

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

### **How to get there**

There are two international airports on Crete. Heraklion Airport (Kazantzakis International Airport) and Chania Airport (Ioannis Daskalogiannis International Airport) and you can choose either of them.

**Heraklion International Airport** is the primary airport on the island of Crete, Greece, and the country's second busiest airport after Athens International Airport. It is located about 5 km east of the main city center of Heraklion, near the municipality of Nea Alikarnassos and ~76 km from Rethymnon.

The Heraklion Airport serves as a hub for [Olympic Airways](#), [Sky Express](#), [Ryanair](#) and [Aegean Air](#). In addition to the three airlines mentioned above, Heraklion Airport also services domestic flights to and from the other Greek islands, such as Santorini, Rhodes, Mykonos and Paros.

Charter Flights from all major European cities to Heraklion, Crete last 3 to 5 hours. Flights to Heraklion are available by many airlines from various parts of Europe. These charter flights come mostly from Romania, Italy, Germany, Russia and the United Kingdom.

You can travel to Heraklion, Crete from anywhere in the world via Athens (Greece). The distance from Athens is about 205 Miles and there are several flights a day (air time from Athens to Heraklion is about an hour).

**Chania International Airport** is located on the north west of Crete and it is ~65 km from Rethymnon.

Chania Airport is directly connected to Athens International Airport with around 10 domestic flights daily run by [Olympic Air](#) and [Aegean Air](#). There are also other direct scheduled airline connections from major European cities as well as many charter flights from most European countries. The distance from Athens is about 307 Km and air time from Athens to Chania is about 40 min.

Alternatively, one can use the ferry-boat connecting Chania with the harbour of Piraeus (Athens).

Connection is offered by ANEK Lines and the overnight trip takes about 7 hours.

### **By Plane:**

Participants can reach Rethymno by air travel from Athens via Chania ([Daskalogiannis Airport – CHQ](#)) or Heraklion ([N. Kazantzakis Airport – HER](#)). Flights between Athens and either of these cities take less than one hour.

Also there are flights of low cost airlines, which connect Heraklion and Chania directly to European cities. For more information you can check the following airlines: [EasyJet](#) (Heraklion or Chania), [Transavia](#) (Heraklion or Chania) and [Ryanair](#) (Heraklion)

### **By Ferry:**

Ferryboat connection between Athens (Piraeus) and Crete is available to Heraklion by [MINOAN Lines](#), [ANEK Lines](#), [Blue Star Ferries](#) or Chania, Souda Bay by [ANEK Lines](#). On arrival at either Heraklion or Souda port travelers can choose between the bus and taxi options.

## **TRAVEL IN CRETE:**

### **A) Taxi**

Taxi is the most convenient way for travelling. The rates are more or less fixed for all taxi companies. Transfer by taxi from Heraklion is ~88€ and ~ 88€ - 95€ from Chania Airport per transfer. We can arrange for taxi sharing with other participants arriving on the same flight where possible. This can be arranged through the conference agent: [efi@mitos.com.gr](mailto:efi@mitos.com.gr)

### **B) Bus**

Crete offers an excellent bus service to take you to any part of Crete at very good prices. On arrival at Heraklion or Chania Airport participants can take a town bus or taxi to the city of Heraklion or Chania bus station (KTEL). From either bus station, busses leave for Rethymnon bus terminal every hour from 05:30 to 21:00 (Heraklion Bus Station: <https://www.ktelherlas.gr/en/> and Chania Bus Station: <https://www.e-ktel.com/en/>).

### **C) Car Rental**

Car rental is a convenient way to travel and there are multiple car hire companies offering special deals.