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11th Annual Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

5-7 October 2022 Chania — Crete (Greece)

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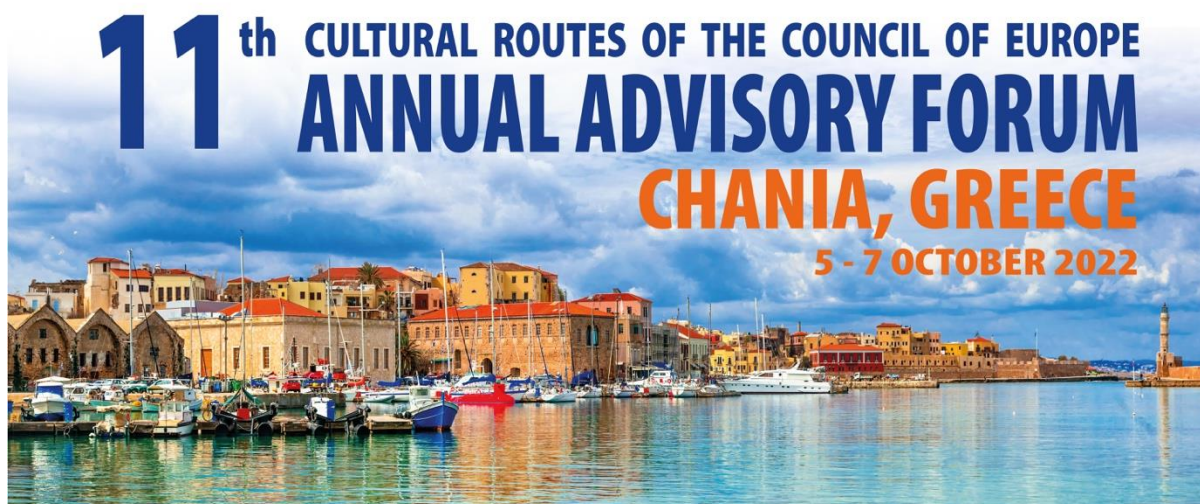


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I — INTRODUCTION

Annual Advisory Forum

The Annual Advisory Forum of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe addresses trends and challenges in relation to the Cultural Routes and provides a platform for an exchange of experience and good practices, and review of progress with the implementation of the Cultural Routes programme of activities. It allows for the exchange of new professional practices and represents an ideal opportunity to launch new initiatives and develop partnerships.

The 11th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe will take place on 5-7 October 2022 in Chania (Crete), Greece.

The 2022 Advisory Forum is organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Hellenic Ministry of Tourism, the Greek National Tourism Organization, the Region of Crete, the Municipality of Chania, the Chambers of Industry and Commerce of Chania, and the Historic Cafes Route.

A bit of history. . .

Once Minoan, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, Ottoman, Chania is a remarkable small city by the Cretan Sea, rich of history and myths. The city of Chania is built on the site of the ancient Kydonia, one of the most important cities of Crete according to Homer. The archaeological remains of Kydonia are visible today and allow us to contemplate impressive testimonies of the Mycenaean era.

The atmosphere has a touch of Florence and Venice, combined with the culture and character of Cretan people and traditions. The harbour of Chania is a true gem and gives travellers and inhabitants alike some beautiful sceneries to be savoured throughout the day.

Weather: Early October, Chania benefits from mild temperatures ranging from 15 C to 25 °C.

Currency: Euro €

Covid-19 Information: <https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

Visa Requirements: <https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/countries-requiring-or-not-requiring-visa.html>



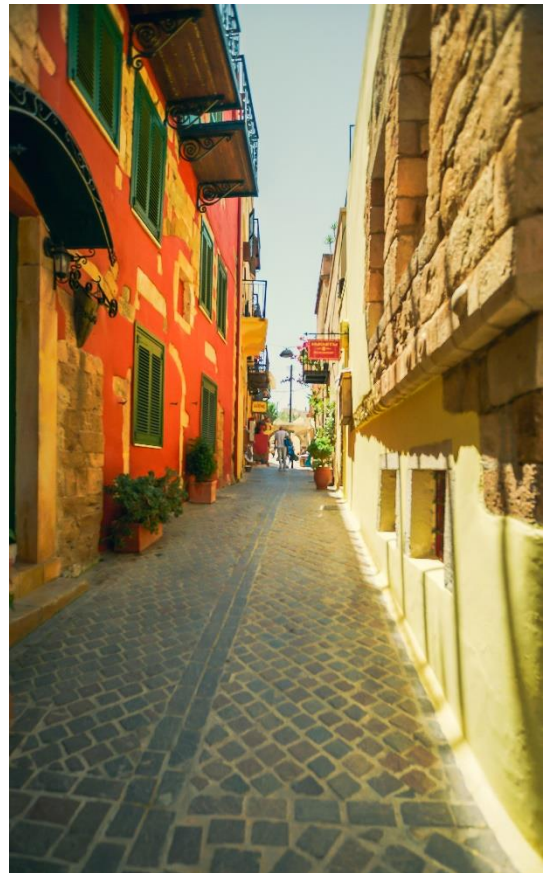
Old city of Chania



Palia Poli in Chania



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II - FORUM ORGANISATION

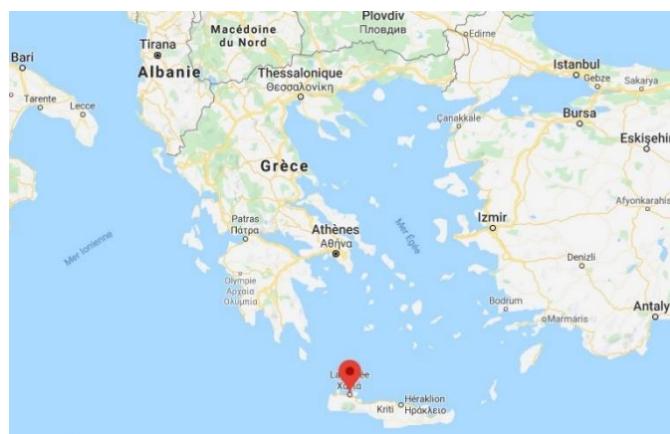
Dates: 5-7 October 2022

Venue: Minoa Palace Hotel, PEO Kissamou Chanion, 73040 Platanias, Crete, Greece

Languages: Interpretation in English, French and Greek will be provided throughout the Forum sessions.



Minoa Palace Resort & Spa near Chania



Chania in Greece



Minoa Palace location in Crete

III – LOGISTICS

i – Transportation

- **By plane**

- To Chania Crete international airport "Ioannis Daskalogiannis" (CHQ) - approximately 45 minutes by car from Ioannis Daskalogiannis International Airport to Minoa Palace.
- To Heraklion International Airport "Nikos Kazantzakis" - approximately 2 hours by car from "Nikos Kazantzakis" airport to Minoa Palace.

Airline contacts

- Olympic Airlines—Address: Chania Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis, Mouzouras Akrotiri, Tel: +30 28 210 66 088, +30 28 210 63 264, Fax: +30 28210 8389, website: www.olympicair.com
- Aegean Airlines—Address: Chania Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis, Mouzouras Akrotiri, Tel: +30 28 210 63 366, Fax: +30 28210 63669, website: www.aegeanair.com
- Chania Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis: Tel: +30 28210 83800/805 website: <http://www.chq-airport.gr/el>

- **By ferryboat**

From continental Greece:

If you plan to travel via continental Greece, you can take the ferryboat to Souda harbour, with daily links with Piraeus, Athens's Harbour.

For more information: <https://www.ferriesingreece.com/destinations/ferry-to-chania/>

Ferry Companys' contacts

- ANEK LINES— Sofokli Venizelou Square, Tel.: +30 28210 27500 website: www.anek.gr. Routes: Souda from/to Piraeus, daily. Ticket service Souda, Tel: +30 28 210 80 050/1
- ANEN LINES— Tel: +30 28210 20345, website: www.anen.gr. Routes: Kisamos from/to Peloponnesos.
- ANENΔΥΚ— Promitheos 22-03, Souda Industrial Area, Chania, Tel.: +30 28210 95511. Routes of the south part of Chania

- Minoan Lines- Tel. :+30 2810399899, +30 2810 399800, website : www.minoan.gr/kriti-chania. Routes: Chania from/to Piraeus

Port Authority contacts

- Port Authority of Chania: Tel: +30 28 210 98 888 | Address: Akti Tompazi 21
- Port Authority of Souda: Tel: +30 28 210 89 240 | Address: Port of Souda

- **By bus**

To Minoa Palace: bus from Chania stop to Platanias (20 minutes of travel): KTEL Chanion-Rethymnou S.A, each hour.

For more information: <https://www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia>

Bus contacts

- Chania City Bus (routes from Chania to all places of the city, Akrotiri, Souda, port, and the popular beaches of the municipality). Address: 1866 Square, Chania, Tel: +30 28 210 27044, e-mail: chaniabus@gmail.com, website: www.chaniabus.gr
- K.T.E.L. Chanion—Rethymnou-Heraklion S.A (routes from Chania to Rethymno—Heraklion, Vrises—Chora Sfakion, Kasteli, Elaphonisi, Kandano-Palaiochora, Sougia, Omalo—Samaria, etc., as well as routes to Thessaloniki through Piraeus). Address: Kydonias 73–77, Chania, Tel.: +30 28 210 93 306, +30 28 210 93 052, e-mail: post@bus-service-crete-ktel.com, website: www.bus-service-crete-ktel.com

- **By taxi**

- “Radiotaxi ERMIS” Tel.: 18 300 & +30 28 210 98 700
- “Radiotaxi CHANION” Tel.: +30 28 210 94 300

Taxi stations: a) 1866 Square, b) Kelaidi Square (near KTEL Chanion-Rethymnou), c) Tzanakaki Street (near the National Bank of Greece), d) Eleftheriou Venizelou Street (near the Municipal Market)

Taxi Prices from Chania : <https://www.chania-airport.com/chania-airport-taxi-chq/>

ii - Accommodations

Participants should be informed that they need to make their own reservation through (but not limited to) the following suggested hotels: <https://chania2022-culturalroutesforum-hotels.events.net.gr/?fbclid=IwAR0SOu7Yc4BlqahOPKYHsD-MIIjO-A6XUbjqWGy8yi9KGqpYvWx7RI3dPM8>

A limited number of rooms with special rates are available on a first come first served basis. Due to the high summer season in Chania, the reservation deadline for benefiting from hotel booking at preferential rates is **25 July**.

IV - SEE & DO

The Municipality of Chania is one of the most visited in Crete thanks to its rich heritage of significant archaeological importance and of the many well-preserved monuments in and around the city, testimonies of the rich history of Chania. One of the most significant archaeological sites that is being preserved is the archaeological site of Kastelli, where you will be able to admire the ruins of the ancient Kydonia, the ancient Aptera and Intzedin castle.

For more information:

https://www.visitgreece.gr/files/media_kit/top10/top_10_chania_02.jpg

i. Crafts and delicacies

Chania has a very rich cultural tradition. The Cretan traditions are expressed in the local crafts (weaving, carpets, towels, etc.) and through the local communities, such as the women who preserve the traditional silk and wool embroideries.

In Chania, you can also find many workshops in ceramics, woodcarving and metallurgy, which allow you to better understand the process of making local crafts. One of the most celebrated craft is that of the Cretan boot-making (called Stivania) which visitors can admire in Skridlof Street, in the old city of Chania. Cretan knife-making with engraved traditional Cretan couplets is also very famous in Chania.

Chania has a very rich traditional gastronomic heritage, mixing traditional Greek and Cretan flavours. Some of the most famous Cretan dishes are: Dakos, a popular Cretan starter made with dried barley bread slices topped with fresh tomatoes and feta or creamy mizithra cheese and olive oil and oregano. Other famous dishes are Sfakia Pie, Kalitsounia, Chochlioi Boubouristi (Fried Snails) and many more. Crete is also known for its wine. The best way to discover Chania's gastronomy is to go to the market and try some fresh food and specialities.



Chania local products



Chania Gastronomy

ii. Beaches

Chania is located on the coast of the Cretan Sea and is famous for its remarkable beaches with golden sand and crystal-clear blue water. Visitors can find beaches in Chania equipped with sun beds, umbrellas, and offering high quality services such as water sports, restaurants, taverns and cafe bars. There are also wild beaches in the surroundings of the city for a more natural experience.

Within the geographical borders of the Municipality of Chania, there are 11 beaches that have been awarded the Blue Flag, an exemplary environmental quality label: Stalos, Agii Apostoli 1, Agii Apostoli 2, Chrissi Akti, Agia Marina, Kalamaki, Nea Chora, Marathi, Stavros, Agios Onoufrios, and Kalathas.

iii. For a longer stay in Chania

The links below will give you an overview of activities to be carried out in Chania should you wish to extend your stay:

Archaeological sites and historical monuments

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/see-do/archaeological-sites-historical-monuments.html>

Museums

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/see-do/museums.html>

Activities

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/see-do/activities.html>

Entertainment

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/see-do/entertainment.html>

The Chania official City Guide app | Free Download:

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/the-official-chania-city-guide-app.html>

Chania Maps

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/the-city-of-chania/chania-maps.html>

For more information about the city of Chania, please visit:

<https://www.chaniatourism.com/>

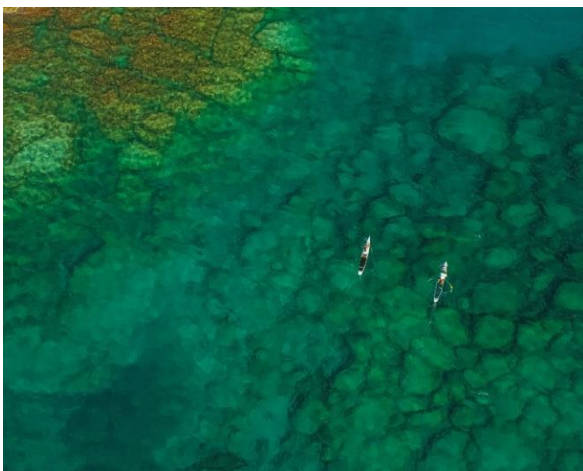
As the biggest island of Greece, Crete as a lot to offer:

- Knossos Palace, a few kilometres south of Heraklion.
- Samaria Gorge, 16 kilometres hike from the Omalos plateau
- Rethymno Old Town, between Chania and Heraklion.
- Phaistos Palace and Archaeological Site
- Elafonisi Beach, cited as one of the most beautiful beaches of the world
- Balos Lagoon, 60 km northwest of Chania

For more information:

<https://www.incrediblecrete.gr/>

<https://www.visitgreece.gr/islands/crete/chania/>



Elfasoni waters



Balos lagoon

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- Telephone number information: 11888
- Hellenic National Meteorological Service: 14944
- Information for international calls: 139

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- **European emergency number: 112**
- Police: 100
- Fire Department: 199
- Ambulance: 166
- Emergency: 112
- Central Port Authority / Coast Guard: 108
- Civil Protection: 28 213 40130-1
- Municipal Police: 28 213 41650-1

HEALTH SERVICES

- Chania General Hospital St. George +30 28210 22000 & +30 28213 42000 | Address: Mournies Chanion
- Marine Hospital of Crete: +30 28210 82538 | Address: Souda Chania

POLICE SERVICES

- Chania Police Department, Tel.: +30 28210 28744 | Address: 24 Irakleiou Avenue, Chania.
- Chania Tourist Police Department, Tel.: +30 2821031111, Galatas
- Traffic Police of Chania, Tel.: +30 28210 28758 | Address: 24 Irakleiou Avenue, Chania.
- Chania Airport Police Department, Tel.: +30 28210 63033 | Address: Mouzouras Akrotiri, Chania.
- Municipal Police, Tel.: +30 28 213 41650-1 | Address: 40 Kriari, Chania.

POST SERVICE

- Post of Chania, Tel.: +30 28210 28444 | Address: Peridou 10 Street
- ELTA courier service Chania, telephone center: +30 28 210 74 047 | Address: 105–107 Kissamou Street

TOURIST SERVICES

- Municipality of Chania – Tourist Department- Address: 53 Mylonogianni Stree, Chania, Tel.: +30 28213 41 665, 41666, Fax: +30 28210 93 300, e-mail: tourism@chania.gr

- Chania Hoteliers Association—Address: Stalos, Old National Road Chania—Kissamos, Tel.: + 30 28210 60540, Fax: + 30 28210 60541, e-mail: info@haniahotels.gr
- Tourism Support Office of Chania (Ministry of Tourism) —Address: 40 Kriari—Pantheon Megaro, Chania, Tel.: +30 28 210 92 943, Fax: +30 28 210 92 624, e-mail: gry_chania@mintour.gr
- Rental Accommodation Union of Chania—Address: Dor. Episkopou 20, Chania, Tel.: +30 28 210 43 601, e-mail: info@chaniarooms.gr
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- **Consulate of Spain** - 23, Emmanuel Portaliou 74100 Rethymnon. [Tel:\(+30\) 28310.54014](tel:+302831054014)

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