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Centre of Mediterranean Architecture, Chania, Crete

1 and 2 April, 2020

Practical info & Hotel Accommodation



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Destination

Chania, the second largest town on Crete (60,000 inhabitants) is the capital of the prefecture of Crete. It is a beautiful town built by the sea and nicely combining old with new traditions that are visible both in its architecture and lifestyle.



During the ancient period (3,000 - 2,800 BC) the old harbour was used by the ancient Minoans, as crossroad of all five continents. Furthermore, this harbour hosted ancient Kydonia to the late 7th century AD, one of the most important cities of ancient Crete, while it was conquered many times during the past by Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, Turks, Hebrews, Egyptians, and Arabs, till the end of the 19th century, when it was liberated. Finally, Chania – as well as the whole Crete - was united with independent Greece in 1913 with the significant help of the great Greek politician Eleftherios Venizelos.

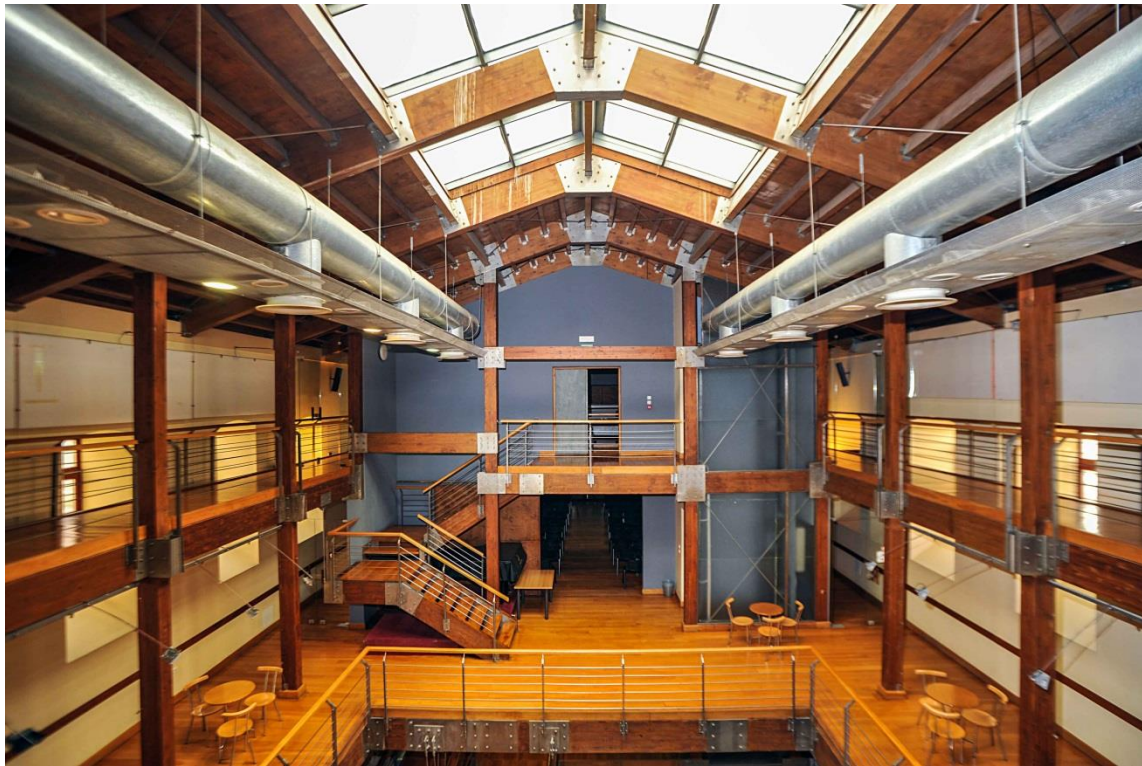
For more information check the [The Chania official City Guide app](#)

Conference venue

The EUSAIR Conference on Blue Growth will take place at the **Centre of Mediterranean Architecture** (Grand Arsenal), located at the old Venetian harbour of Chania.



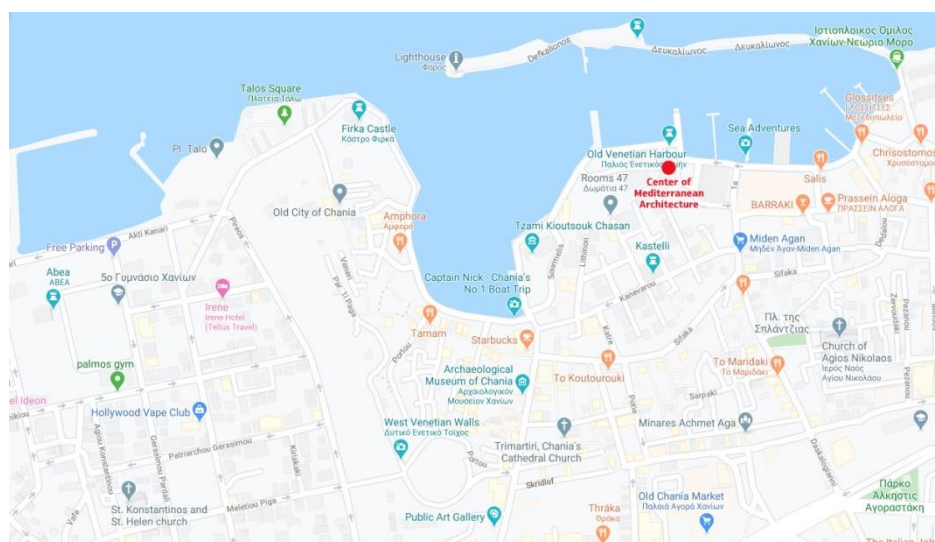
The Grand Arsenal is the last of the 17 Neoria in the west. Its construction started in 1585 by the Intendant Alvise Grimani. A new era began for the Grand Arsenal with the addition of the second floor in 1872 during the Turkish period. The building hosted several important public services and authorities.



Nowadays, it has been transformed from a roofless ruin into an impressive building that hosts various events and exhibitions. Since 2002, after its reformation, it hosts the [Centre of Mediterranean Architecture](#), organising important cultural events, artistic exhibitions and international events related to architecture.

Address: 31, Akti Tombazi str, Katechaki Square, 731 00 Chania, Crete
Tel.: +30 28210 40201

The City of Chania



Transportation from/to the airport

The easiest and most economical way to get to and from Chania airport is by bus. You'll find the bus stop right outside the terminal building and the trip to central Chania should be about 30 minutes. You can purchase a ticket on the bus and it will cost €2.30.

If you want to take a taxi, there's a taxi stand outside of the airport and a ride to the city centre should cost about €13-16.

One of the best ways to get around Chania is to explore on foot, especially the narrow, winding streets and alleys of the various neighbourhoods of the old town. But buses are also a good option for getting around the city. Cost varies according to where you're going and how far, but expect to pay anywhere from €1.20 to €2.50. Note that it's cheaper to buy your tickets from kiosks and vending machines versus directly on the bus. Buses run from approximately 6am to 11pm.

General information

Language

Greek is the official language of Greece. English is widely spoken.

Local Time

Greece Time is GMT+2 (from late March till late October Greece participates in the Western European summer time scheme: GMT+3).

Climate and Weather

Greece has a Mediterranean climate with plenty of sunshine, mild temperatures and a limited amount of rainfall. In the coastal regions, including Attica, summer temperatures average around 27°C, and winter temperatures rarely drop below 10°C.

Opening hours

Banks are open 8:00-14:00 Monday to Friday. Some branches are open until late in the afternoon on working days as well as on Saturdays.

Opening hours for **cafés and restaurants** vary. There are many options from early morning till late at night.

Shops are normally open on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00-15:00, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:00-14:00 and 17:30-21:00 and on Saturdays 9:00-15:00 or 17:00. Department stores and shopping centres are open daily 9:00-21:00 and on Saturdays 9:00-20:00. In some tourist areas shops remain open on Sundays and public holidays as well.

Currency

The currency of Greece is the Euro €.

Currency Exchange

Foreign currency may be exchanged for Euros at most Greek and foreign banks and at exchange bureaus located in the city centre and at the airport.

ATMs and Credit Cards

Almost all banks in Greece have automatic teller machines (ATMs). All major credit cards and traveler's checks are accepted almost everywhere.

Power supply

The power supply in Greece is AC 220V/50Hz. An adaptor may be required for the round two-pin sockets.

Useful numbers

Dial Code for Greece: (+30)

Emergency: Call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for police, fire and ambulance. Alternatively call:

Police: 100

Ambulance Service: 166

Fire Service: 199

SOS Doctors: 1016

LIST OF SUGGESTED HOTELS
(Pre-arranged special rates for the EUSAIR Conference on Blue Growth)

Hotel	Room Type	Room rate per night	Wi-Fi	Distance from city centre	Address, telephone, email & website	How to book
Samaria Hotel ****	Standard Queen		Free	At the city centre	69, Kydonias str, 731 36 Chania tel: +30 28210 38600 fax: +30 28210 38610 www.samariahhotel.gr E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Contact person: Mrs Charalambaki	Booking deadline: 15/3/2020 Through the hotel website with the use of a special code
	- Single	95 €				
	- Double	115 €				
	Premium King (single)	105 €				
	Premium Twin (double)	125 €				
Civitel Akali Hotel ****	Standard Single	75 €	Free	A few minutes from city centre, near old harbour	55, Kissamou str, 731 31 Chania tel: +30 28210 92872 www.akali-hotel.gr e-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Contact person: Mrs Fotini Xirouchaki	Booking deadline: 6/3/2020
	Standard Double or Twin	95 €				
	Superior Double (single use)	115 €				
	Superior Twin	150 €				
		<i>Tax 3,00 € per room per night</i>				
Elia Bettolo Hotel	Single	60 €	Free	At the city centre, near venue	1, Bettolo str, 731 00 Chania tel: +30 28215 04684 www.eliahotels.com/en/838206/elia-betolo1 e-mail: reservations@eliahotels.gr Contact person: Mr Manolis Vlachakis	Booking deadline: 6/3/2020
	Double	70 €				
	Triple	85 €				
		<i>Tax 0,50 € per room per night</i>				
Kriti Hotel ***	Standard Single	77,60 €	Free	At the city centre	Nikiforou Foka & Cyprus str, 731 00 Chania tel: +30 28210 51881 www.kriti-hotel.gr e-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr Contact person: Mr Giorgos Alifierakis	Booking deadline: 9/3/2020 For booking confirmation a 25% advance payment is needed
	Standard Double	86,40 €				
	Superior Double	95,20 €				
	Superior Sea View Double	104,80 €				
		<i>Tax 1,50 € per room per night</i>				
Avra City Hotel ***	Standard Single	70 € (1/11-31/3) & 80 € (1/4-14/6)	Free	A few minutes from city centre	23, Tzanakaki str, 731 34 Chania tel: +30 28210 27970 fax: +30 28210 27973 www.avracityhotel.gr/ e-mail: avracityhotel.gr Contact person: Mrs Peraki	Booking deadline: 3/3/2020 10 rooms available
	Standard 2+1 persons	80 € (1/11-31/3) & 92 € (1/4-14/6)				
		<i>Tax 1,50 € per room per night</i>				

Hotel	Room Type	Room rate per night	Wi-Fi	Distance from city centre	Address, telephone, email & website	How to book
Kydon Hotel ****	Classic Double	98 €	Free	Close to city centre	Sofokli Venizelou Sq. & 2, Gen. Tzanakaki str., 731 34 Chania tel: +30 28210 52280 kydonhotel.com/en e-mail: info@kydonhotel.com Contact person: Mrs Theano Chrysocheraki	Booking deadline: 3/3/2020 Through telephone or e-mail mentioning Conference name or through website.
	Comfort Double/Twin	103 €				
	Superior Double/Twin	113 €				
	<i>Additional 10% discount for single use</i>	<i>Tax 3,00 € per room per night</i>				
Central City Hotel	Single	55 €			27, Skalidi str, 731 00 Chania tel: +30 28210 73131, +30 6948 515669 e-mail: info@centralchania.gr Contact person: Mrs Olga Gerakaki	Booking deadline: 10/3/2020
	Double	65 €				
		<i>Tax 0,50 € per room per night</i>				