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Municipal Port Fund of Rethymno

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The port of Rethymnon

The port is a mixed use port divided into two sectors:

- The western sector
- A passenger and cargo port hosting cruise ships.
- It includes five (5) wharfs.
- Accommodates up to seven (7) ships at the same time.
- The wharfs are 810 meters long, 6-8 meters deep and 25,500.00 square meters wide.
The eastern sector is a passenger port

- It can serve both cruise ships and ferryboats
- This sector of the port is 33,500 square meters wide
- It includes two piers 125 meters and 140 meters long, with draught of 8 meters
There are anchorage locations at the north side of the windward mole to serve ships that do not wish or cannot enter the port.

A water airport license is in the final stage of approval.

Rethymnon port is a member of the Hellenic Ports Association

www.elime.gr
Additional details

Operating hours: 24 hrs
Waste management: YES
Liquid waste management: YES
Total length of piers: 1.1 Km
Number of Piers: 8
Anchorage: YES
Average depth: 9 meters
Passenger terminal: 250 square meters
Closest International Airport: 68 Km
Taxi station: within 500 m
Bus station: within 500 m
Distance to the City Center: 200m
Services & Facilities

- Safe mooring
- Water
- Electricity
- Maritime pilot
- Mooring services
- Extra passenger station
- Waste reception and management
Security

Rethymnon Port is a secure and safe International Port for Passenger and Commercial Use.

It is officially certified from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with unique number GRRET-0001.

It is in FULL compliance of International Ships, Port and Port Facilities Security Code (ISPS CODE), secured and operated under the ISPS code of guarding.

Security Services 24 hrs/day through physical checks and electronic recording devices.
Security

Rethymnon Port has developed an updated Port Facility Security Plan with the latest Anti-terrorism international guidelines, which gives the necessary framework to establish:

- Measures designed to prevent weapons or any other dangerous substances and devices intended for use against persons or ships and not authorized carriage from being introduced into the port facility or on board a ship.
- Measures designed to prevent unauthorized access to the port facility, to ships moored at the facility and to restricted areas of the facility.
- Procedures for responding to security threats or breaches of security, including provisions for maintaining critical operations of the port facility or ship/port interface.
- Procedures for responding to any security instructions the Contracting Government, in whose territory the port facility is located, may give at security level 3.
- Procedures for evacuation in case of security threats or breaches of security.
- Duties of Port facility personnel assigned security responsibilities and of other facility personnel on security aspects.
- Procedures for interfacing with ship security activities.
- Procedures for the periodic review of the plan and updating.
- Procedures for the periodic security incidents.
- Identification of the port facility officer including 24-hour contact details.
- Measures to ensure the security of the information contained in the plan.
Measures designed to ensure effective security of cargo and the cargo handling equipment at the port facility.

Procedures for auditing the port facility security plan.

Procedures for responding in case the ship security alert system of a ship at the port facility has been activated.

Procedures for facilitating shore leave for ships personnel or personnel changes, as well as access of visitors to the ship including representatives of seafarer welfare and labor organizations.

The Rethymnon Port facility Security assessment and plan meets the international requirements in the ISPS code and local national authorities.
Rethymno welcomes its visitors at the Venetian port Info point

Offbeat travel experiences, tours that are eclectic, fun, and still insightful are suggested to our visitors at the municipal *Info point* at the Venetian port. Activities are suggested in the "Rethymno, smart choice all year round" leaflet and includes customized offbeat travel and eco-friendly tours in Rethymno. These are handcrafted personalized experiences that result in a supreme personal traveling experience offered to our visitors.

Tourist *Info point* provides travelers with various opportunities to explore Rethymno. With so many options, visitors can choose from a variety of different styles of retreats to combine rest and relaxation with outings and activities.

The person who works at the *Info point* suggests stress-reducing activities such as swimming, scuba diving, hiking, or beach sport activities.

At the Info point the department of tourism can help visitors to plan and organize their stay in Rethymno.
The town of Rethymnon

The port of Rethymnon is situated IN the old town of Rethymnon.

It only takes ten minutes walk to reach the old Venetian town & stroll around the picturesque little streets with well preserved Venetian and Turkish buildings.

There are various shops, traditional and modern coffee shops and restaurants offering Cretan food specialties.

Rethymno is a walkable, accessible city, child friendly and bike friendly with 8 km of cycling paths.
The town of Rethymnon

A few meters away from the port, the long sandy cosmopolitan beach of Rethymnon, awarded with a blue flag offers a variety of facilities and services.

Rethymnon is the habitat of the Loggerhead sea turtle Caretta caretta.

Fortezza is the Venetian fortress that dominates the city of Rethymnon throughout the centuries. It is a monument worth visiting for the breathtaking view: Rethymno from above.

The Old city is a car free zone.
While in Rethymno one must visit:

- The Archaeological Museum of Rethymnon which hosts significant collections from the Post–Neolithic period up to the Roman period.
- The Contemporary Art Center
- The Historical and Folklore Museum
- The Paleontological Museum of Rethymnon housed in the reconstructed Mastamba Mosque
Historical places to discover around Rethymnon

- The Monastery of Arkadi, 23 km away from the city of Rethymno, a treasure which is protected by UNESCO World Heritage Center.

- The important cities of Antiquity: Eleutherna, Sybritos, Lappa (in Argiroupoli) and Axos.

- The Palatial complex at Monastiraki in the Amari valley.

- The late Minoan cemetery of Armeni.
The museum of Ancient Eleutherna—Homer in Crete, the first archaeological site museum in Crete, although smaller in size is similar to those of Olympia, Delphi and Vergina. (en.mae.com.gr/museum.html) and it is only 12km northeast from the city of Rethymno.

Argiroupoli a picturesque village built in the ruins of the ancient village of Lappa that flourished in 3rd century BC as a rival of Knossos.
Rethymno has a pace of life that encourages you to stop and appreciate all the natural beauty. Famed for its charm and the easy-going friendliness and hospitality of its people, Rethymno is the perfect low season escape.

Discover inland secrets and the wide variety of flora and fauna, to visit the gorges, mountainous villages, hiking trails, etc.

- 1,624 native wild plants with 170 endemic plant and 1,000 animal species
- 12 walking trails (E4)
- 4 Natura 2000-13121.4200 acres areas
- 10 of the most famous caves of Crete - Ideon Andron (the birth cave of Zeus)
- 8km cycling path in the historic center and 1059km covering 22 cycling paths in the broader area
- 11 small and large, impressive gorges
- 65km sandy beach, where 12km begin in the historic Center
- 150 nests of endangered sea turtle Caretta caretta, which lays its eggs every year on the 8 BLUE FLAGS beaches in the municipality.
The hills and mountains of Rethymno are well endowed with caves. There are around 850 caves of extreme natural beauty, a number of them accessible await your amazement.

One of the most famous caves in Greece, the Idaion Cave of Psiloritis is located here. Zeus the father of gods, according to the myth, was nurtured here.
Speleological discoveries

Do not fail to visit the cave of Melidoni, which was the center of cultic worship from the early Neolithic until the Roman period.

The cave of Sfentoni at Zoniana with its rich array of stalactites and its Neolithic remains.

The cave of Agios Antonios in Patsos, also an important center of religious practices from the Late Minoan to the Roman period.
Main cultural events

| The famous Rethymnon carnival with over 12,000 participants it is celebrated with great enthusiasm since 1914 during the carnival period. www.rethymnocarnival.gr |

| The Renaissance festival celebrating the period of Cretan renaissance and bringing to light the local cultural identity and historical cultural exchanges that created new paths and lead to flourish of Cretan literature and poetry. Most of the events are taking place at the Fortezza castle www.rfr.gr |
Main cultural events

Every July enjoy the Cretan diet festival from 1st - 7th a week full of tastes, color and music dedicated to the cretan diet which is considered to be the healthiest diet and it is based on the high fibre fresh fruits, vegetables, cretan olive oil as well as fish and dairy products.

www.cretandietfestival.gr/en
Travel is about making connections with a community, culture and, ideally, the local people. The people of Rethymno often seem relaxed and happy with whatever they are doing. Retail stores, restaurants and entertainment at Rethymno’s Town Center are at walking distance within the famous historic center.

Numerous shops for souvenirs with many local products, fashion or jewelry shops combine with the scenery to make a colorful street market. **Souliou street** is the place for gathering all the gifts you need to complete your shopping tasks. **Arkadiou, E. Antistaseos** and **Kountouriotou Strs** are excellent shopping areas with carefully selected items and well known brands.

Located in the center at the city, visitors and local residents are near public parking and the bus station.

**Shopping tasks**
City of Rethymno distance from

25km
Ancient Eleftherna & museum

75km
Chania International Airport

60km
City of Chania

84km
Knossos

86km
Heraklion International Airport

81km
City of Heraklion
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