



WEST CRETE: CHANIA – KOURNAS LAKE – RETHYMNO

Join us on a journey to the beautiful west side of Crete, where history and nature come together.

Our first stop is **Chania**, one of the most charming cities on the island. Chania has two parts: the Old Town, with its stunning Venetian harbour, and the New Town, built outside the old city walls. The Old Town, often called the "Venice of the East," is full of history. Walking through its streets, you will see a mix of cultures—Minoan ruins, Turkish mosques, Venetian fortresses, old mansions, and the famous lighthouse.

Next, we visit **the Lake of Kournas**, the only natural freshwater lake in Crete. Surrounded by green hills, this peaceful spot is home to rare fish and birds, including eels, moorhens, and two-coloured turtles. Due to its unique ecosystem, it is a protected area under Natura 2000. Here, you can swim in the clear waters, rent a paddle boat to explore the calm waters, take a walk around the lake, or just relax and enjoy the view before lunch.

On our way back, we stop at **Rethymno**, Crete's third-largest town. This city is a fascinating mix of different cultures, with influences from the Venetians, Ottomans, and ancient Greeks. Walk through the narrow streets of the Old Town, see the Turkish minarets and Venetian fortresses, or simply enjoy a coffee by the beautiful harbour.

TIME SCHEDULE*:	07:00-09:30 Pick Up
	09:50 Stop in Skaleta for breakfast & WC
	10:05 Departure from Skaleta
	11:30 Arrival at Chania
	13:45 Departure from Chania
	14:45 Arrival at Lake Kournas (for swimming & lunch)
	16:15 Departure from Lake Kournas

16:45 Arrival at Rethymno

18:00 Departure from Rethymno

19:00-20:15 Return to hotels – Drop Off

ROUTE: 340 km

DURATION: approx. 11-12 hours, depending on the accommodation location

STAY IN CHANIA: approx. 2 hours

STAY IN LAKE KOURNAS: approx. 1 ½ hours

STAY IN RETHYMNO: approx. 1 hour and 15 min.

*** Please note: The timings listed in the itinerary are approximate and may change due to traffic, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances.**