

Agios Nikolaos, Crete, Greece

A jewel of East Crete wrapped around a mythically deep lake, Agios Nikolaos offers postcard-perfect waterfront promenades just steps from the pier — and day-trip access to Spinalonga's haunting fortress and the ancient palace of Knossos.

 Docked (small ships) / Tender (large ships)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small ships dock at the town quay; large vessels anchor and tender in. Pier is steps from the waterfront.

Best For: Spinalonga island, East Crete day trips, waterfront strolling, Cretan food

Walk to Center: 2-5 min on foot — the port sits right on the town marina.

Don't Miss: Lake Voulismeni — a deep lake (about 49 m at its deepest) connected to the sea by a narrow channel, surrounded by cafés.

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~€7

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Spinalonga Island** — A short boat ride from Elounda brings you to Spinalonga — a Venetian sea fortress turned leper colony until 1957, now one of Greece's most visited...
- **Knossos Palace & Heraklion** — The Bronze Age palace of Knossos — legendary home of King Minos and the Minotaur — is about 65 km west of Agios Nikolaos.
- **Zeus Cave & Lassithi Plateau** — Drive up into the Dikti mountains to the Diktaion Cave, traditionally revered as the birthplace of Zeus, then cross the Lassithi Plateau — a high...
- **Elounda & Gulf Cruise** — The upscale village of Elounda, 11 km north, sits on a stunning lagoon.
- **Vai Palm Forest & Toplou Monastery** — Head east to Europe's largest natural palm forest at Vai Beach, then visit the 15th-century Toplou Monastery — known for its icon collection and fine...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront & Lake Voulismeni Loop** 1.5 km · 20-30 min · Flat — From the pier, walk south along the marina promenade to Lake Voulismeni — a dramatically deep lake ringed by café terraces.
- **Archaeological Museum & Town** 2 km round-trip · 45 min · Easy — Walk north from the lake up to the Agios Nikolaos Archaeological Museum on Konstantinou Paleologou Street, home to important Minoan finds from East Crete.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		71°	56°
Jun		85°	69°
Aug		90°	75°
Sep		85°	70°
Oct		77°	64°
			Rain
			6d
			5d
			2d
			4d
			6d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY
Apr 6:45AM–7:49PM · Jun 6:02AM–8:33PM · Aug 6:37AM–8:05PM · Sep 7:00AM–7:23PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:41PM
Currency: Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Spinalonga in advance. The last boats back to Elounda leave late afternoon — confirm return times before booking so you don't miss all-aboard.
- Cash and cards both accepted. ATMs are plentiful on the main waterfront. Most restaurants and shops take Visa/Mastercard.
- Summer heat is real. Crete in June–September regularly tops 32°C. Carry water, wear sun protection, and pace yourself on walking excursions.
- Taxis for Elounda/Spinalonga. A taxi to Elounda village (for Spinalonga boats) is about €15 each way and takes 20 minutes. Agree the fare before you depart.
- Eat local. Try dakos (Cretan rusk salad), fresh grilled octopus, and local staka cheese at the waterfront tavernas — better value away from the immediate pier.
- Knossos requires a full day. It's 65 km each way (about 90 min drive). Book an organised tour — self-driving on a cruise schedule is tight and parking can be difficult.

Agios Nikolaos, Crete, Greece — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal