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recommendations



DINING



CASUAL DINING



SITES & ACTIVITIES



GETTING AROUND



CASUAL DINING

- ✕ **Migomis Piano Restaurant** - Enjoy one of the best restaurants in town, where the menu features both Greek and Italian cuisine. Excellent pastas, Tuscan steaks and the freshest fish and seafood. Ask for a seat by the windows, overlooking the town and sea. Reservations essential in summer
- ✕ **Ferryman Taverna** - Waterside restaurant with excellent views of Spinalonga island. Traditional Greek dishes, some very nice twists from other parts of the Mediterranean
- ✕ **Lotus Eaters** - Sea front dining using local products and offering Cretan specialties
- ✕ **Maistrali** - A traditional tavern in Aghios Nikolaos specializing in meat, Piato, with traditional Cretan cuisine
- ✕ **Kanali Restaurant** - A traditional fish tavern, located right on the beach of Ancient Olous. Will fascinate you with the best sea views and the best local dishes
- ✕ Also visit the family-run taverns in the small **village of Plaka**, located on the beach. Many serve fresh fish so forego the menu and ask what the catch of the day is!



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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
- ✕ **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

- ✕ **Lasithi Plataeu** - also known as the plateau of windwills. It is one of the few areas in the Mediterranean with permanent inhabitants at an altitude over 800 meters and offers great photo opportunities and is home to the legendary **Dikteon Andron**, the cave where Zeus is said to have been born
- ✕ **Kritsa** - a traditional village where the women are famous for their weaving, lace making and embroidery. On the way you should stop to see the wonderful Byzantine frescos in the church of Panagia Kera and the ancient ruins of the Dorian city of Lato
- ✕ **Spinalonga** - an island fortress that has been used through the centuries first by the Venetians then the Ottomans and lastly, in the first half of the 20th century, as a colony for Lepers
- ✕ **Cretaquarium** - located in Gournes near Heraklion, the aquarium offers a unique opportunity to explore the world of Mediterranean sea life. A great family activity!
- ✕ **Chrissi Island** (AKA Gaidouronisi) - this uninhabited island is known for its pristine waters and is great for a day just relaxing and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. There are just 2-3 boats daily that leave from Ierapetra between 10.30am-12.00 and return around 17.00-18.00
- ✕ **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



GETTING AROUND

- ✕ **Bus** - The island has a bus system that will get you to most major towns
- ✕ **Taxi** - There is taxi service on the island
- ✕ **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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