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recommendations



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- ✕ **Salis** - a chic alternative to its neighboring taverns, Salis takes an innovative turn on traditional Cretan gastronomy
- ✕ **Arismari** - in the old port of Chania, on the ground floor of the unique Venetian mansion in front of the harbor, combining traditional with creative cuisine, showing with more intensity and imagination primary raw materials, aromas and flavors of our country always with respect to the Cretan roots
- ✕ **Theodosi Restaurant** - beautifully situated on Parigoria hilltop, just outside of Chania Town. Their focus is to bring you Cretan cuisine with an imaginative menu selection carefully prepared with fresh local products and complimented by a fine selection of Cretan wine
- ✕ **Koukouvagia** best for afternoon coffee and sweets and to take in the breathtaking sunsets
- ✕ **Pallas** stands out for its modern, distinctive style, Mediterranean cuisine and unique view, in one of the most beautiful part of the city
- ✕ **Ginger Concept** - located in the old city. You can start your day with a healthy breakfast or end with a cocktail
- ✕ **Tamam Restaurant** - located in the old port in a historic building. Mix of Greek and Turkish influence



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- ✕ **Knossos** - this is the site of the most important and best-known palace of the Minoan civilization. According to tradition, it was the seat of the legendary King Minos and the location of the mythical Labyrinth of the Minotaur
- ✕ **Heraklion Archeological Museum** - houses artifacts of Cretan history covering a chronological span of over 5,500 years from the Neolithic period to Roman times
- ✕ **Historic Town of Rethymno** - this town shows off the influence that the Venetians had on Crete. Don't miss the Fortezza and Folklore Museum
- ✕ **Arkadi** - the monastery there is famous for being a site of an uprising in 1866 that would eventually lead to Crete's liberation from Turkey
- ✕ **Chania** - Crete's second largest town. Some of the must-sees in town include the Venetian harbor, the archeological museum and the Maritime Museum
- ✕ **Cretaquarium** - located in Gournes near Heraklion, the aquarium offers a unique opportunity to explore the world of Mediterranean sea life. A great family activity!
- ✕ **The village of Margaritas** - known for its pottery maker and a great place to witness the centuries-old tradition alive in modern day
- ✕ **Wineries** - Crete produces some excellent wines and has endless wineries to visit. Lyrarakis and Boutari are two of the most well known wineries
- ✕ **Nikos Kazantzakis Museum** - this museum pays tribute to one of Greece's most important writers of modern times
- ✕ **Samaria Gorge** - the most famous gorge in Greece is known for its dramatic natural beauty. The hike takes approximately 5-8 hours depending on your pace
- ✕ **Stagakis** - a Cretan Lyra workshop based in Rethymno. Since 1945 they have built and sent lyras all over the world wherever there is passion for the traditional Cretan art & music
- ✕ **Kournas Lake** - a beautiful lake near Rethymno suitable for swimming or a leisurely walk in nature
- ✕ **Patsos Gorge** - located near Rethymno, it is a great option for walkers of all levels
- ✕ **Matala** - famous for its cave dwellings and the surrounding area has some fantastic beaches
- ✕ **Phaistos** - after Knossos, this was one of the most important centers of Minoan civilization and the most wealthy and powerful city in southern Crete.
- ✕ **Agia Triada** - situated a couple of kilometers from Phaistos, this site is best known for its Royal Minoan Villa
- ✕ **Gortys** - located in south central Crete in the fertile Messara plain, this was one of the most important cities in Crete with an unbroken history of 6,000 years



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- ✕ **Stroll** around the picturesque alleys of the Old Town - a maze of colorful pedestrian streets
- ✕ **Walk** to the old port's lighthouse - dominating the entrance of the old harbor
- ✕ Head to Daliani Street to **hang out** with the locals
- ✕ **Explore** the unique Splatzia area - Old Town, the old Turkish neighborhood an area that has transformed to a vibrant, cool and sophisticated hangout
- ✕ **Travel back in time with a walk** at Top Chania (or Topanas) - Old port. The district's narrow alleys and imposing Venetian buildings make it the ideal place for a romantic walk, which will take you back in time
- ✕ **Just Brazil Store** - Beach culture & greek designers



## GETTING AROUND

- ✕ **Bus** - The island has a bus system that will get you to most major towns and beaches
- ✕ **Taxi** - There is taxi service on the island but please keep in mind that the number of taxis is limited so pre-reserve whenever possible. Ask the hotel staff for assistance
- ✕ **For more freedom** - you may want to rent a car / moped / ATV for a day or two. The hotel staff can assist you

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