

Your Way Away

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Crete

10 days: Chania, Rethymno, Knossos and the island's lagoons

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Crete from west to east: the Venetian harbour of Chania, turquoise lagoons at Balos and Elafonisi, the Samaria Gorge in season, the old town of Rethymno, the Minoan palace of Knossos and a boat to the fortress island of Spinalonga. A rental car gives you freedom. Book everything yourself and keep this guide on your phone: it works offline.

At a glance

ID card
is enough for Czech and other EU citizens

Euro
cards accepted in most places; carry some cash for villages

+1 h
time difference from Central Europe all year

May–Oct
beach season; the Samaria Gorge is usually open only in this period

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Car
a rental car is the easiest way to reach beaches and villages

≈ 200 km
from Chania to Agios Nikolaos along the north coast road

Estimate

Tags: Checked confirmed with a current source on the date on the cover · Estimate approximate value.

Day by day

1 **Arrive in Chania**

Pick up the car, check in near the old town, sunset at the Venetian lighthouse.

2 **Balos and Gramvousa**

Boat from Kissamos port to the Gramvousa fortress and Balos lagoon.

3 **Samaria Gorge or Elafonisi**

In season, the gorge hike (about 16 km, organised bus and boat back), or the pink-sand beach of Elafonisi.

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What you will see



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Old harbour, Chania

A Venetian harbour with a lighthouse, colourful houses and a maze of lanes behind it. Lovely early in the morning and at sunset.

Time: half a day



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Balos lagoon

Shallow turquoise water between a cape and an islet. Reach it by boat from Kissamos or by a rough road and a steep walk.

Time: 1 day

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The full guide: Crete

12 pages, in English and Czech. Checked on the date on the cover.

- The whole route day by day, with nights in each place
- When to go, month by month
- Every place with photos and how long to spend
- Getting around, where to stay, money and food
- Manners, safety and a before-you-go checklist
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