

Crete-The city of Chania



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The city of Chania



Chania is the second largest city of Crete and the capital of Chania municipality.



Chania Maps



Chania's location

Venetian Lighthouse

- The beautiful Venetian lighthouse is ideally located at the extreme end of the pier, at the entrance of the port and is considered to be the symbol of Chania. Initially the lighthouse was built by the Venetians in 1570 and later on, it was reconstructed in 1830 for the last time.



Venetian Lighthouse



- It is conspicuous by its rectangular shape and its made of stone blocks. The lighthouse is no longer operational but it is still one of the top attractions in Chania for its magnificent architecture and historical interest. At night the lighthouse shines in the dark and it stands as a truly kaleidoscopic vignette.

Chania's seaport



- The port of Chania is one of the busiest places during the day and the most romantic spot at night.
- The view from the port is absolutely amazing.



Chania's seaport



Archaeological Museum



- The Archaeological Museum on Halidon Street is well worth visiting and appealing even to non archaeologists.
- The Museum has been housed in the church of the Venetian Monastery since 1963.
- The exhibits illustrate the cultural history and character of the area through the ages.
- The exhibition hall is divided widthwise into two major sections:
 1. The east wing
 2. The west wing



Archaeological Museum



The collections comprise:

- Minoan finds from the city of Chania
- prehistoric finds from caves
- Minoan finds from various parts of the Prefecture
- finds from tombs of the Geometric period
- finds of the Historic era from Chania and various other towns and cities in the Prefecture



A piece of Archaeological Museum's finds

Archaeological Museum



Frontage



Indoor part

Venizelos Graves



Venizelos Graves has magnificent views from amongst the trees, on a hill above Chania, across the town, Venetian harbor and sweeping over the sea & beyond.



Giali Tzami



- Giali Tzami Mosque or Yiali Tzamissi is a fine example of Islamic art in Chania.
- It was the first mosque built in Crete after the Turkish conquest of the city in 1649



Giali Tzami



- It has previously hosted the Archeological Museum of Chania, after many adventures due to war
- Later on, it was used as a storage place, a Museum of Folk Art, a Tourist Information Office and recently, as a space for exhibitions and events. Although Giali Tzami has been renovated, its small minaret was demolished in the early 20th century.



The White Mountains



- White Mountains or (Lefka Ori in Greek) is the major mountain range in west Crete
- Trekking in Lefka Ori is not easy. Serious mountaineering experience and equipment are necessary.



The White Mountains after a heavy snow

Culture



- In the city of Chania cultural events are organized by the municipality during August, interspersed with theatrical nights, visual arts exhibitions, concerts with well known artists, nights with traditional music and dance groups.



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