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## **10 days traveling in Crete - Santorini - Athens**

Plan Days 10

*The plane will land in Crete ... a taste of Greece with the triangle  
Crete - Santorini - Athens!*


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1. Heraklion International Airport “Nikos Kazantzakis”   
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Culture/Monuments & sights

### Day 10

1. Plaka & Anafiotika   
Culture/Monuments & sights
2. National Archeological Museum  
Culture/Museums
3. Athens International Airport  
"Eleftherios Venizelos"  
About region/Access & Useful info



## 1. Heraklion International Airport "Nikos Kazantzakis"

About region / Access & Useful info

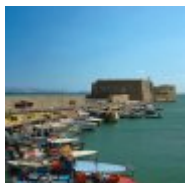
**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

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W25.174157700000023



## 2. Heraklion

About region / Main cities & villages

**Απόσταση:**

by car 3.2km

**Χρόνος:**

07'

GPS: N35.3387352,  
W25.144212599999946



## 3. The Fortress "Rocca al Mare" (Koules)

Culture / Castles

 Location:  
Heraklion

**Απόσταση:**

on foot 1.5km

**Χρόνος:**

21'

GPS: N35.34461633871706,  
W25.137024279840034

**Note:** For the first day in town, a visit to the fortress and a walk by the sea is the perfect introduction to the island!



## 1. Heraklion

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N35.3387352,  
W25.144212599999946



## 2. Phaistos Palace

Culture / Archaeological sites



Location:  
Phaistos

Contact:  
Tel: (+30) 28920 42315

**Απόσταση:**

by car 60.8km

**Χρόνος:**

1h07'

GPS: N35.051367071816586,  
W24.814212986755365

**Note:** Great Minoan civilization ... great the palaces would be!  
We're going!



## 3. Matala

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

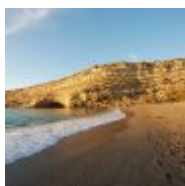
by car 11.5km

**Χρόνος:**

16'

GPS: N34.9931068,  
W24.749638600000026

**Note:** Impressive caves, sunset and swim in the Libyan!



## 4. Matala

Nature / Beaches



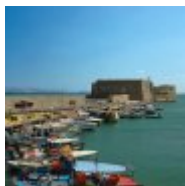
**Απόσταση:**

on foot 0.0km

**Χρόνος:**

00'

GPS: N34.99402088087742,  
W24.749896092065455



## 1. Heraklion

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**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N35.3387352,  
W25.144212599999946



## 2. Knossos Palace

Culture / Archaeological sites



Location:  
Knossos

Contact:  
Tel: (+30) 2810 231940,  
226470, 226092, 224630

**Απόσταση:**

by car 5.9km

**Χρόνος:**

11'

GPS: N35.29796377247185,  
W25.1632998637848

**Note:** Morning visit to another palace? Of course! It's the best!



## 3. Archanes

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

by car 9.1km

**Χρόνος:**

11'

GPS: N35.2353169,  
W25.159311900000034

**Note:** Afternoon in the traditional village and dinner in the famous taverns.



## 1. Athinios Port

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**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

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GPS: N36.38614318046194,  
W25.429580183886742



## 2. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

by car 19.1km

**Χρόνος:**

29'

GPS: N36.4618199,  
W25.37531009999998

**Note:** In the afternoon we arrive to Santorini! We go directly to Oia where we will stay! Looks like a fairy tale!



### 1. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N36.4618199,  
W25.37531009999998



### 2. Archaeological Site of Akrotiri

Culture / Archaeological sites



Location:  
Akrotiri

Contact:  
Tel: (+30) 22860 81939

**Απόσταση:**

by car 23.4km

**Χρόνος:**

33'

GPS: N36.35120376097702,  
W25.403414385583346

**Note:** Important archaeological site of an equally remarkable civilization! Wonder if Atlantis was here?



### 3. Red Beach

Nature / Beaches



**Απόσταση:**

on foot 1.2km

**Χρόνος:**

16'

GPS: N36.348515840035596,  
W25.394681497070337

**Note:** Swimming very close to the archaeological site and lunch by the sea to the tavernas of Acrotiri



### 4. Pyrgos

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

by car 9.1km

**Χρόνος:**

11'

GPS: N36.38272783183575,  
W25.449613137695337

**Note:** Afternoon coffee, walking in the narrow streets and magnificent views!





## 1. Oia (Ia)

About region / Main cities & villages



### Απόσταση:

Start -

Χρόνος:

-

GPS: N36.4618199,  
W25.37531009999998



## 2. Ancient Thira

Culture / Archaeological sites



Location:  
Kamari

Contact:  
Tel: (+30) 22860 23217

### Απόσταση:

by car 22.8km

Χρόνος:

38'

GPS: N36.36227155994029,  
W25.48076967761233

**Note:** Morning hiking and visit to the archaeological site with amazing views ... perfect! It has ascent but definitely will be worth the view from up there.



## 3. Kamari

Nature / Beaches



### Απόσταση:

by car 4.4km

Χρόνος:

1h04'

GPS: N36.37457361146372,  
W25.484546227905298

**Note:** After hiking, swimming is the best, and the food by the sea too!



## 1. Oia (Ia)

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**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N36.4618199,  
W25.37531009999998




## 2. Museum of Prehistoric Thira

Culture / Museums



 Location:  
Fira

 Contact:  
Tel:(+30) 22860 23217

**Απόσταση:**

by car 11.4km

**Χρόνος:**

15'

GPS: N36.41661125512215,  
W25.432529956622375

**Note:** I want to see for as much time as possible the frescoes but do not forget that the ship is leaving for Piraeus at noon. In the evening we will be in Athens!

## 3. Athinios Port

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**Απόσταση:**

by car 7.5km

**Χρόνος:**

1h42'

GPS: N36.38614318046194,  
W25.429580183886742



### 1. Port of Piraeus

About region / Access & Useful info



**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N37.947909841013754,  
W23.641919189379905



### 2. Athens

About region / Main cities & villages



**Απόσταση:**

by car 14.3km

**Χρόνος:**

21'

GPS: N37.99345652844329,  
W23.747162483203056



### 3. Acropolis

Culture / Archaeological sites



Contact:

T: (+30) 210 3214172,  
3236665

**Απόσταση:**

by car 4.9km

**Χρόνος:**

14'

GPS: N37.97140447116774,  
W23.726399011114495

**Note:** Better enter from the entrance at the Ancient Theater of Dionysus, make the round of the Sacred Rock and see the offerings to the gods and nymphs.



### 4. Plaka & Anafiotika

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Απόσταση:**

on foot 0.5km

**Χρόνος:**

06'

GPS: N37.973169675123785,  
W23.727746963476534

**Note:** Well, yes, here is certainly beautiful and picturesque.



## 1. Ancient Agora

Culture / Archaeological sites



**Note:** Early in the morning at the Ancient Agora, where the cynics roamed and Socrates frequented.



Contact:  
T: (+30) 210 3210185,  
3214825, 3210180

**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N37.97504693747936,  
W23.721854164001456



## 2. Commercial Center of Athens

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Note:** Let's see contemporary market of the city ... definitely will have a much greater extent than the ancient. :) Stop at Square St. Irene, the rising haunt of the city!

**Απόσταση:**

on foot 0.9km

**Χρόνος:**

09'

GPS: N37.9759602283778,  
W23.731440361901832



## 1. Plaka & Anafiotika

Culture / Monuments & sights



**Note:** A farewell breakfast in the lovely district and then directly to the museum.

**Απόσταση:**

Start -

**Χρόνος:**

-

GPS: N37.973169675123785,  
W23.727746963476534



## 2. National Archeological Museum

Culture / Museums



**Note:** One of the best museums in the world ... closing at 15:00 so go as early as possible!

Location:  
Athens

Contact:  
T: (+30) 213214 4800,  
2144856, 2144858

**Απόσταση:**

by car 2.1km

**Χρόνος:**

26'

GPS: N37.989010737198946,  
W23.73236636560671



## 3. Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"

About region / Access & Useful info



**Απόσταση:**

by car 39.9km

**Χρόνος:**

31'

GPS: N37.9363244,  
W23.947402199999942

## Heraklion Prefecture

### Access

**By boat:** There are two departures daily from Piraeus throughout the year, four during summer time. The journey takes eight hours, and the ships are large and comfortable. In summer time there is connection with the Cyclades (Anafi, Santorini, Milos, Mykonos, Paros, Ios) and the Dodecanese (Halki, Karpathos, Kasos, Rhodes). There is also scheduled service connecting Heraklion to Sitia. The frequency of departures varies depending on the season.

**By plane:** Heraklion has the largest airport in Crete, the international airport "N. Kazantzakis" and serves flights from Athens Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (a flight of fifty minutes) and from Thessaloniki Macedonia Airport (a flight of an hour and fifteen minutes). Heraklion is also connected by air with Santorini, Mykonos, Paros and Rhodes as well as the United Kingdom, Italy, Russia, Germany, etc., with a large number of charter flights. The frequency of service varies depending on the season.

Tel: (+30) 281 397 800

[www.heraklion-airport.info](http://www.heraklion-airport.info)

**By car:** The prefecture of Heraklion and Heraklion city have easy road access from the surrounding prefectures. Indicatively Heraklion is 138km. from Chania, 65km. from Agios Nikolaos, 79km. from Rethymnon and 68 km. from Elounda. If you are in Heraklion you are 5km away from Knossos, 36km. from Anogia, 60km. from Phaistos, 27km. from Hersonissos, 34km. from Malia and 70km. from Matala.

### Domestic transportation

For transportation you can use the bus service that operates both within the county as well as connecting Heraklion with the big cities in the surrounding prefectures.

Information services: (+30) 2810 245020, 246530, 255965

[www.ktelherlas.gr](http://www.ktelherlas.gr)

### Useful telephone numbers

#### Health Services

University Hospital: (+30) 2810 392111

Venizelio - Pananio Hospital: (+30) 2810 368000

Agia Varvara Health Center: (+30) 28940 22222

Ano Viannou Health Center: (+30) 28950 22626

Arkalohori Health Center: (+30) 28910 23013

Kastelli Health Center: (+30) 28910 29400

Mires Health Center: (+30) 28920 23378

Haraka Health Center: (+30) 28930 22545

#### Municipalities

Municipality of Heraklion: (+30) 2810 399 399

Municipality of Hersonissos: (+30) 28970 30000

Municipality of Kastelli: (+30) 28910 29360

Municipality of Arkalochori: (+30) 28913 40300

Municipality of Timpaki: (+30) 28920 51250

#### Police Authority

Heraklion Police Station: (+30) 2810 274010

Hersonissos Police Station: (+30) 29 338 2810

Kastelli Police Station: (+30) 32 100 2810

Heraklion Tourist Police: (+30) 2810 274 046

#### Port Authority

Port Authority: (+30) 2810 244912

#### Transportation

Airport: (+30) 2810 397800  
Bus Station: (+30) 2810 255 965  
Taxis: (+30) 2810 210 102

## Santorini

### Access

**By boat:** The island has daily connections with Piraeus by boat that is approaching the island in about 8 hours, and fast ferries that arrive in about 5 hours. The frequency of flights and routes vary depending on the season.

**By air:** Santorini Airport is also receiving daily flights from Athens and Thessaloniki, as well as from abroad. The frequency of flights and routes vary depending on the season.

### Local transportation

For getting around the island you can use the local buses through frequent routes connecting Fira with other villages and points of interest. You will find also many options to rent a car, motorbike or ATV.

**Marinas:** For anyone visiting Santorini by boat, the marina at Vlichada is the most organized, where boats can refuel and get water. Other options are Armeni below Ia, the Amoudi and at Thirasia, Korfos and Riva.

### Useful telephone numbers

#### Health Services

Health Center (Fira): (+30) 22860 22237

First Aid (Emporio): (+30) 22860 81222

First Aid (Kamari): (+30) 22860 31175

First Aid (Ia): (+30) 22860 71227

First Aid (Pyrgos): (+30) 22860 31207

First Aid (Thirasia): (+30) 22860 29144

#### Municipality

Municipality of Thira: (+30) 22863 60100

Community of Ia: (+30) 22860 71228

#### Police

Police Station (Fira): (+30) 22860 22649

#### Port Authority

Port Authority: (+30) 22860 22239

#### Fire Service

Fire Service: (+30) 22860 33199

#### Transportation

Santorini Airport: (+30) 22860 28400

Bus station: (+30) 22860 25404

Taxi: (+30) 22860 22555

#### Other

Pharmacy (Fira): (+30) 22860 22700

(Fira): (+30) 22860 23444

(Fira): (+30) 22860 25310

Pharmacy (Ia): (+30) 22860 71464

Pharmacy (Kamari): (+30) 22860 32440

Pharmacy (Messaria): (+30) 22860 32566

Municipality of Thira (Office of Civil Marriages): (+30) 22860 28094

Cable Car (Fira): (+30) 22860 22977



## Attiki Prefecture

### Access

#### By bus

**Bus station Kifissos (KTEL):** This is the central bus station connecting Athens with most cities of Greece. It is located at 100 Kifissou Avenue Str. and it can be accessed by the bus lines X93 from "Eleftherios Venizelos" airport, 051 from Omonia and 420 from Piraeus.

Tel.: (+30) 210 5124910-11, 5132601

**Bus station Liosion (KTEL):** The station is located at 26 Stratigou Dagkli Str. and there are several itineraries to neighboring prefectures of Attica. It can be easily accessed since there is a large number of bus lines passing by the station, such as X93, 420, 701, 704, A10, B10 et al.

Tel.: (+30) 210 8317186

You can call 14505, where recorded information for all the bus stations (KTEL) and the itineraries are provided.

#### By train

TRAI NOSE and OSE: TRAI NOSE is the suburban railway company and OSE is the traditional railway company. There are itineraries that connect Attica with central and smaller cities.

Tel.: 14511 (recorded messages)

[www.trainose.gr](http://www.trainose.gr) and [www.ose.gr](http://www.ose.gr)

**By boat:** The prefecture of Athens has three ports to service the passengers' wants. The largest one, the port of Piraeus, is located closer to Athens and thence depart most of the ships. Then follow the ports of Rafina (40km from Athens) and Lavrio (60km from Athens), which have less traffic and itineraries only to certain islands of the Aegean Sea.

**Port of Piraeus:** It can be easily accessed due to its close distance from Athens. Moreover, the easiest way to get there is by electric-powered train, whose terminal station is located across the port. The passengers can also take the Suburban Railway, whose terminal station is a few meters away from the station of the electric powered train. Moreover, a large number of buses connect the port with several areas of Athens and the suburbs, while it is connected with the airport via the bus line X96.

Tel.: 14541 (for itineraries, changes or delay information)

[www.olp.gr](http://www.olp.gr)

**Port of Rafina:** To the east of the prefecture of Attica, on the coast Andreas Papandreou is located the port of Rafina. The port can be accessed either by private means or by the itineraries of the bus station (KTEL) of Attica, from where ships depart for Andros, Syros, Tinos, and Mykonos.

Tel.: (+30) 22940 23605, 22840

[www.rafinaport.gr](http://www.rafinaport.gr)

**Port of Lavrio:** Nearly at the southeast part of Attica, shortly after Sounio, lies the port of Lavrio. It can be accessed either by car or by taxi or by bus (bus station (KTEL) Attica). The port of Lavrio is 60km from Athens and 25km from "El. Venizelos" airport. Moreover, this port has several itineraries to Kea, Lesbos, Limnos, Chios and some other islands of the Aegean Sea.

Tel.: (+30) 22920 27711, 22089

[www.oll.gr](http://www.oll.gr)

**By plane:** "Eleftherios Venizelos", the national airport of Athens, is located in Spata and is one of the most modern airports. It can be accessed by the following public means of transport: the Suburban Railway, the Metro (blue line), and the bus lines X95 from Syntagma Square, X96 from Piraeus, X93 from the bus station Kifissos and X97 from the metro station Dafni.

Tel.: (+30) 210 3530000

[www.aia.gr](http://www.aia.gr)

### Domestic transportation

Means of transport in Athens and Piraeus: The public transport in Athens and Piraeus accommodates almost every corner of the city. In particular, there are:

- The buses (ETHEL) and the trolley buses
- The Attic Metro, which is the fastest mean of transport in Athens
- The Electric-powered Railway, which connects the northern suburbs with the port of Piraeus and is also connected with the two Metro lines.
- Moreover, there are two tram lines that connect Piraeus with the center of Athens and the southern coastline from Piraeus till Voula.
- For itineraries information, you can contact the Urban Transport Organization of Attica in the telephone numbers 185 and (+30) 210 8200999  
[www.oasa.gr](http://www.oasa.gr)

**Bus station Attica (KTEL):** The destinations within the prefecture are accommodated by the point of departure in Athens and specifically at Mavromateon in Pedion of Areos (railway station "Victoria") and at the Agion Asomaton Square in Thissio (railway station "Thissio").

Tel.: (+30) 210 8808080

You can also call 14505, where recorded information are provided for all the bus stations (KTEL) and the itineraries.

**Marinas:** If you are traveling by private boat in Attica you will find several marinas

Marina of Flisvos: Trokantero area T: (+30) 210 9871000-2

Marina Zeas: Piraeus (+30) 210 4559000

Marina Vouliagmeni: 77 Apollonos Str., T: (+30) 210 8960012-5

Marina Alimos: Kalamaki area, T: (+30) 210 9880000

Marina Glyfada: 2 Saki Karagiorga, Glyfada T: (+30) 213 2025366, 2025200

Marina Olympic: 77th km Athens-Sounion, Lavrio T: (+30) 22920 63700

## Useful telephone numbers

### Health Services

The number you can call to learn on duty hospitals is the 166 and the 106, which you can also call in an emergency.

Emergency call: 166

Poisons Centre: (+30) 210 7793777

On duty hospitals/pharmacies/doctors: 14944

### Municipalities

Municipality of Athens: 63 Athinas Str., Kotzia Square

T: (+30) 213 2082200, 5277000, 33108261

[www.cityofathens.gr](http://www.cityofathens.gr)

Municipality of Piraeus: Korai Square & 1 Dragatsi Str., Piraeus

T: (+30) 213 2022000, 4127941, 4194000

### Police Authorities

Emergency call: 100

Tourist police: 171, (+30) 210 6977386

All police services: 1033

Traffic police: (+30) 210 5230111

Road service: 10400

### Port Authorities

Port authority of Piraeus: Coast Miaouli 50, Piraeus: (+30) 210 4147800, 4226000

Port authority of Rafina: Coast Andrea Papandreou 1, Rafina: (+30) 22940 22300, 28888

Port authority of Lavrio: (+30) 22920 25249, 26859

Emergency call: 108

### Fire Service, Forestry

Emergency call: 199

Forestry: (+30) 210 60173290, 6395280

### Transportations

Urban buses: 185 [www.oasa.gr](http://www.oasa.gr)

Attiko Metro: (+30) 210 5194001, [www.ametro.gr](http://www.ametro.gr)

Suburban Railway: (+30) 210 5272000, [www.proastiakos.gr](http://www.proastiakos.gr)

Tram: (+30) 210 9978000, [www.tramsa.gr](http://www.tramsa.gr)

Electric Railway: (+30) 210 3248311, 1440, [www.isap.gr](http://www.isap.gr)

Hellenic Railways Organization: (+30) 210 5297777, [www.ose.gr](http://www.ose.gr)

Suburban Buses: (+30) 1440210, 5124910, [www.ktel.org](http://www.ktel.org)

Athens Sightseeing Public Bus N.400: 185

Taxi

Kosmos: 18300, (+30) 210 5200020

Hellas: 801 1157000, (+30) 210 6457000

Enotita: 801 1151000, (+30) 210 6459000

Hermes: (+30) 210 4115200

Ikaros: (+30) 210 5152800

Europi: (+30) 210 5023783

Express: (+30) 210 9943000

Athina 1: (+30) 1203, 210 9212800

Apollon: (+30) 210 3636508

Asteras: (+30) 210 6144000

Protoporia: (+30) 210 2130400

Glyfada: (+30) 210 9605600