

## Precious Landmarks

### East Crete

- Asterousia Mountains on the way to Lentas
- Basilica of St Mark, the Heraklion Municipal Art Gallery
- Chrissi Island or just "Island". It took millions of shells to make its lovely beach, it took thousands of years to form its valuable cedar forest... Probably the last existing cedar forest in Europe...
- Elounda, the internationally famous upscale summer resort in east Crete
- Fodele, the birthplace of El Greco
- Kamilari, visit Kamilari and enjoy holidays in a traditional village in southern Crete near Phaistos, Gortys and Matala
- Kapsa Monastery, the Monastery of Agios Ioannis Kapsa a few kilometres after Makry Gialos
- Katharo Plateau on the Lassithi Mountains
- Koudoumas, or Koudoumas Monastery, on the south coast of Heraklion Prefecture
- Koufonissi, or Ancient Lefki a small island in southeast Crete near Cape Goudouras and Makry Gialos
- Koutouloufari, traditional village in Crete near Hersonissos and Piskopiano
- Kritsa, a traditional mountain village 12 km from Agios Nikolaos
- Lassithi Plateau, the plateau of the windmills and the Diktaion Antron cave
- Matala, the town with the caves, where hippies used to live in the sixties
- Milatos and the Milatos cave
- Old Hersonissos, so close to the coastal Hersonissos, but so different from it
- Piskopiano, traditional village in Crete between Ano Hersonissos and Koutouloufari
- Sitia or Siteia, the charming town of Sitia in East Crete with great beaches near it and the famous palm forest of Vai
- Spinalonga island and its fortress
- Toplou Monastery, an important monastery with a long history in eastern Crete between Sitia and Vai
- Vai, the palm forest of Vai in Crete
- Venetian Loggia, the most elegant Venetian monument in Heraklion
- The Venetian harbour of Heraklion is at the end of 25th of August Street, the pedestrian street leading from the town centre to the Koules fortress. This is the old harbour of Heraklion, now used by fishing boats and yachts, and its history is as ancient as that of the city itself.

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- Agia Galini, a beautiful seaside village in South Crete
- Agia Roumeli, the coastal town of Agia Roumeli at the mouth of Samaria Gorge
- Agia Triada Tzagarolon, the Monastery of Agia Triada near Chania
- Arkadi Monastery with its unique natural beauty, prestigious history and numerous legends deeply rooted in time...
- Azogires, the village of the 98 Holy Fathers, 5 km from Paleochora
- Balos, the lagoon on Cape Gramvoussa, north-west of Kissamos
- Elafonissi, who hasn't heard of Elafonissi beach with the pink sand...
- Falassarna an endless beach in western Crete
- Frangokastello, the coastal town of Frangokastello with its castle and its beautiful beaches
- Gouverneto Monastery, a monastery from 1537 known also as Monastery of Our Lady of the Angels. From here a path leads to the cave Arkoudospilios and to the ruined Katholiko monastery with the Catholic Church of St. John the Hermit
- Hora Sfakion or Sfakia, the capital of the Sfakia area of Crete
- Imbros Gorge which lies close to the Libyan Sea with a length of 7 kilometres
- Kissamos, the town of Kissamos or Kastelli Kissamou in western Crete, near the famous beaches of Falassarna, Elafonissi and Balos
- Kournas Lake, a beautiful lake suitable for swimming, pedalo and delicious food
- Loutro, beauty and serenity in Crete
- Paleochora, located south of Chania in south-western Crete
- Plaka, the most beautiful sunsets in the area of Apokoronas
- Rethymnon, the Fortezza fortress
- Samaria Gorge , the longest Gorge in Europe with a length of 18 kilometers
- Sougia, a small seaside village in south Crete