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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](http://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.

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Address: 2 Aggelou, Chania

Phone: +30 28210 75370

Internet: [www.alcanea.com](http://www.alcanea.com)

Email: [info@alcanea.com](mailto: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.

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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](http://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  
Internet: [www.eclipseplatanias.com](http://www.eclipseplatanias.com)

### Café Café Cocktail 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.

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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.

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Phone: +30 2821 060 346  
Internet: [www.splendid-kania.gr](http://www.splendid-kania.gr)

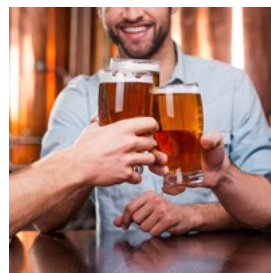
### Conor Pass Irish Bar



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.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 13 Katehaki, Chania  
Phone: +30 6972889531

### Avalon Metal Cafe



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 Metal Cafe by strolling along the waterfront, heading westwards to the Frika Fortress.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 3 Kountourioti Bay, Chania  
 Phone: +30 697 555 6666

### Senso Club



The posh Senso is very selective with its audience - strict face-control is performed by the bouncers, but those who do manage to pass through its strict selection will be rewarded by partying at one of the best clubs in the area, with performance artists and great music.

Photo: Patrizia Tilly/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Enetiki Tafros, Chania  
 Opening hours: October - April  
 Phone: +30 28210 72768  
 Internet: [www.sensoclub.gr](http://www.sensoclub.gr)

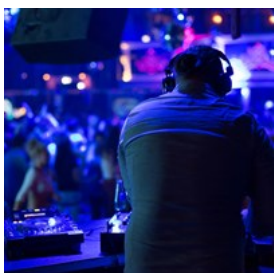
### Tropicano Club



Tropicano is a lively club located in Platanias, a village only a 10 minute drive away from Chania. It is quite popular with summertime residents and visitors to the area, and regularly puts on karaoke nights - these last till around midnight, followed by low-key partying.

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 Address: Platanias Village, Chania  
 Phone: +30 6942 2114 16

### 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](http://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: Platanias, Chania  
 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](http://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

Phone: +30 2821060045

Internet: [www.amos-iliios.gr](http://www.amos-iliios.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 28210 60301

### Villa Club



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



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.

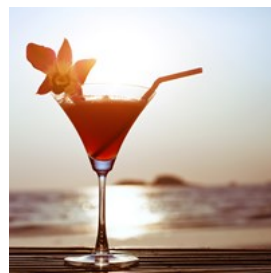
Photo: Ivan Neru/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Marina

Phone: +30 28210 68557

Internet: [www.cabanamarechania.gr](http://www.cabanamarechania.gr)

### Cozmo Beach Bar



Cozmo is a great location for those looking to spend a few hours in the sun or grab a bite steps away from the water. The dining area is set on a green lawn, which transforms into a fine sandy beach closer to the water's edge. For guests who dine at Cozmo, the use of sunbeds is complimentary.

Photo: Ditty\_about\_summer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Platanias Beach

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +30 6973616151

## 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.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

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

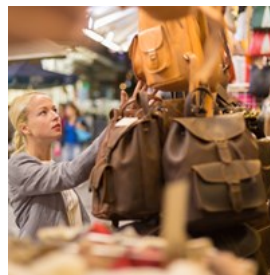


In Chania's Old Town, lanes are crammed with enticing little shops, some selling tourist knick-knacks and souvenirs, others with better merchandise such as artisan gold and silver jewellery. Stroll through and browse around - if only to acquaint yourself with local crafts.

Photo: Dziewul/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Town, Chania

## Skridlof Street



Do not miss narrow Skridlof Street, a traditional leatherworkers' lane where bargains include high quality handmade goods such as handbags, purses, shoes and sandals.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com

## 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.

Photo: Curioso/Shutterstock.com

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.

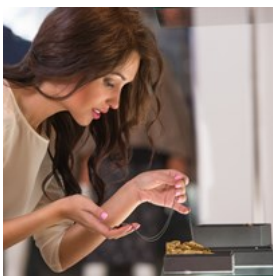
Photo: Voyagerix/Shutterstock.com

Address: 58 Chatzimixali Daliani, Chania

Phone: +30 282 15 01 705

Internet: [www.georginaskalidi.com](http://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.

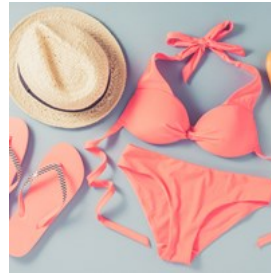
Photo: Milles Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 41 Kondylaki 41, Chania

Phone: +30 2821 097 187

Internet: [www.ekaterini-eshop.com](http://www.ekaterini-eshop.com)

### Funky Fish



Funky Fish is a little store that packs a plethora of clothing and accessories - from beach essentials such as sunglasses and swim suits to items

needed in colder climate zones. The shop also offers customized prints on T-shirts, such as photographs or text.

Photo: Leszek Czerwonka/Shutterstock.com

Address: Platanias, Chania

Phone: +302821038147

### 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](http://www.midenagan.gr)

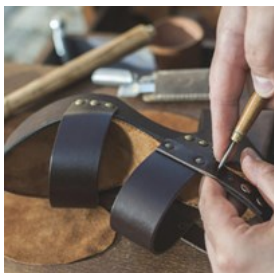
### Gong



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.

Photo: Deyan Georgiev/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Platanias  
Phone: +30 282 1054 232  
Internet: [www.tsiftsoglouleather.com](http://www.tsiftsoglouleather.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](http://www.garofalaki.gr)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Sarah Murray (image cropped)

### Chania Airport



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.chania-airport.com](http://www.chania-airport.com)

## 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](http://www.bus-service-crete-ktel.com)

## Taxi



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

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

Internet: [www.chania-taxi.com](http://www.chania-taxi.com)

More Info: [www.chaniataxi.gr](http://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.

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## Electricity



220V

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## 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-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  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7.30 am - 2.30 pm  
+30 28210 92943



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