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| 11 | **Introduction** | **Localise** | Crete offers great beaches, breathtaking mountain landscapes, historic cities, and lively vacation resorts. Cretan hospitality is famous, and most people working in hotels and restaurants speak fluent English - and often several other languages as well. It's easy to get around using public transport, but if you'd rather drive there are plenty of car rental outlets and main roads are good. |  |
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| 13 | **Body 2** | **Localise** | <h3>  Not to miss  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  Your vacation in Crete can be a journey through 4,000 years of the island's history. Must-sees include ancient Knossos, but other Minoan palace sites such as Festos are worth a look too. Don't miss the Roman-Byzantine ruins from the dawn of Christianity at Gortyna, and make time to walk the battlements of the Venetian  <i>  Fortezza  </i>  in Rethymnon. Walk down the Samaria Gorge, through the White Mountains, for a taste of wilderness. And take in 1 of the small museums celebrating Cretan folkways, which have vanished only within the last few decades.  <p>  </p>  <h3>  Getting around  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  Crete has 2 international airports; Heraklion (HER) and Chania (CHQ). They both receive charter flights from most European countries between April and October, with some scheduled flights operating all year round. Domestic flights also operate between both cities and Athens. Fast and frequent coaches operated by the KTEL consortium connect all Crete's major cities via the E75 coastal highway. You can also use taxis for long-distance trips as well as within towns. All 3 major cities have urban bus networks, but walking is the easy way to get around the historic town centers.  <p>  </p>  <h3>  Cuisine  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  Crete has its own cuisine. High in pulses, olives, and olive oil, vegetables, and foraged greens, and low on red meat, the "Cretan diet" puts Cretans among the world's longest-living people. You'll find dishes from this traditional menu in trendier restaurants. In resorts, you'll also find eateries offering versions of American, British, Indian, and Italian food. For authentic Cretan eating find a  <i>  mezedopoleion  </i>  , serving lots of tiny, varied, tapas-style dishes that you can order by the platter. Also seek out a  <i>  psarotaverna  </i>  , or specialist fish restaurant, and for carnivores, a  <i>  psistaria  </i>  grill.  <p>  </p>  <h3>  Customs and etiquette  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  Although Crete is steeped in tradition, it has adapted to tourism in just a few decades and has few cultural quirks to trouble visitors. Topless sunbathing - unthinkable a generation ago - is tolerated, as is discreet nudism in more secluded spots. When visiting the monasteries or churches though, modesty is required. That usually means trousers and shirts with sleeves for men, and clothes that cover knees and shoulders for women. Crete's reputation as a party island is justified, with cheap drinks attracting young British summer visitors to resorts such as Malia. However, islanders generally disapprove of public drunkenness.  <p>  </p>  <h3>  Fast facts  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <ul>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  Population:  </strong>  </em>  538000  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  Spoken languages:  </strong>  </em>  Greek, English, German, Italian  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  Electrical:  </strong>  </em>  230 volts, 50 Hz, plug type C, F  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  Phone calling code:  </strong>  </em>  +30  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  Emergency number:  </strong>  </em>  007  </li>  </ul> | <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  <i>  </i>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  <i>  </i>  <i>  </i>  <i>  </i>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <p>  <p>  </p>  <h3>  </h3>  <p>  </p>  <ul>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  </strong>  </em>  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  </strong>  </em>  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  </strong>  </em>  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  </strong>  </em>  </li>  <p>  </p>  <li>  <em>  <strong>  </strong>  </em>  </li>  </ul> |
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