

Souda (Chania), Crete, Greece

Your ship calls at Souda Bay, a deep-water NATO and commercial port on Crete's north coast — a quick bus or taxi ride from Chania, one of Greece's most beautiful old towns, with a sweeping Venetian harbor, labyrinthine alleys, and world-class Cretan food.

 Docked (pier)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Greek  Venetian & Ottoman heritage

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Souda Bay — no tendering

Port to Chania center: 6.5 km; ~15 min by taxi or bus

Best For: History, Venetian architecture, beaches, Cretan cuisine

Don't Miss: Walk the breakwater to the Venetian Lighthouse

 Getting around:  Taxi  €25–€30 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chania Old Town & Venetian Harbor Walk** — Stroll the horseshoe harbor front past Venetian arsenals and the Küçük Hasan Mosque, then walk the breakwater jetty all...
- **Balos Lagoon & Gramvousa Island Boat Trip** — A full-day boat excursion from Kissamos (1 hr west of Chania) to Balos, a dreamy lagoon with shallow turquoise water...
- **Samaria Gorge Hike** — Europe's longest gorge — 16 km through the White Mountains from Xyloskalo plateau to the Libyan Sea at Agia Roumeli.
- **Maritime Museum & Firka Fortress** — Inside the Venetian Firka Fortress at the harbor mouth, this museum covers Cretan naval history from ancient times...
- **Nea Chora Beach Day** — A long sandy city beach a 15-minute walk west of the Venetian Harbor.

BEST WALKS

- **Venetian Harbor Loop & Lighthouse** 2 km · 30-45 min · Easy · Free — Start at the bus/taxi drop-off near the Municipal Market.
- **Old Town Alleys: Evraiki & Splantzia** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy · Free — From the harbor front, duck into the Evraiki (Jewish Quarter) for its flower-filled passages and Etz Hayyim Synagogue, then head east...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

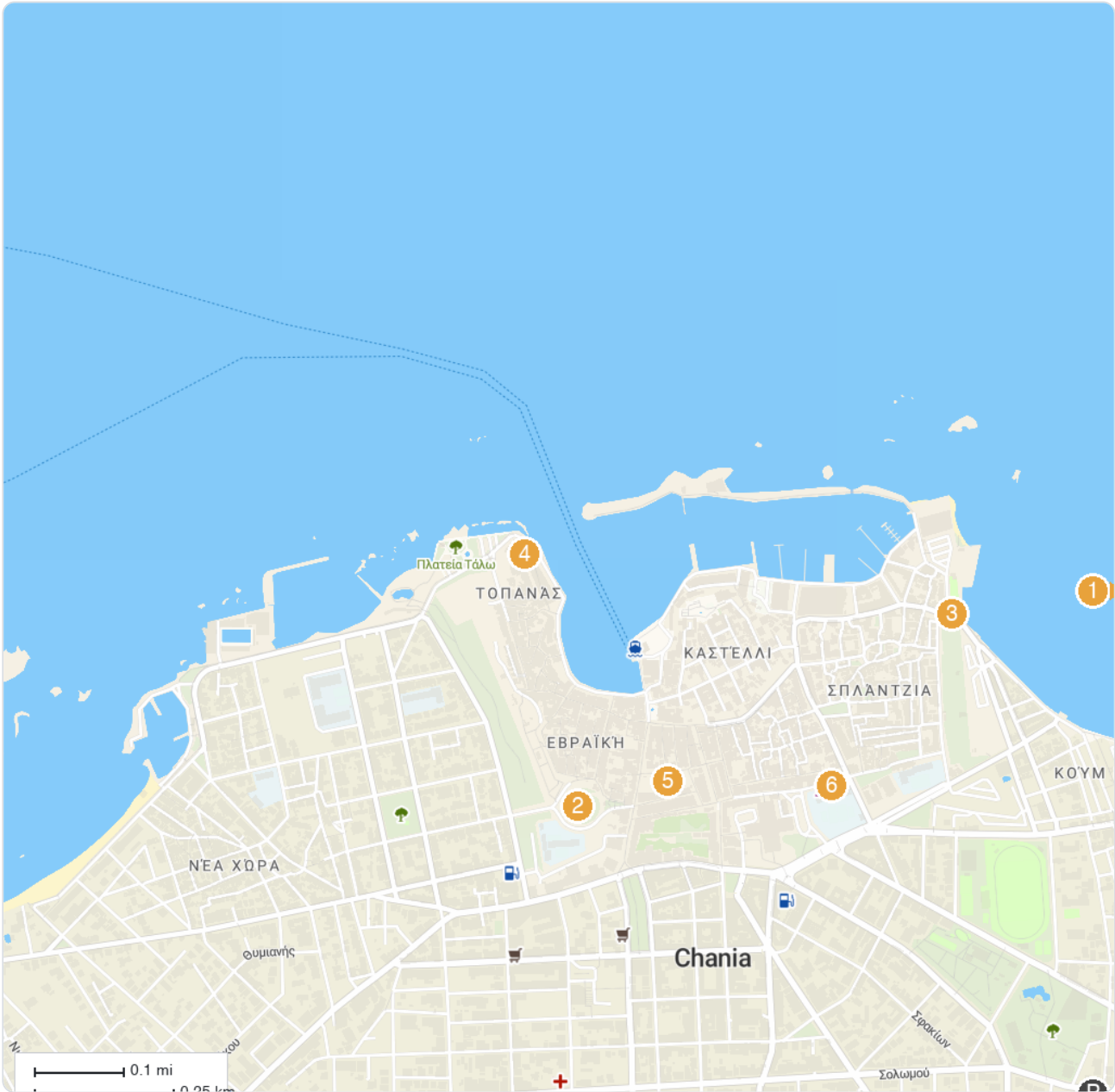
CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:51AM–7:56PM · Jun 6:08AM–8:40PM · Aug 6:43AM–8:12PM · Sep 7:06AM–7:30PM · Oct 7:30AM–6:48PM	
Apr	66°	56°	5d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	79°	70°	3d		
Aug	84°	75°	2d		
Sep	80°	71°	6d		
Oct	73°	65°	8d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the public bus. Line 13 from the port gate costs ~€1.50 and runs every 20 min — far cheaper than the cruise shuttle and nearly as fast.
- Wear proper shoes. Chania's Old Town is paved with uneven cobblestones and polished Venetian marble — slippery when wet, tough on flip-flops.

Souda (Chania), Crete, Greece — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Eleftherios Venizelos House

Home of famous Greek statesman Eleftherios Venizelos.
- 2

Land bastion

A historic defensive fortification with bay views.
- 3

Porta Sabbionara

Historic Venetian gate, entrance to the old town.
- 4

Ενετικό φρούριο Φιρκά | Firka Venetian Fortress

Historic Venetian fortress now housing a maritime museum.
- 5

Holy Metropolitan Church of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary (Trimartiri)

Main cathedral of Chania, a beautiful Orthodox church.
- 6

Greek National Football Team Museum

Museum dedicated to the history of Greek football.
- P

Cruise port / terminal