Chania, the Venice of Crete



ShoreTrips says...

Chania is the second largest city of Crete, and lies at the east end of the Gulf of Chania. It was originally the site of a Minoan settlement, and after the Minoan period it reermerged as an important city-state of Classical Greece

The ride to Chania shows off the picturesque countryside. Along the way you will pass another popular city, Rethymno, a place where the nightlife hops! Even in daylight it shows itself off as you pass.

Chania is made made of two parts: the old town, and the the larger modern city. This tour will take you around the lovely old town, situated next to the old harbour. The old town was formerly surrounded by old venetian fortifications, built in 1538, but now only the eastern and western parts survive. The crumbling Venetian harbour is home to a 15th century lighthouse and the Mosque of the Janissaries, built 17th century.

Explore the Splantzia quarter behind the inner harbour, and the Venetian Arsenals. Visit the 1860 Greek Orthodox Cathedral ("Trimartyri"), as well as the 1879 Roman Catholic cathedral and Etz Hayyim Synagogue. The Archaeological Museum is home to findings from different parts of the county and from several historical and prehistorical periods.

This specially designed tour around the old town and Venetian port will reveal Chania's status as a cultural crossroads. A walk through time, this tour promises to help you gain an understanding of how the city's multilayered history has unfolded, with visits to its most important sites, peppered with stories by real people. A stop for some refreshing cold Greek coffee frapee will be made.

Despite sustaining heavy bombing in World War II, Chania's old town is considered to be Crete's most beautiful urban district.

- This Tour Includes:
- Beautiful drive to Chania
- Mosque of the Janissaries
- Splantzia quarter
- Greek Orthodox Cathedral
- Etz Hayyim Synagogue
- Archaeological Museum
- Traditional Greek coffee

Days of Operation

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

Departures (local time)

- 9:00 AM (7 hrs) Length includes transfers. Departure time can be changed; contact ShoreTrips before booking

Transfer / Meeting Instructions

No Taxi Required Specific pick up or taxi instructions will appear on your voucher after you purchase your trip.

Restrictions

- This tour includes private transportation with professional chauffeur and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees, meals, and gratuities are not included.

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