

Hersonissos and the nearby area



GENERAL INFORMATION

Just 25 km east of the Iraklion is the most cosmopolitan place of Creta, **Hersonissos**. A city with many late 20th century buildings and hotels. It keeps the name of the ancient city that was located in the place that the harbour of Hersonisos is today. The village of Old Hersonisos, located within a small distance to the south was built due to the fear of the pirates, that forced the inhabitants of the village to move in the inland.

Near Old Hersonisos there are two picturesque small villages, Piskopiano and Koutouloufari, overlooking the busy resort of Limin , **Hersonissos**. The harbour of Hersonisos is famous for its night life as there are many bars, restaurants and tavernas next to the beach.



At the neighbouring villages a number of small hotels and apartments offer quiet and peaceful environment for family vacation. The visitor to the area of Hersonisos will find a large number of shops with jewels, furs, clothing etc. and of course many places to rent cars or bikes.

Daily cruises are also organised by various travel agents, to the neighbouring island of DIA and many other small islets and beaches in the area.



From Hersonissos you can easily visit

- **Archaeological Museum of Herakleion (25 km)**
- **Knossos Site (30 km)**
- **Malia Site (10km)**

Historical monuments and sites of great natural beauty...



The variety and extent of Hersonissos coastline make it possible for bathers to enjoy an infinite number of different places to swim, all of them lapped by warm, crystal clear water.

Water sports are also available in all of them



SHOPPING

Hersonissos has an impressive variety of goods to offer shoppers, from top designer labels and exquisite jewelry to fine antiques and high quality leather goods. Shops are open 9 am-10 pm. 7 days the week. Greece is quite famous for its original jewelry design and competitive prices. Greeks have always been good at making jewelry, as proved by both ancient and modern history. All the shops are located at beach road and Elefteriou Venizelou st.

Other things to buy from Hersonissos are Wine, Embroideries, handicrafts, Woven goods, Folk art, and Various cheese (types: xynotyro, kefalotyri, anthotyro, graviera).

WHERE TO EAT

Eating out in Greece is a national pastime and a leisurely pleasure. Whether dining at a local taverna or an elegant restaurant, Greeks take their time over food. The native cuisine is delightfully uncomplicated and quite different from what's found in Greek restaurants abroad. Much of the cooking relies on simple seasonings and fresh meat and vegetables. It's common for Greeks to make a lunch of mezedes, or hors d'oeuvres. Typical dishes include fried meatballs, squash balls, octopus, shrimp, squid, cheese, olives, stuffed vine leaves, tzatziki (garlicky yogurt and cucumbers), eggplant dip, small sausages and giant beans. You can find mezedes at an ouzeri (serving ouzo, an anise-flavored liqueur) or at a mezedopolio (serving locally produced wine or beer); both of these types of restaurants are open only during the day. For the evening meal, Greek tavernas serve such specialties as moussaka (lamb, eggplant and bechamel sauce), kabobs, pastitsio (lamb or goat meat with macaroni and tomatoes), stifado (braised beef with onions) and paidakia (grilled lamb or goat chops).

The cost of dinner for one, not including drinks, starts at 7 euro

The visitor will find whatever he may need. There are restaurants of all kinds to cater to every taste, from African to Chinese, French to the ubiquitous "international," and of course, lots of tavernas, ouzeri, and restaurants with really Greek good food.

TRANSPORTATION

Crete has an extensive network of good roads and regularly scheduled buses serving:

- a. city-wide transportation in district capitals.
- b. travel from the capital of each district to the other district capitals.
- c. travel between the towns and villages in each district.

Rent a car offices exist in almost every corner of the island. The principal ones have branches at the airport.

Useful Telephones for all Greece

First Aid Station tel: 166

Police tel: 100

ELPA Road Assistance tel: 104

Tourist Police tel: 171

Greek National Tourist Organization tel: + 30 210 3223111

Piraeus Port Authorities + 30 210 4226000

Rafina Port Authorities +30 294 22300

Useful Telephones for Hersonisos

Police Hersonisos : (+ 30 28970) 22222

Iraklio Port Authorities:(+ 30 2810) 266073

Iraklio Airport: (+ 30 2810) 282025

Olympic Airways: (+ 30 2810) 225171

RENT A CAR

DANEL	HERSONISSOS	+308970 21253	+308970 21252
ALMA	HERSONISSOS	+308970 22137	+308970 21312
EUROPCAR	HERSONISSOS	+308970 23072	+308970 23673
RELIABLE	HERSONISSOS	+308970 25157	+30810 243318

[Citycar](http://www.citycar.gr) - <http://www.citycar.gr>

Car rental agency established in 1985 and located on Crete.

[Best Hellenic SA](http://www.besthellenic.gr) - [http://www.besthellenic.gr/](http://www.besthellenic.gr)

Car rental including 4WD and mini-bus. Fleet details, location map, and terms and conditions of hire included.

[John-Mary Crete](http://www.Johnmarycrete.com) - <http://www.Johnmarycrete.com>

Models, rates, conditions and booking of this car rental company located in Kato Gouves.

[Kourites](http://www.kourites.gr/) - <http://www.kourites.gr/>

Models, rates, conditions and online reservations of this car rental company located in Stalida.

[MOTOLINE Ltd.](http://www.motoline.gr/) - <http://www.motoline.gr/>

Car and bike rental company located in Hersonissos, price list and online booking available.

[Discovery Rent a Car](http://www.discovery.gr/rentacar.htm) - <http://www.discovery.gr/rentacar.htm>

Car rental company with presence in Heraklion, Hersonissos and Stalis, with prices and reservation form.

[Rental One](http://www.rental-one.gr/indexx.html) - <http://www.rental-one.gr/indexx.html>

Offers autos and bikes for rent with free airport pickup and delivery; includes rates, makes and models, and company profile.

Petrol station hours:

07.00-19.00 daily

07.00-15.00 Saturdays

Some stations are open 24 hours, 7 days the week.

The following speed limits are in force:

100 km /hour on the national network for passenger cars and 70km/hour for other vehicles and motorbikes, whenever there are no signs starting otherwise.

Outside residential areas 50km /hour, and 70 km/hour on provincial roads for all vehicles.

District of Hersonissos: Iraklio, Knossos, Malia, Agios Nikolaos

HOTELS

Creta Maris Hotel → CONFERENCE VENUE! ←

Type: Hotel
Category: Deluxe
Region: Limin - Hersonissos 700 14 Crete
Rooms/Beds: 547/1100
Months Open: Mar - Nov
Booking Tel: +30 28970 27000
Fax: +30 28970 22130
Winter Tel +30 2810 343110 fax:+30 2810 346088
Prices: www.maris.gr
e-mail: creta@maris.gr

Royal Mare Thalasso/Spa Centre

Aldemar Royal Mare Village | Limenas Hersonissou, Hersonissos, Crete 70014, Greece

- Tel: 30 210 62 36 150
- URL: <http://www.aldemarhotels.com>
- E-mail: thalaspa@aldemarhotels.com

Bella Maris hotel

Type: Hotel
Category: Deluxe
Region: Anissaras - 700 14 Hersonissos Crete
Rooms/Beds: 159/332
Months Open: Mar - Nov
Booking Tel: +30 28970 21410
Fax: +30 28970 21400
Winter Tel: +30 2810 343110 fax:+30 2810 346088
Prices: www.maris.gr
e-mail: bella@maris.gr

Glaros hotel

Type: Hotel
Category: 3 Stars
Region: 5 Bouboulinas str 70014 Hersonissos Crete
Rooms/Beds: 158/304
Months Open: Anr - Oct

Booking Tel: + 30 28970 22106
Fax + 30 28970 21764
Prices: CONTACT US
e-mail: glaros@hrs.forthnet.gr

Silva Maris hotel

Type: Hotel
Category: 4 Stars
Region: Limin - Hersonissos 700 14 Crete
Rooms/Beds: 312/616
Months Open: Mar - Nov
Booking Tel: Tel +30 28970 22850
Fax +30 28970 21404
Winter Tel +30 2810 343110 fax:+30 2810 346088
Prices: www.maris.gr
e-mail: silva@maris.gr

Terra Maris hotel

Type: Hotel
Category: Deluxe
Region: Limin - Hersonissos 700 14 Crete
Rooms/Beds: 146/400
Months Open: Mar - Nov
Booking Tel: +30 28970 27000
Fax +30 28970 22130
Winter Tel: +30 2810 343110 fax:+30 2810 346088
Prices: www.maris.gr
e-mail: terra

Thalia hotel

Type: Hotel
Category: B
Region: 176, El. Venizelou str 70014 Hersonissos
Rooms: 49
Months Open: Apr - Noe
Booking Tel: + 30 28970 22590 (5 LINES)
Fax 30 28970 22190
Prices: CONTACT US
e-mail: thalia-hotel@hrs.forthnet.gr

Hotel registry

Category Lux

BELLA MARIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897021410
CRETA MARIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022115
HERSONISSOS PALACE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022777
KNOSSOS ROYAL VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023575
PARADISE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022893
ROYAL MARE VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897025025

Category A

ACROPOLIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022172
ANISSA BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022454
ANNABEL VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023561
ARTEMIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023570
ATHINA INN Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023765
CRETAN VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022997
EAST APARTMENTS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022850
EUROPA BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023501
EVELYN BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897024635
GALAXY VILLAS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022910
GOLDEN BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022368
KASTRI VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022102
KING MINOS PALACE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022881
KOUTOULOUFARI APARTMEN Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete
2897022688
LYTTOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022575
NANA BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022950
NENA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022196
PALATIA VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022017
PEFANA VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022411
ROYAL BELVEDERE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022371
SEMIRAMIS VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897021005
SUNSHINE VILLAGE HERSO Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897025136

B Class Hotels

AGRABELLA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023110
ALBATROS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022144
ALEKA0NANCIA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022485
ALIA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023146
ARIANE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022536
ASSITES Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022968
CHRYSSI AMOUDIA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022971
CRETAN PHILOXENIA0 NIK Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete
DEDALOS VILLAGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022515

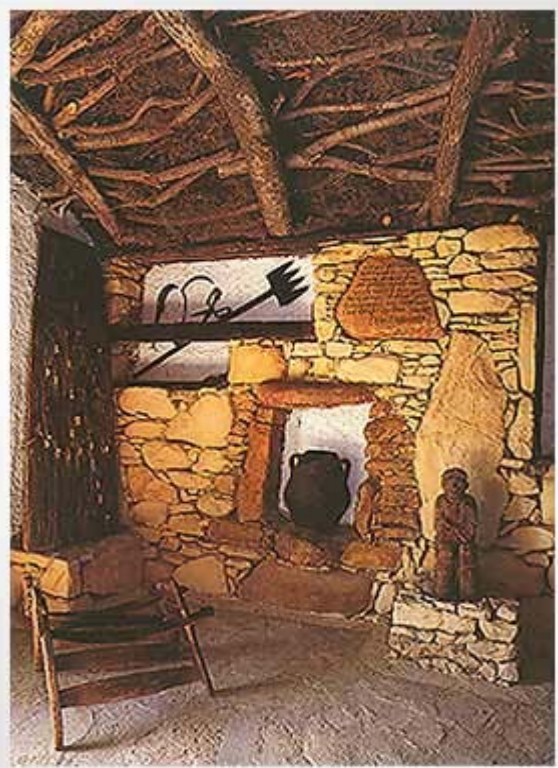
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ERI BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022271
GLAROS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022106
HARIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022346
IOKASTI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022607
OCEANIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022671
PHAEDRA HERSONISSOU Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete
THALIA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022590
VILLES ESPERIDES Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022322

C Class Hotels

ADAMAKIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022447
ADONIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022141
ALONI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022562
ANTINOOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897021769
ARIADNE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022312
AVERINOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022994
AVRA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022203
BELLA VISTA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897024577
BIZANTIUM Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897024430
BLUE ISLAND Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897021545
BLUE SKY Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022208
DANELIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022155
DIKTYNA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022648
DIMITRA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022685
ELENI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897024690
EVA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022090
FILIPPAKIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022165
FLISVOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022006
FLORAL Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023004
GALINI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022207
HELENA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022226
HERCULES Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022527
ILIOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022500
IRO Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022136
KASSAVETIS G Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023052
KATERINA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022304
KOSTA MARE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022297
LENAOMARY Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022984
MAISTRALI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022133
MARIANNA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022709
MARIE-CHRISTINE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022537
MARIE-GEORGE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022991
MARITA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022310
MASTORAKIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022965
MELPO Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022350
MARINA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022041

MEMORY Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022497
MIRAMARE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022796
NANCY Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022212
NIKI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022379
OASSIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897021787
PALMERA BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022481
PELAOMARIA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022195
PERAKIS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022968
PETRA BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023060
PISKOPIANO Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022726
PLAZA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022760
PSARROS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022534
REA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022357
SOFI Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022557
STELIOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022046
STELLA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022561
STELLA PARADISSOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022759
SUN MARINE Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897024623
THEODORA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023158
TSALOS BEACH Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897041315
VASSO Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022047
VELISSARIOS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022946
VENUS Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897023369
VOULA Limenas Hersonissou, Iraklio, Crete 2897022097,

Lychnostatis museum



The Cretan Open-air Museum 'LYCHNOSTATIS ' aims to promote the understanding and awareness of the Cretan folk cultural heritage.

Its scope lies on the following themes :

- Cretan Folk Tradition and Ethnology
[life-style in the pre-industrial Crete (19th - 20th century), traditional occupations and customs , living legends , ethnological information e.t.c.]
- Cretan Nature and Environment
[vegetation , mineral wealth, environmental administrative process]
- Cretan Folk Culture
[self - taught artists who promote the folk cultural heritage with their artistic work] .

The museum comprises the following buildings and locations :



- Traditional Dwellings (a farmer's house and a merchant's house)
- Chapel
- Windmill
- Olive oil - press
- Wine-press
- Distillery for ' raki ' (alcoholic beverage)
- Threshing - floor
- Shepherd's shelter
- Ceramic workshop
- Weaving and plant-dying workshop
- Herbarium
- Garden with Cretan fruit - trees
- Herb - garden
- Flora and cactus - garden
- Mineral and stone exhibition
- Cretan folk artists' gallery
- Auditorium [150 seats] for audio-visual shows , seminars , e.t.c.
- Open-air theatre [250 seats] for cultural and artistic events
- Library stocked with books and periodicals on Cretan folk culture
- Cafe (where typical beverages and sweets are served)
- Museum-shop (where mementoes and products of the museum are sold).

Construction - Operation - Finance

The Museum 'LYCHNOSTATIS' is an autonomous private Foundation, operating since July 1992. In March 1994, the Association of Members of the Museum was established, to support the museum's future initiatives and obtain sponsorships and grants . Two more bodies, a Scientific Committee and an Organising Committee, composed by academics , artists and businessmen , provide valuable advice in the museum's development .

The museum has its origins in a private collection formed over a period of thirty years by Yiorgos Markakis , professor of ophthalmology, lecturer and writer.

The vast work of construction was carried out in seven years (1986 - 1992) by all 5 members of the Markakis family and 3 local workers , in a volunteer basis , together with a bank loan. The buildings themselves are some of the main exhibits. Built thoroughly with the prevalent raw materials (stone-wood-clay), under the creative architectural improvising of the founder, they possess an aesthetic quality unique in

the area. No bulldozers, excavators or other mechanical means have been used in the construction. The collections are broad in scope, from agricultural implements to embroideries and from herbs to rhymes. The approach is by no means intellectual; all exhibits are left to speak for themselves, and visitors are allowed to touch objects and encouraged to smell and taste the various plants, fruits and products of the museum. Compatible to this both emotional and hospitable atmosphere, it is the museum's policy to welcome with a free admission all visitors who come for a second visit. Free guided tours are available every hour in English, Deutsch, Dutch (also French on request) to provide accurate information to the large number of tourists who visit the museum.

The maintainance and running cost is met by the operation of the museum (admission fees, cafe and shop sales), along with donations, memberships and subscriptions in the Association of Members of the Museum. The museum holds regular activities, including "Traditional September", an annual public event as well as Greek dancing performances, audio-visual shows (dioramas), grape-feasts, wine-tasting and several others.

Located in one of the principal tourist areas in Crete, the museum is, apart from a valuable tourist asset, an exemplary self - motivated conduct on tradition, culture and environment of the island.

Hersonissos Aqarium



This little aquarium has been in Hersonissos, Crete, for over eleven years and is definitely on the must-do list. Entrance only costs 5 Euro for adults and 3 Euro for children/students. Even better, you then get a membership card which allows you to visit as many times as you (or the children) wish!

Aquaworld specialises in showing local sea life and reptiles, although there are a few snakes and lizards from other countries. Most impressive is Burma, a five-year-old Burmese python who is already almost four metres long and weighs in at about 50 kilos! There's also Snap, a Nile crocodile of about the same age as Burma - he likes to bare his teeth at visitors to show them just how fierce he is.

The staff at Aquaworld are very well informed and are happy to share their knowledge with anyone who's interested. Photography is allowed (no flash with the octopus, however) and you can pose with a variety of snakes, lizards and tortoises.