



Almirida

Crete

Crete is a place apart – not just another Greek island, more like a separate country. Crete lies on the same latitude as Tunisia with the same baking hot summers; but here pleasantly tempered by breezes from the sea.

The land is infinitely varied – mountain ranges rise up to 8,000 feet, Europe's deepest gorge winds for twelve miles through rock walls at times 1,000 feet high, and countless beaches lead to a clear blue sea. Add to these high alpine meadows, well watered plains and valleys, a rich

archaeology, and flora and fauna as yet largely unthreatened and you have a country worth a visit.

But the most striking aspect of this land is its people. Shaped by centuries of struggle against oppression, they are as rugged as the mountains, fiercely independent, and passionately loyal to Crete and one another. Read 'Zorba the Greek' for a marvellous evocation of the people and the place – or any other of Kazantakis' novels.

It is a good idea to hire a car and explore. You needn't go far, because the holiday trade is confined largely to the four main towns and the coast. Any working village will reward your effort – perhaps with an invitation to a celebration (there's always something

Recommended Reading

The Landscapes Series

These pocket-sized guides contain walks of all grades, car tours and picnic suggestions. Choose from Landscapes of Western Crete or Eastern Crete. They cost £14 per book (incl. p&p) from: Sunflower Books (dept. SV), P.O. Box 115, Exeter EX2 6YU.

to celebrate!) or just to drink raki at the coffee shop, you never know. Seek out a Minoan palace, a mountain plateau, a Byzantine monastery. Turn southwards into the high, wild hinterland for the essence of an ancient legend-haunted land.

Quite unlike any other island Crete is for travellers as well as for tourists. It is an experience not to be missed.

Crete Information

Getting to Crete

Tuesday Day flight Gatwick or Manchester to Chania. Then by coach or taxi – see resort description. For flight details see page 173.

Multi-Centre Options

Most resorts can be mixed – suggest North with South coast, or Paleochora with Loutro. East and West Crete can be combined if you self-transfer i.e. by hire car. For multi-centre details see page 6.

Car Hire

See page 8 for details.

Representative

Based in NW Crete (Chania, Panormos) and SW Crete (Paleochora).

Early Booking Offers

For departures before 14/7 and 24/8 onwards, if booked by 28/2. (Note: excludes 1 wk holidays departing 24/08)

AEOLOS, AFRODITE, ILIANA, IDILI, PHILOXENIA, MIMAYIA

- 2 wks for the price of 1
- £40 per person off 1 week

GEORGE, ANCHRIS

- £40 per person off

For conditions see page 7.





Chania



Loutro

Our chosen areas...

North West Coast Chania • Kalives • Almirida

Transfer time 20 mins (Chania), 45 mins (Kalives), 1 hour (Almirida)

Formerly the capital of the island, **Chania** is the main town in the west and has a strong Venetian flavour, particularly around its immense harbour, lined with restaurants. Behind, a maze of narrow lanes and crumbling Venetian facades conceal more restaurants, small shops and atmospheric cafés.

A half-hour drive east of Chania, neighbouring Kalives and Almirida are at the entrance to Souda Bay (the largest natural harbour in the Aegean), the White Mountains behind forming a majestic backdrop. Both enjoy fine sandy beaches and beautiful rolling countryside.

Kalives has retained its village atmosphere and boasts two long sandy beaches, one to either side. Centred around a tree-shaded square, housing a couple of cafés and the handsome church, Kalives has authentic local tavernas and small shops which cater for most needs.

Life in the burgeoning small resort of **Almirida** revolves around the beach and the half-dozen tavernas over the sea. The area has developed in the past few years; but this does mean that the village now has better facilities, including several café-bars, a bakery and two minimarkets. Last summer windsurfers, catamarans and sea-kayaks could be rented.

From both Almirida and Kalives bicycles can be hired, excursions operate (via Kalives), there is a bus to Chania and taxis are available – for further exploration a car is a good idea.

North Coast Panormos

Transfer time 2 hours

20 minutes drive beyond historic Rethymnon, the atmospheric village of **Panormos** has everything we look for – two good sandy beaches, a photogenic harbour (with church above and tavernas to each side) and, above all, a true Greek village atmosphere. Yet, remarkably for such a pretty place, foreign tourism here is still low-key and there is only one hotel.

Panormos has some ten tavernas and a selection of small shops in the narrow streets leading down to the harbour and beach. For bright lights Rethymnon can be reached by frequent local bus. A fun trip is by the 'road-train' which starts in Panormos and runs to villages in the hills behind.

Panormos transfer note: Panormos transfers are combined with Kalives/Almirida. Private taxi transfers can be quoted for and are expected to cost c.£100 per taxi one way.



Kalives

South West Coast Paleochora • Loutro

Transfer time 90 minutes (Paleochora) to 2 hours (Loutro)

The spectacular south-west coast encapsulates the best of Crete – dizzy mountain scenery, a sparkling sea and some fine beaches. In fact a winding drive through the mountains is the only way in to **Paleochora** other than by sea.

There are plenty of restaurants and cafés above the sea or in the main street. In the summer evenings there is a positively cosmopolitan atmosphere, as both roads are sealed to traffic.

The main beach is of fine golden sand and stretches for nearly a kilometre – it affords superb swimming. Inland offers wonderful walking – try Agia Irini gorge as an alternative to popular Samaria.

Boats run to the foot of Samaria (and on to Loutro), to ancient Lissos, remote Elafonissi island, or simply for spotting dolphins. During high summer Paleochora can be windy. In the early season, there is the bonus of countless wild flowers up in the hills.

Unrealistically pretty and quite tiny (pop.



Paleochora

100!), you can only reach **Loutro** on foot or by boat – there are no roads and no cars!

Guarded by steep mountains, Loutro is set in a sheltered bay. Half-a-dozen waterfront restaurants serve an amazing variety of dishes, and there are a couple of café-bars and small shops. Canoes can be rented to explore nearby sea caves and beaches, and a small boat runs to others. Of course this is superb walking country and the hotel is happy to give further information.

Much of the time Loutro is peaceful, but it does get busy at weekends and in the high season. For a complete break in an idyllic setting, you could do no better.

Loutro transfer note: Includes 20 mins. by ferry (unescorted, tickets provided) and there will be a short wait at Chora Sfakion harbour. You will need to carry your baggage the short distance to the jetty, on/off the boat and to the hotel (1 minute).



Panormos



Kalives Beach Hotel Kalives

- 3 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast or Half Board ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool

This popular hotel was fully refurbished to a high modern standard in 2008 and remains the only one in Kalives. It enjoys a very good location, central yet virtually on the beach, and has a small river running to one side.

The hotel has two buildings, separated by a small road leading to the beach, and comprises 150 rooms in total. All are on the upper floors, served by a lift and well appointed. They have modern comfortable furnishings, tv, fridge, seasonal air-conditioning, telephone and ensuite shower/wc (some have a bath too). All our rooms possess river or side sea views from the balcony. For families the hotel has larger rooms for up to four, and some rooms interconnect.

The main building by the river has a ground floor reception, lounge, bar and restaurant (normally a buffet) – dining is usually possible on the riverside terrace. At lunchtime à la carte meals and snacks are available. It also has a small swimming pool to the front (c. 72 sq m, depth 1m-2.2m) and a bridge over the river to Kalives' central sandy beach where sunbeds are available free of charge for hotel guests. The second



building also has a pool, larger (c. 160 sq m, depth 0.8m-3m) and to the side.

Other facilities available at a local charge include wi-fi access from the lobby, laptop rental, a fitness room, sauna and hydromassage. From the hotel you can walk to the main square in under 5 minutes.

Good standards of comfort, a friendly atmosphere and an excellent location ensure many guests return every year.

Half Board: £92 per week.

Early Booking Offer

Pay B&B stay Half Board for all stays completed by 27/7 or commencing 24/8 onwards, if booked by 31/3. Please note: this offer is not redeemable for cash if meals not taken.



Kalives



Afrodite Apartments Kalives

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Apartments for 2/4
- Family Units for up to 6 and 8 ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool
- Early Booking Offer

These good value and spacious apartments have the benefit of a very nice swimming pool set in the garden to the rear. They are just back from the main road which leads to Kalives, a 10-15 minute walk from the village and only a 3 minute walk from the fine western sandy beach.

They comprise eight 1-bedroom apartments and two studios, either on the upper ground or top floor and all with air-conditioning (local charge). The two studios are twin-bedded with a corner kitchenette (cooking rings, fridge), shower room with wc, and balcony. There is a sofa-bed for a child.

The apartments are of a similar description with the addition of a large separate living room containing the kitchenette and one or two extra beds. Both rooms in the apartments have balcony access, with sea, side sea, country or pool views. Some studios and apartments can combine via an inter-



connecting door as a Family Unit. Furnishings throughout Afrodite are comfortable and of good quality. An iron and ironing board can be provided at no cost, and use of a washing machine for a nominal charge.

The swimming pool is approximately 60 sq. m. in size (depth 0.80m-2.50m). It has a children's section and is furnished with sunbeds and umbrellas.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local charge of 5 Euros per day.



Beach close to Afrodite Apartments



Nostos Studios Kalives

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Air Conditioning

The Nostos Studios enjoy an excellent location, overlooking the sea at the entrance to Kalives. A 3 minute walk in one direction brings you to the start of Kalives' long sandy western beach and the nearest tavernas, and less than ten minutes (600m) in the other to the village centre.

The eight studios here are on the upper two floors. Each is spacious and has twin beds, a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (rings, fridge), air-conditioning, tiled shower room, and good-sized covered front balcony with fine views over Souda Bay.

The studios are neatly and simply furnished in the typical Greek style, and are of a reasonable size, light and airy.



There is a small road to the front (not busy) which runs above the sea only as far as the centre of the village and means you can avoid the narrow main street behind.

Optional local charge: air-conditioning 5 euros per day.



Villa Anastasia Kalives

■ Self Catering ■ House for 2/6 ■ Air Conditioning
■ Private Swimming Pool

Villa Anastasia is a tastefully restored stone-built family home which overlooks the sea in the heart of this well-liked village. Spacious interiors lead out to shaded terraces and the attractive pool area. The front entrance leads to the narrow village high street and the rear entrance leads to a small street bordering the sea. The centre of Kalives and the sandy beach of Mistraili are just 200 metres away.

The ground floor comprises an open-plan sitting room (with tv, dvd and cd player), a well equipped full kitchen and dining area leading to front patio and rear patio with pool terrace; bathroom with bath and washing machine. The first floor houses a hallway leading to a covered sea view terrace with steps down to the pool area; one double bedroom and two twin-bedded rooms, each individually air-conditioned; a kitchenette; and a bathroom with shower.

The private swimming pool in the garden to the rear measures 8m x 4m (depth 1.4m-1.8m).



Early Booking Offer

For bookings made by 15th January a reduction of £100 to £200 per booking applies (depending on the season, not applicable to 24/8 dep. for 1 week) – please enquire for a costing.





Almirida Beach Hotel Almirida

- 4 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast or Half Board ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool

This well-liked hotel is centrally located just back from the main part of Almirida's beach and only a minute or two's flat walk from the seaside restaurant here.

It has 120 rooms on the upper two floors, served by a lift. All rooms are spacious and well appointed with air-conditioning, tv, fridge, safety deposit box (local charge), bathroom with bath, shower and wc, and balcony (all ours with sea or side sea views). Some rooms have been designed with facilities for the disabled.

The hotel also has Junior Suites for 2-3 persons (with jacuzzi bath) and Family Rooms for up to 4 (with room divider).

The ground floor has a large open-plan reception, restaurant, bar and lounge. To the front there is a good-sized swimming pool, with adjacent children's pool and a wide sun-terrace.

Internet access can be had from the Almirida Residence next door – either from a pc (local charge) or with fixed-line access to your laptop (free of charge).



We have worked with the Almirida Beach since the hotel opened, and have many satisfied guests over the years. We consider it to be well-run with high levels of comfort in an excellent location and, especially with our free half board offer, good value.

Half Board: £61 per week. All meals are buffet-style.

Hotel Offers - free Half Board & May reductions

- pay BB, stay HB for all bookings made by 31/3 - valid all dates
- for arrivals 4/5 & 11/5 reductions per person: 1 week -£14, 2 weeks -£56-£70



Almirida



Almirida Residence Almirida

- 4 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast or Half Board ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool

This is the new sister-hotel to the much-liked Almirida Beach opposite. Its modernistic design uses plenty of glass and chrome, and stylish imported Italian furniture for the room interiors.

The hotel has 50 rooms, a mix of twins, doubles and triples, some interconnecting. All rooms are on the first or top floor, served by a lift, and have good side views to the sea and the islet of Karga in the bay. All rooms, too, are spacious and possess air-conditioning, flat-screen tv, mini-bar/fridge, fixed-line laptop internet access (free of charge), safety deposit box (local charge), contemporary bath or shower room and side sea view balcony. Some rooms interconnect, and the hotel also has full sea view Suites at the front and maisonettes for families of up to 4 (living room area with 2 sofa-beds down, bedroom up).

The large roof-terrace has a bar, a carte restaurant and an 'adult only' swimming pool, long and narrow as is the current fashion (20m x 4.50m, depth 1.10m).

The ground floor houses reception, lounge, pc internet access (local charge),



main bar and restaurant which has seating indoors and out. A second outdoor pool, with children's section, is to the side (22m x 4.50m, depth 0.50m-1.65m). An unusual feature is the 10-pin bowling alley in the basement – don't worry, it's completely soundproofed!

Half Board: £76 per week. All meals are buffet-style.

Hotel Offers - free Half Board & May reductions

- pay BB, stay HB for all bookings made by 31/3 (valid all dates)
- for arrivals 4/5 & 11/5 reductions per person: 1 week -£21, 2 weeks -£56-£98





Aeolos Apartments Almirida

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Apartments for 2/3 ■ Air Conditioning
 ■ Swimming Pool ■ Early Booking Offer

This well-liked accommodation has glorious views, especially from its lovely swimming pool area, and peaceful country surroundings.

A little up the hill behind Almirida, it is only a 10-12 minute walk down to the beach (a little longer back which, although not excessively steep, is a steady climb so unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties).

There are five 1-bedroom apartments. They are modern with good quality fixtures and fittings. Interior decor tends towards pastel shades which, together with the marble floors, gives a light airy feel.

Each apartment comprises a small twin bedroom, a spacious living room containing a sofa-bed and a corner kitchenette (mini-oven and rings), and a tiled shower room with wc. An iron and ironing board can be provided on request.

There is also a ground floor studio, open-plan and double-bedded with a corner kitchenette and shower room with wc.

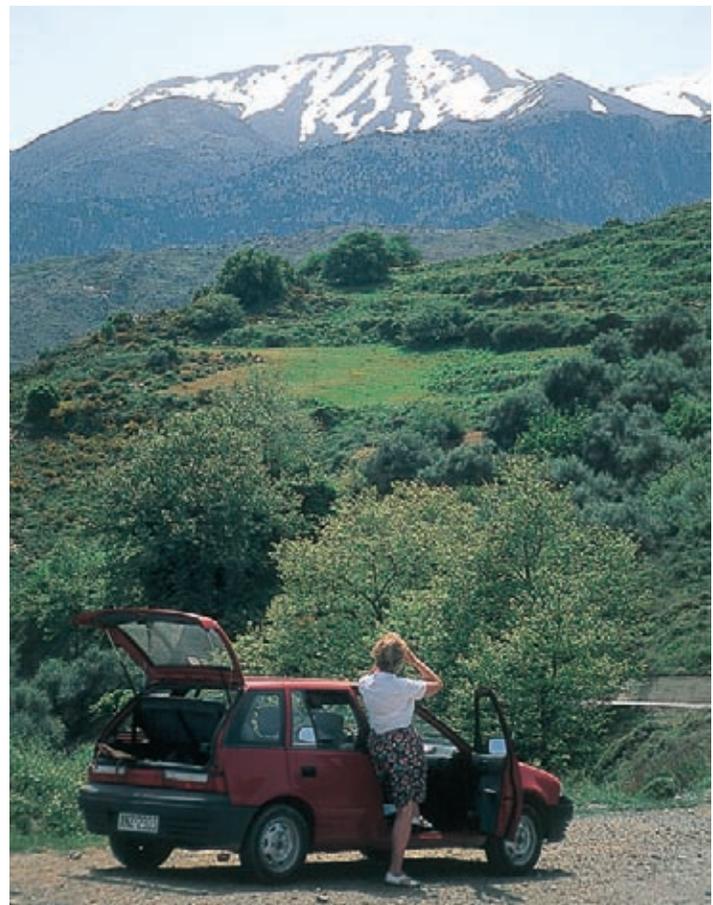
All units possess air-conditioning and safety-deposit box (small local charge) and



have a spacious balcony to the front with views over the countryside and village to the sea and the Akrotiri peninsula across the bay. Internet access is available at a small local charge from a pc in the reception area, or wi-fi access is free of charge with your laptop.

The swimming pool measures a generous 80 sq.m., has a children's section and is furnished with sunloungers and umbrellas. The Aeolos combines quiet rural surroundings and super views with good modern standards and tavernas/beach not far away.

Air-conditioning: Available if required at a local charge of 5 Euros per day.



Fly-Drive Explore Crete at your own pace

The size, shape and dramatic scenery of Crete lend themselves perfectly to fly-drive holidays and ours are the most flexible you will find. We do not list any pre-planned itineraries. Rather, we list the resorts in which we can arrange short stays and allow you to choose your own route (we will willingly help you with this should you wish).

We use mostly small, comfortable bed and breakfast hotels, all with air-conditioning, balcony and ensuite shower/wc. Holiday prices include Group A car hire from Chania airport,

unlimited mileage, all local taxes and Collision Damage Waiver insurance. Cars can be upgraded at a supplement.

We have chosen the following centres because they represent a varied cross section of all Crete has to offer, from the larger resorts and towns on the north coast to small villages in the south. By using them as a base, you can explore virtually the whole island. Do remember that Crete is very large, 180 miles long and almost a country in itself, so beware of trying to see and do too much.

Fly-Drive Centres & Pricing

North Coast:	Mountains:	South Coast:
■ Heraklion	■ Zaros	■ Paleochora
■ Chania		■ Aghia Galini
■ Rethymnon		■ Ierapetra
■ Elounda		■ Plakias
■ Sitia		

Please ask for advice should you want help with your route, or would like to know approximate driving times.

If accommodation is not required for the whole time you can of course just book flight and car only, or simply have a few days free with the car within your itinerary. Remember that many of our holidays are designed to be combined – one week's fly-drive and one week in a resort is quite feasible. Please ask for details.

Prices vary as there are so many permutations, but a typical per person price for each of 2, including flights, car and hotels would be, depending on the season, approximately:

1 week £700-£850; 2 weeks £1000- £1250. Please enquire for exact costing.



Panormos

Idili Apartments Panormos

- Self Catering
- Apartments for 2/4
- Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

This beautiful old stone house has been lovingly restored to offer three spacious self-contained apartments, each combining traditional character with modern comforts.

Located on a narrow side-street, shops and restaurants are to be found within a minute or two's walk, and it's five minutes down the hill to the harbour and the sandy beach here.

All apartments possess air-conditioning; traditional Cretan furniture and décor; one or two sofa-beds in the living room; sat tv, dvd player; telephone and ISDN line (local charge); a fitted kitchen area with mini-oven, rings and fridge; a nicely tiled shower room; and a terrace.

The two apartments on the top floor are open-plan. Each has a traditional wooden sleeping gallery above the living room with an iron double bedstead (note: watch the low beamed ceiling). One, called Jasmine, has the shower room ensuite to the sleeping gallery, and accesses a small open roof-top sun-terrace. The other (Yacinthos) has the shower room downstairs and a wide covered balcony over the garden to the front.

The lower apartment (Ayioklima), reached by steps down from the street, is all on one level and has a main bedroom/living room with a iron 4-poster double bed, a small but cool twin bedroom separate to the living room; a separate kitchen; and spacious front terrace as Yacinthos.

Kept cool by its thick stone walls, and beautifully furnished, we think Idili is top quality accommodation, and makes a wonderful base from which to make the



most of this prettiest of Cretan villages. Further details on this property can be viewed on their website www.idili.gr. Due to a combination of location, steps and stairs, we would not recommend Idili to anyone with walking difficulties.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local charge of 5 euros per day.

Note: Our allocated apartments are Yacinthos and Ayioklima, although we cannot confirm by name. Jasmine is 'on request' only and may be a different price.



Panormos



Philoxenia Apartments Panormos

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Apartments for 2/4 ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Early Booking Offer

Next door to our Idili Apartments, the Philoxenia offers a more modern style in a similarly convenient location.

Our studios and apartments here are on the upper floors in order to have the best views, and are attractively furnished. The studios are twin-bedded and open-plan, with light kitchen facilities (cooking rings, fridge), tiled bathroom (with hip-bath, shower, wc) and front balcony with some sea views. The apartments have the same facilities and comprise a double bedroom, an open-plan living room with one or two extra beds. Both studios and apartments have a good-sized balcony to the front with good privacy and views to the sea.

All studios and apartments possess air-conditioning (included in the price) and tv. Furnishings are of good quality, and décor is modern and tasteful throughout.

The swimming pool is below (reached by a number of steps), measures c 64 sq m and has a children's section.

Like Idili, the location and stairs would not be suitable for anyone with mobility problems.



Air-conditioning: Available at a local charge of 5 euros per day.



Panormos



Iliana Apartments Panormos

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Apartments for 2/4 ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Early Booking Offer

These smart modern apartments are towards the top of the village but only a three minute walk from Panormos' main square, where you will find cafés and restaurants above the sea. The sandy beach is to one side below.

A mix of studios and apartments, the accommodation is built around a courtyard swimming pool. Most of our units are on the first (top) floor.

The open-plan studios are twin-bedded, all with an open-plan kitchenette (cooking rings, fridge), tiled shower room with wc, and balcony or patio with views to the village or over the pool (sea views are limited).

The apartments are similar, with the addition of a separate living room containing one or two full-sized sofa-beds. Most have two balconies, one off each room.



All units possess air-conditioning and tv, and are nicely furnished and decorated in a light contemporary style. Safety deposit boxes are available at a small local charge.

The swimming pool is freshwater and measures some 40 sq m.

Iliana offers good modern standards, a handy location and we think represents fine value for a most comfortable stay in this small village.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local charge of 5 euros per day.



Panormos harbour



Paleochora café

Anchris Apartments Paleochora

- Self Catering
- Studios for 2
- Apartments for 2/3 and up to 5
- Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

These popular well-kept apartments have an excellent position. They are in a quiet cul-de-sac a two minute walk from Paleochora's long sandy beach and three minutes from the centre.

The building is on two floors and fronted by a small garden. All units have air-conditioning (small local charge) light cooking facilities (mini-oven, rings) and fridge, bathroom with shower/wc, hair-dryer, safety deposit box (small local charge) and balcony or terrace.

The two studios are simply but comfortably furnished and twin or double-bedded. They are on the first floor and have been recently enlarged and refurbished.

The four apartments are ground floor. The 1-bedroomed units can sleep up to 3 or 4 and comprise a twin bedroom, a separate living room/kitchen area with a sofa-bed (one is larger and has a full-sized bed in addition), shower room with wc, and a



veranda above the small front garden. The 2-bedroom is to the rear (so quite private) and has a second twin bedroom, a patio by the entrance and a balcony to the side. The owner can provide a portable bath on request for those with small children.

The Anchris offers simple, comfortable accommodation very close to the beach yet in a quiet location.

Air-conditioning: Available if required at a daily local charge of 6 euros (studios and smaller 1-br apts) and 10 euros (larger 1-br and 2-br apt – each has 2 a/c units).



Paleochora

Mimayia Apartments Paleochora

- Self Catering
- Apartments for 2/4
- Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

These newly-built apartments are close to our George Studios and Rea Hotel, so just a minute's walk from the main street and five minutes from the wide sandy beach. They offer modern, comfortable and spacious accommodation for couples or families of up to 4 persons.

There are six apartments in all, either on the upper ground or first floor. All possess a twin bedroom, a living room with two full-sized sofa-beds and open-plan fitted kitchen area (2-rings, fridge), nicely tiled shower room, and balcony or terrace. Furniture is of beech wood and décor light, unfussy and modern. All apartments have air-conditioning and safety deposit boxes available at a local charge.



Four apartments are all on one level; two are open-plan maisonette-style, so split-level with stairs between the living area and bedroom/sleeping area. There is paved communal courtyard with seating, and an iron and ironing board for clients' use.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local charge of 6 euros per day. The charge for safety deposit box is 10 euros per week.



Paleochora restaurant



Paleochora



George Studios Paleochora

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

These smart modern studios are centrally located in a small road close to our Rea Hotel. They are therefore close to both high street (one minute) and Paleochora's long sandy beach (five minutes).



The studios are housed on three floors. All have open-plan twin or double bedroom, corner kitchenette (cooking rings, fridge), tiled ensuite shower room with wc, hairdryer, and balcony or garden patio. Some are large enough to accommodate an extra bed for a child but have a smaller balcony. Always spotless, all studios are air-conditioned (see below), nicely furnished in pine and have tiled floors.

All studios have satellite TV and a roomsafe available at a combined local charge of 15 euros per week.

Very well kept, good quality accommodation, convenient for both village and beach.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local charge of 6 Euros per day.



Hotel Rea Paleochora

- 2 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning

This attractive small hotel is centrally located in a side road a minute's walk from Paleochora's main street and five minutes from the sandy beach. It is built on two floors, family-run and very friendly. It has 14 rooms, all nicely furnished with TV, fridge, tea/coffee-making equipment, ensuite shower/wc and a balcony. Air-conditioning is available at a small local charge (6 Euros a day), as is a safety deposit box (5 euros per week).



On the top floor the hotel has a Family Suite for up to 5, comprising two interconnecting double rooms, one of which also has a single bed.

The ground floor houses a reception, lounge, bar and breakfast room, although this is usually served on the shaded garden terrace to the front. The owners, Efi and Antonis, speak good English (they are retired schoolteachers) and are very welcoming.

One of our favourite small hotels for many years.

Those visiting in the early season please note that our local representative does not start until May.



Poseidon Apartments Paleochora

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Apartments for 2/4
- Air Conditioning

Located in a residential side street not far from our popular Anchris and George accommodations, the Poseidon is an attractive blue and white building within an easy three minute walk (no hills) of both the long sandy beach and the main street.



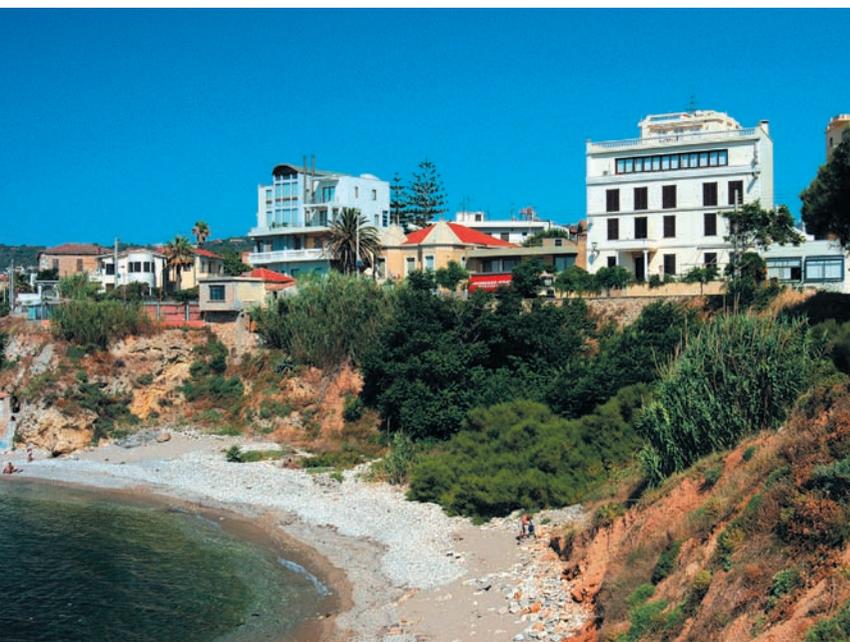
Comprising a mixture of studios for couples only and apartments which can sleep up to four, all are well-kept and comfortably furnished (albeit typically simple). All possess air-conditioning, a tiled shower room with wc, kitchenette with light cooking facilities (rings, fridge), and front balcony or terrace with views over the garden and/or village.

The open-plan studios are nearly all twin-bedded, whilst the apartments are mostly double-bedded and have the addition of a living room containing one or two sofa-beds for families.

A quiet location within a short walk of beach, shops and restaurants.

Optional local charges: air-conditioning 5 euros per day; safety deposit box





Doma Hotel (right hand side)



Chania

Doma Hotel Chania

■ Traditional Hotel (First Class) ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning

This most civilised hotel combines comfort with an old-world elegance and has been featured several times in 'The Good Hotel Guide'. It used to be the British Consulate, and stands across the road from the sea 1 km from the centre of town and a 10-15 minute walk from the harbour. A five minute walk brings you to a safe sandy beach.

Personally run by Mrs Irene Valiraki, whose passion for Cretan antiques is evident everywhere, the hotel has 20 rooms and 4 suites, all with air-conditioning, ceiling fan, safety deposit box and shower/wc, some with tv and balcony. Those at the front have good sea views but are above a busy road; those at the back overlook the small garden – most rear rooms have a balcony. The hotel has three first floor suites, comprising a twin or double bedroom, front living room with fridge and TV (one or two extra beds here), and bathroom with bath or shower and wc. There is also a Penthouse Suite which has the entire roof-terrace to itself.

On the third floor and served by a lift is a beautifully decorated breakfast room, and



occasional restaurant – private dining can be booked here – with wonderful views over the sea to the harbour. To the rear of the hotel there is a small 'secret' garden littered with pieces of pottery and sculpture.

Note: Our rooms, unless otherwise requested, will be to the rear of the hotel with balcony and garden view.



View from breakfast room

Casa Veneta Chania

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Apartments for 2/4 ■ Air Conditioning

Casa Veneta is, as the name implies, an old Venetian house. It has been renovated to a good standard. In the Old Town on a narrow street (a culdesac but there may be limited traffic) it is only a minute's walk from Chania's famous harbour-front.

Accommodation is on three floors. The studios have double or twin beds, kitchenette with cooking rings and fridge, an ensuite shower/wc, and a sofa-bed for a child. The apartments are open-plan and on three levels linked by wooden stairs, with the kitchenette below, a living area in the middle (one or two sofa-beds here)

and a twin-bedded sleeping gallery above. Unlike the studios, the apartments have a small balcony over the street, most with a view of the sea to the side (parents please note, the balcony railings are quite widely spaced and may be unsuitable for small children). All possess tv and air-conditioning for which a small charge is made. Furnishings are of good quality and there is a ground floor reception and small lounge.

A friendly, most charming base in an excellent location from which to explore this historic and atmospheric town.





Porto Loutro I



Loutro

Porto Loutro Hotel Loutro

■ 2 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast rooms ■ Self Catering Studios for 2/3 ■ Air Conditioning

The Porto Loutro is one of our favourite spots in Greece. Personally run by Alison and Stavros you are assured a comfortable and restful stay.

The hotel comprises two buildings. Porto Loutro I is right on the beach. Thoughtfully designed and nicely furnished it comprises 18 rooms. All possess air-conditioning (which can also provide heating for early season), fridge, telephone, room safe, ensuite shower/wc and a balcony with sea views to the front or side. There is a small bar on the first floor where you can take breakfast or enjoy a drink overlooking the sea.

On the ground floor are four spacious studios. They are mostly double-bedded and possess a kitchenette with cooking rings and fridge, a shower/wc, and a small living area to the front containing a sofa-

bed. As with the hotel, the studios are furnished in an attractive local style. They share a large common sunterrace just above the beach. A fifth studio is slightly behind and of a similar description

Porto Loutro II is a three minute walk away above the corner of the bay. There are 18 rooms here too, on the middle and top floors. All are large and well-furnished, each possessing a shower/wc and a balcony or terrace with lovely views over the bay. There is a covered ground floor bar/patisserie and sun-terrace, again with stunning views.

Please note that the hotel will not accommodate children under 7 years. The hotel will change Traveller's Cheques but does not accept credit cards, although some restaurants and shops in Loutro now do. There is an ATM in Chora Sfakion a short ferry-hop away.

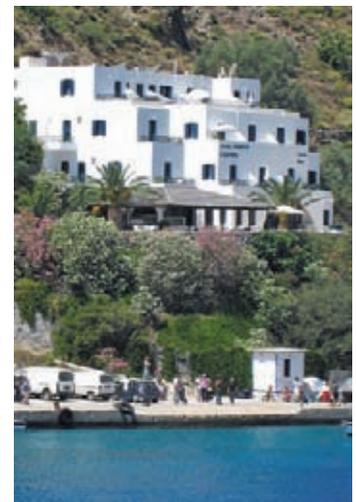


Walks around Loutro

This useful book will be available locally in Loutro for around 7 euros.

The authors, Keith Linton and Danny Staples, describe it as 'a guide to ten thyme-scented walks on ancient limestone paths: graded from an easy evening stroll to a whole day adventure'.

The book is 44 pages and includes maps and photographs.



Porto Loutro II

For more choice see www.sunvil.co.uk

We have a selection of additional properties on Crete available. Please see our website for details. Including:

Villa Kynthia, Panormos (B/B)

This former mansion is over a century old and has been beautifully restored as an upmarket boutique guesthouse. It has only five suites and rooms, built around a walled courtyard garden also housing a small swimming pool. Bursting with character, this is a very special place in which to stay.



Porto Veneziano Hotel, Chania Town (3 Stars, B/B)

Directly on the waterfront towards the far (quieter) end of Chania's beautiful Venetian harbour, this understandably popular hotel offers modern comforts in an unbeatable location.



Creta Elena, Chania Town (S/C)

In a residential area of Chania, yet only a 15-20 minute walk from the harbour, these modern studios and apartments would suit those wanting a comfortable stay away from the bustle of the centre.



Istron Bay Hotel, Istron (5 Stars, Half Board)

Halfway around the scenically stunning Bay of Mirabello on Crete's north-east coastline, this well-established hotel stands above its own beach. Although now showing its age in places, the views, friendly atmosphere and fabulous location are just three reasons why many guests return. There's a range of activities on offer, from diving to botanical walks. It's also a great location from which to explore the entire eastern side of the island.



Istron Villas, Istron (SC)

Nine modern villas, boasting all mod cons and each with a pool, terraced up the hillside above the beach. Guests can combine the freedom of a villa holiday with the benefits of a hotel, as the facilities of the Istron Bay Hotel next door can be used by those staying here.



Exclusive Villa Escapes

Our sister-company, the Greek Islands Club, has a wide range of private villas and houses available on Crete, many with a swimming pool. This is a very selective programme aimed at those looking for high levels of comfort, privacy and fine views in quiet, natural surroundings. Please see www.greekislandsclub.com for details, or telephone 020 8232 9780.



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