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Chania: An autumn treat of culture, crafts, culinary traditions & outdoor adventure

Discover Greece invites you on a 5-day autumn trip to Chania, a microcosm of all the best features of Crete, Greece's largest island, through local culinary traditions, craft heritage and unforgettable landscapes

Chania Old Town

Enjoy a tailored guided tour of Chania's historic old town & Venetian port

You've probably already seen photos of Chania Old Town, with its cobbled streets, Venetian port and famous lighthouse – a setting made all the richer once you've learned about the legacy of the Arabs, Venetians and Ottomans who once occupied Crete.

So while visitors will undoubtedly enjoy the beautiful beaches, mouthwatering cuisine and much-vaunted hospitality of the locals in one of the most popular destinations in Greece, they will also enjoy dedicating part of their holidays to exploring Chania's Old Town.

A On an island that's self-sufficient in natural produce, farm-to-fork isn't so much a culinary movement as a way of life. of the Venetian Harbour and Old Town of Chania introduces you to the architectural, culinary and cultural legacy of the capital of Crete's easternmost region. Exploring the narrow alleyways, you'll discover the Jewish and Muslim districts and pass by some of the best tavernas and trendiest bars in Chania town, as well as souvenir shops and museums.





Crafts & modern culture

Trace Chania's handcraft tradition, from Minoan times to the art galleries of today

Crete has been famous for its **handcrafted tradition** since the time of the Minoans.

The advanced Bronze Age civilisation that gave us world-famous highlights like the Palace of Knossos and the Phaistos Disc was built upon a sustainable agrarian society that supported not just grand palaces and technological advances but also complicated urban settlements.

And it is this rural heritage that has been carried forward in the local handcraft traditions that you continue to find in and around Chania today.

These include leather boots, woven rucksacks and carpets, glazed ceramics, musical instruments and jewellery of fantastic quality and originality – all of which you will be introduced to.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the creative spectrum, are **art galleries** that offer a window into Chania's contemporary art scene.

A cooking class

Learn the secrets of the local cuisine from the people who know it best

On an island that's self-sufficient in natural produce, farm-to-fork isn't so much a culinary movement as a way of life.

So in **private cooking lesson**, you will be invited not just to sample Chania's many delicacies but to learn the secrets of one of the healthiest in the world, renowned for its locally grown products and traditional recipes that have given us a variety of dishes with a unique taste, freshness and originality.

There's no better way to learn all about Chania's cheeses and natural products like honey, cured meats, greens and pulses.





Off-road Chania

Go wild in the foothills of Crete's White Mountains with a Jeep Safari and easy hike

Next comes an **off-road-adventure** that combines a Jeep safari with a [gentle hike](#) within the Therisso Gorge, in the foothills of Chania's legendary White Mountains.

Your jeep excursion includes visits to some of the most authentic settlements of Crete, as nature reveals itself before your eyes, and is followed by an easy walk on a **hiking path** through cypress trees and other foliage.

The smell of herbs is intense, while sheep and goats roam the countryside and the view within Crete's largest mountain range – with more than 30 peaks of over 2,000m – is unobstructed.



Wine & olive oil

Uncork the secrets of Chania wine-growing and olive oil-producing traditions

Vineyards have been cultivated in Crete for over 4,000 years, with more than 10 indigenous grape varieties (including seven white and four reds) still being grown today.

Unsurprisingly, the wines they produce are perfectly matched to seafood and the local vegetables and wild greens. Vilana is the main white grape, while Mantilari is considered the leader of the native red varieties. But only **a visit to a winery** can give the full picture. The Manousakis Winery, committed to organic production, and the beautifully appointed Dourakis or Karavitakis wineries are two examples.

Meanwhile, extra-virgin olive oil is one of the foundations of the Cretan diet. Rich in aroma and taste and low in acidity, it is the basic source of fat in the Cretan diet. During a **visit to a traditional oil press and tasting session**, you will become immersed in the secrets of Cretan longevity and the tradition of olive oil production.

What we offer



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accommodation**



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**Complimentary meals
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the trip itinerary**

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