

Rethymno, Crete, Greece

Rethymno is Crete's most romantic port city — a labyrinth of Venetian stone doorways, Ottoman minarets, and flower-draped alleyways overlooked by a massive 16th-century fortress, all wrapped around a blue-flag sandy beach.

-  Pier (direct dock, small–medium ships)
-  Typical call: 7–9 hrs
-  Currency: Euro (€)
-  Language: Greek (English widely spoken)
-  Beach walkable from ship

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Pier — small/medium ships dock directly; mega-ships may anchor/tender or dock at Souda Bay (Chania) and bus in
- Walk to Old Town:** ~10–12 min (800 m along flat harborfront)
- Best For:** History, architecture, beach, Cretan food
- Don't Miss:** The Fortezza fortress — panoramic views over city and sea for just €4

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €5–€10 ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fortezza & Old Town Walk** — Rethymno's 16th-century Venetian citadel crowns a hill above the city with 360° views over the sea and terracotta...
- Preveli Palm Beach & Kourtaliotiko Gorge** — A river lined with Cretan date palms flows through a dramatic gorge and meets the Libyan Sea at Preveli Beach — one of...
- Monastery of Arkadi** — Crete's most revered monastery, site of an 1866 uprising against Ottoman rule in which hundreds of Cretans chose death...
- Rethymno City Beach** — A long Blue Flag sandy beach begins just east of the marina — a 15-minute flat walk from the pier.
- Elafonisi Pink Sand Beach Day Trip** — Crete's famous pink-sand island lagoon on the far southwest coast — a 2–2.5 hour drive (~130 km) from Rethymno but...

BEST WALKS

- Old Town & Venetian Harbor Loop** 2–3 hrs · Flat · Self-guided — From the cruise pier, walk the harborfront to the Venetian Harbor and lighthouse, then weave through the Old Town alleyways past the...
- Fortezza Climb** 1.5–2 hrs · Moderate uphill · €4 entry — From the Venetian Harbor, follow the signs uphill to the Fortezza entrance (~20 min walk).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	69°	55°	7d
Jun	83°	68°	5d
Aug	87°	73°	4d
Sep	83°	69°	8d
Oct	75°	63°	9d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:49AM–7:54PM · Jun 6:06AM–8:38PM · Aug 6:41AM–8:10PM · Sep 7:05AM–7:28PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:46PM

Currency: Euro (€)

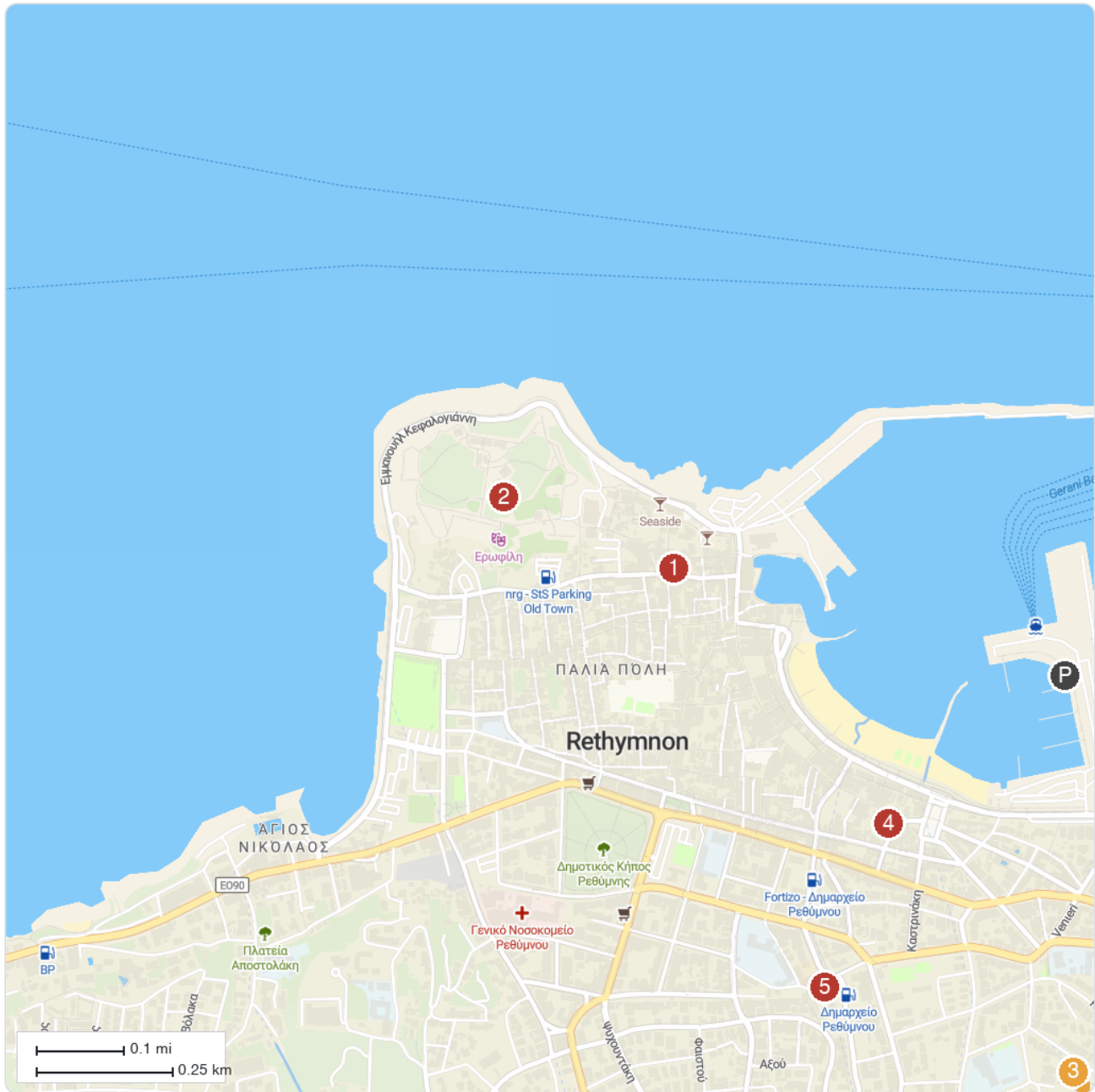
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check your ship's docking situation. Large ships often call at Souda Bay (Chania) and bus passengers to Rethymno — a 50-

Rethymno, 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.



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| 1 Catholic Church of Saint Anthony of Padua | Historic Catholic church in Rethymno's old town. | 2 Fortezza of Rethymnon | Massive 16th-century Venetian fortress offering panoramic views. |
| 3 Chrononastirion Military Museum | Military museum housed in a historic Venetian villa. | 4 Kara Musa Pasha Mosque | Historic Ottoman mosque, now a preserved architectural landmark. |
| 5 Paleontological Museum of Rethymno | Displays ancient fossils and geological history of Crete. | P Cruise port / terminal | |