

TRAVELS NOW AND THEN

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GREECE 2005

Italy and Europe, July/August 2005. C.E.Brennen.

- Jul. 14 Thu Leave LAX at 9.00am on UA108 to ORD (25A & B).
Leave ORD at 4.10pm on UA958 (21A & B).
- Jul. 15 Fri Arrive LHR at 5.55am. Avis Rental Car #16384894US1
Drive to Binton. Stay Blue Boar (booked room 15).
- Jul. 16 Sat Stay Blue Boar. Shakespeare - Comedy of Errors -7.30pm } ← ?
- Jul. 17 Sun Stay Blue Boar
- Jul. 18 Mon Fly BHX – BHD FLYBE BE402 8.45am-9.50am }
Avis Rental Car #16385654US5. ← Stay Mills
- Jul. 19 Tues Stay Mills. Ma Brennen? ← ?
- Jul. 20 Wed Lunch with Flora. Drive to Portrush. See Colin and Diane briefly.
Dinner at Royal Court Hotel, Whiterocks with Olive, George.
Stay at Royal Court Hotel.
- Jul. 21 Thurs Stay Mills. ← ?
- Jul. 22 Fri Fly BHD-LHR BD081 6.45-8.25am
Fly LHR-Venice (Marco-Polo) BD467 11.30-14.45pm
Take Alilaguna Water Taxi from Terminal to St. Marks Square.
Stay B.W. Cavaletto E. Doge Orseolo (#027578455) ?
- Jul. 23 Sat Venice. Stay Stay B.W. Cavaletto E. Doge Orseolo.
- Jul. 24 Sun Take Alilaguna Water Taxi from St. Marks Square to airport.
Advantage Rental Car 928-0007207-RZ. Drive to Udine (80 minutes).
Stay in CISM Hostel, Udine.
- Jul. 25 Mon Course starts. My lectures 2.30pm-4pm. Morning drive?
- Jul. 26 Tues Course 9am-6pm. My lectures 11am-12.30pm, 4.30pm-6pm
- Jul. 27 Wed Course 9am-6pm My lectures 11am-12.30pm. Afternoon drive?
- Jul. 28 Thurs Leave Udine - drive to Venice Airport VCE (80 minutes)

Fly VCE-FCO Alitalia1464 7.40am - 8.45am
 FCO-ATH Aegean Air651 11.00am - 2.00pm
 ATH-HER Olympic510 3.50pm - 4.40pm
 Budget Rental Car in Heraklion (16703272US5)
 Stay Lato Hotel, Heraklion.

Jul. 29 Fri Visit Knossos. Stay Lato Hotel, Heraklion *Museum in Heraklion*
Drive west
Rethymno.

Jul. 30 Sat Crete. Stay Chania - Hotel Porto Veneziano

Jul. 31 Sun Crete. Stay Chania - Hotel Porto Veneziano *Drive to Gorge.*

Aug. 1 Mon Crete. Drive to Heraklion. *Phaistos?*
 Leave rental car to airport.
 Stay Lato Hotel, Heraklion

Aug. 2 Tues Ferry from Heraklion to Santorini. Hellenic Seaways. 9.15am - 11.00am
 Stay Santorini - Hotel Kavalari

Aug. 3 Wed Santorini. Stay Santorini.- Hotel Kavalari *Visit Acrotiri*

Aug. 4 Thurs Ferry from Santorini to Pireus. Hellenic Seaways 12.45pm - 17.30pm
 Stay Athens. - Electra Hotel (027580548)

Aug. 5 Fri Athens. Stay Electra Hotel, Athens. *Walk in town of Acropolis etc* *9 PM*
Don't know

Aug. 6 Sat Athens Stay Electra Hotel, Athens. ?

Aug. 7 Sun Drive to Delphi. Visit Delphi
 Stay Hotel Acropole, Delphi.

Aug. 8 Mon Drive to Athens
 Fly ATH-LHR Olympic OA265 7.15pm - 9.15pm
 Stay Thistle Hotel, Heathrow.

Aug. 9 Tues Fly LHR-LAX on UA 935 leaving LHR 10.55am

Thu. Jul.14
 Fly to London



Warwick, England



Warwick, England



Warwick, England



Oxford, England



Oxford, England



Oxford, England



Oxford, England

Mon. Jul.18
Fly to Belfast



Lisburn, Northern Ireland



Lisburn, Northern Ireland



Northern Ireland



Coleraine, Northern Ireland



Portrush, Northern Ireland



Portrush, Northern Ireland



Three Brothers in Northern Ireland



Northern Ireland

Fri. Jul.22
Fly to Venice



Venice, Italy



Venice, Italy



Venice, Italy



Venice, Italy





Venice, Italy



Venice, Italy



Venice, Italy



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Sun. Jul.24
Drive to Udine



Udine, Italy

Thu. Jul.28
Fly to Crete



Map



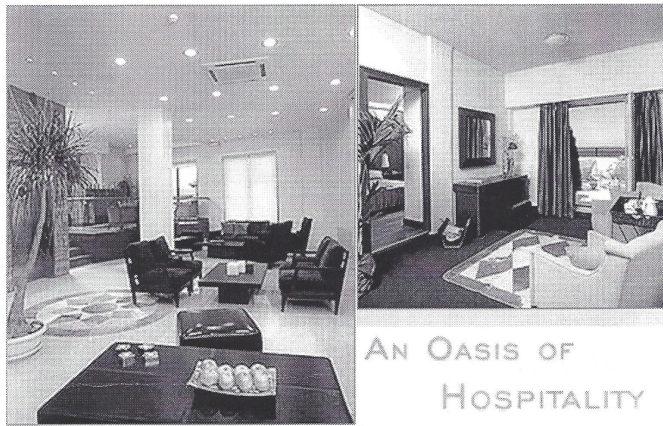


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Lato, a Boutique Hotel, is the perfect choice for visitors to Heraklion, Crete.

An oasis of hospitality, it is ready to satisfy the needs of those travelling for business or leisure.

Operating year round, it has arguably the finest location in the city, being exactly across the old port, offering panoramic view to the Venetian Fortress.



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53 individually designed rooms and 5 suites offer a total of 110 beds.


Each room featuring unique amenities and decorative style, has acquired its own stated personality, offering both anticipation and surprise.

<http://www.greekhotel.com/crete/heraklion/lato/main.htm>

6/6/2005



CRETE, the land

 A piece of mountain thrown smack in the center of the sea cracked and shattered in the fall, however it grew roots which wrote history. Full of gorges, ravines, jagged slender mountain peaks on the one hand, castles and villas of bygone times on the other, bound tightly together by the alluring blue of its seas. And on this earth, people who adored it and love it give another dimension to the term "patriot".

Crete: 8,036 square kilometres with 257 kms length waiting to be explored from coast to coast, with the highest mountain peak calling to be climbed (Mt Ida also known as Mt Psiloritis: 2,456 metres) or the Lefka Ori (white mountains: 2,452 metres), where you can ski with a view of the shimmering Libyan Sea.

The dream of every hiker: To trek through the Samaria gorge (16 kms, national park since 1962) and swim at Agia Roumeli. The dream of every naturalist: to visit the fertile plateaus in May, where an endless collection of orchids and herbs dotting the landscape can be admired, and the fragrance of dittany can be smelt, and where one can walk through Europe's only palm-tree forest on the east coast, at Vai, before diving into one of the lakes of Preveli river.

The dream of every bibliophile: To reach Zorba's cave at Stavros, and to create your own imaginary boat, to visit Kazantzakis' grave at the walls of Herakleion. And if you are a simple visitor, a tourist, you will be amazed by the multiformity and contrasts of this island and its people. Drink "tsikoudia" (raki) which you will no doubt be offered, eat the "dakous" with tomato and



The beach of the city of Chania - Liogerma.

Badestrand bei der Stadt Chania - Liogerma.

oregano, try the "staka". If you should find yourself wondering why it is that the people from this region become teary during their greatest joys while shooting blanks in the sky, consider the fact that being surrounded by so much beauty must hurt, and consider also their history and the ghosts of the past which they must disguard.



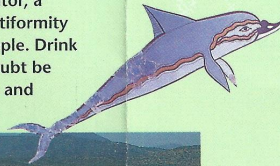
CRETE, the history

From the mythical, prehistoric age of Minoa and Talo's guard, Crete has constantly been inhabited. After each destruction, old and new inhabitants have tried to give the island the significance it warrants. The destruction of the Minoan civilization (14th Century B.C.) was immediately followed by the creation of 100 new Greek city states. They lived with laws (see Gortyn epigraph) and class structures, however there was rivalry amongst them.

Egyptian influence and pirate raids left their mark on the island until the first Christian years. A period of peace was noted during the Pax Romana, and when St Paul visited the island it was unified and strong.

The land of "milk and honey" was occupied by the Saracens (9th Century AD) and they established Handaka (handaki - moat). As a result, the island was known as Candia.

A new chapter of the island's history began with the arrival of Byzantines (Nikiforos Fokas 961 AD) who managed to overthrow the pirates, leading to a construction of churches and monasteries. The conflicts and wars with the crusaders were



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Crete

Information

Crete is the largest island of Greece, located at the southernmost part of Europe. Boats from the port of Piraeus leave regularly for Crete and there are also frequent flights.

The Cretan climate is mild and temperatures range from 5°C - 15°C in winter and from 20°C - 35°C in summer. Fauna on the island is of the richest in Europe with 1.600 plant varieties, of which 150 are indigenous.

Rich in natural beauty, the island boasts of superb isolated and popular beaches, gulfs, a great many gorges (including the well-known Samaria gorge) and high mountains somehow reflect the brave and haughty temperament of the Cretan people,

who are particularly known for their patriotism, enthusiasm and love of nature.

The land is fertile, with abundant agriculture. Cretan products flood European markets (sultanas, wine, rusk, oranges, garden produce).

Sun, vivid light and natural wealth is what draws foreigners and Greeks alike to the large island throughout the 12 months of the year.

Useful phones

GNT0 (Greek National Tourism Organization): Herakleion 2810 - 301.830, Chania 28210 - 92.943, Rethymnon 28310 - 29.148

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Kreta

Informationen

Kreta ist die grösste Insel Griechenlands am südlichsten Punkt Europas. Täglich kommen und gehen Schiffe von Piraeus nach Kreta, so wie auch mehrere Flüge am Tag aus Athen kommen.

Das Klima mild mit Temperaturen 5°C - 15°C im Winter und 20°C - 35°C im Sommer.

Die Pflanzenwelt ist von den reichsten in Europa mit 1600 verschiedenen Pflanzen von denen 150 heimisch sind.

Wunderschön mit erstaunlichen Stränden, einsame oder mit Menschen bevölkerte Buchten, sehr viele Schluchten (die bekannteste, die Samaria Schlucht), enorm hohe Berge, die mit dem tapferem und stolzem Charakter der Kreter verbunden

sind, mit dem enormen Patriotismus, der Begeisterung und Liebe für die Natur und Ihr Land.

Fruchtbar mit vielen kultivierten Pflanzen, die Kretischen Produkte findet man auf allen Märkten Europas (Trauben, Rosinen, Wein, Apfelsinen und Gemüse).

Sonne, Licht, Leben und Reichtum der Insel sind der Grund dass die Griechen wie auch die Ausländer die Insel 12 Monate im Jahr besuchen.

Nützliche Telefonnummern

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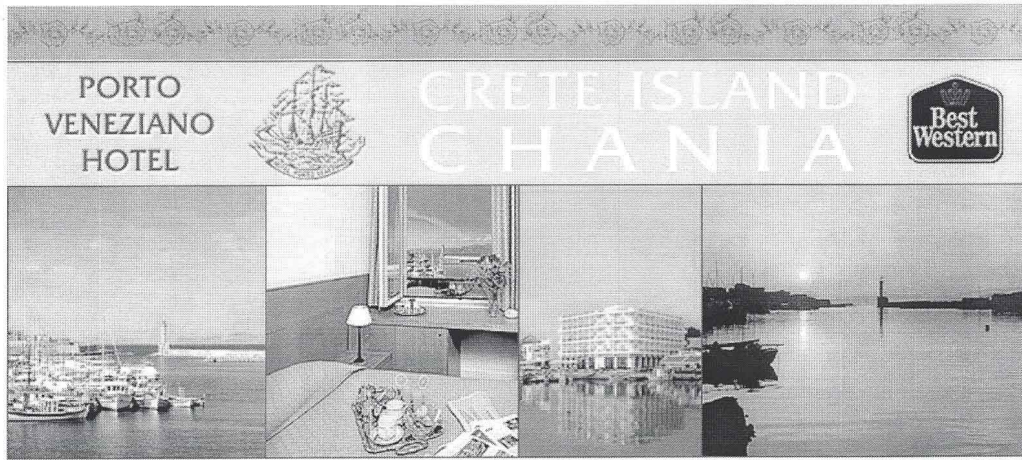
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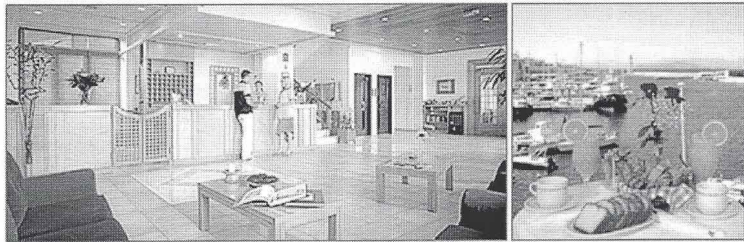


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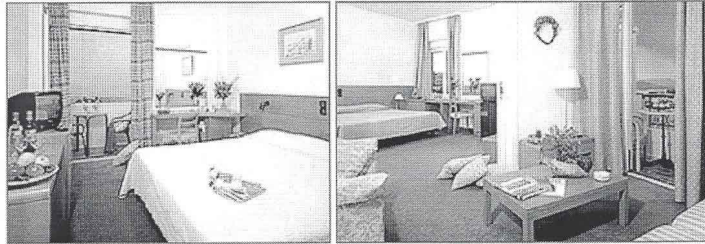


Porto Veneziano Hotel is located in the Old Town of Chania, only 300m from the center of the city and 1500m from the near beach.

Our hotel is fully equipped, luxurious and comfortable. It offers a solid commitment of quality and value.

Porto Veneziano consists of 51 carefully decorated rooms and 6 luxurious suites ready to fulfill your greatest needs.

SERVICES: Porto Veneziano provides comfortable reception area which is operating 24 hours a day and offers the following services:



SERVICES WITHOUT CHARGE

- Information for excursion, car rental, restaurants, entertainment
- Reservations in other hotels
- Call for taxi for any transportation, or organised transfer from and

SERVICES WITH CHARGE

- Safe boxes
- Exchange
- Stamps, courier service (DHL, ACS, etc)
- Laundry, dry cleaning
- Fax, internet, photocopies

<http://www.greekhotel.com/crete/chania/portoveneziano/home.htm>

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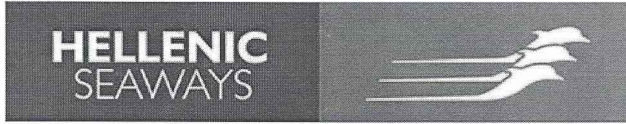


Crete

Tue. Aug.2
Ferry to Santorini

SANTORINI

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Year of Built: 1999 - Length: 55,07 - Speed: 42 knots - Stabilizers - Passengers: 443

Departures From Heraklion (Crete) to: Santorini, Ios, Paros, Naxos, Mykonos.

From 22nd April 2005 Monday - Tuesday - Friday Saturday - Sunday ----- From 30th May till 18th September Daily* ----- From 19th September till 2nd October 2005 Monday - Tuesday - Friday Saturday - Sunday		
	Arrival	Departure
HERAKLION		09:15

SANTORINI	11:00	11:10
IOS	11:40	11:50
PAROS	12:50	13:00
NAXOS	13:30	13:40
MYKONOS	14:20	14:30
PAROS	15:10	15:20
NAXOS	15:50	16:00
IOS	16:40	16:50
SANTORINI	17:20	17:30
HERAKLION	19:15	-
*No sailing: 08/06, 22/06, 06/07, 20/07, 03/08, 17/08, 31/08, 14/09.		

Tues
Aug 2

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PRICES LIST IN EURO Per Person Per Way

From HERAKLION			From SANTORINI		
	Business	Economy		Business	Economy
SANTORINI	37,20	28,80	IOS	15,50	11,90
IOS	44,10	34,10	PAROS	30,50	23,50
PAROS	57,40	44,40	NAXOS	28,40	21,90
NAXOS	50,20	38,80	MYKONOS	33,80	26,00
MYKONOS	58,60	45,20	HERAKLION	36,40	27,90

From IOS			From PAROS		
	Business	Economy		Business	Economy
PAROS	22,90	17,60	NAXOS	13,10	10,10
NAXOS	20,80	16,00	MYKONOS	16,80	13,00
MYKONOS	31,50	24,20	IOS	22,90	17,60
SANTORINI	15,50	11,90	SANTORINI	30,50	23,50
HERAKLION	43,20	33,30	HERAKLION	56,50	43,50

From NAXOS			From MYKONOS		
	Business	Economy		Business	Economy
MYKONOS	18,90	14,60	NAXOS	18,90	14,60
PAROS	-	-	PAROS	16,80	13,00

<http://www.ferries.gr/hfd/default.htm>

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HELLENIC SEAWAYS



English



Year of Built: 1999 - Length: 55,07 - Speed: 42 knots - Stabilizers - Passengers: 438

Departures from Heraklion to: Santorini, Ios, Paros, Naxos, Mykonos.

Departures* From HERAKLION to:

SANTORINI		IOS		PAROS		NAXOS		MYKONOS	
Daily	09:15	Daily	09:15	Daily	09:15	Daily	09:15	Daily	09:15

DEPARTURES* TO HERAKLION from :

SANTORINI		IOS		NAXOS		PAROS		MYKONOS	
Daily	17:30	Daily	16:50	Daily	16:00	Daily	15:20	Daily	14:30

* No Sailing : July 27th. August 10th, 24th. September 07th

* From 19th September 2005 departures every : Monday – Tuesday – Friday – Saturday & Sunday

Prices List in Euro from 15/07/2005

From HERAKLION			From SANTORINI			From IOS		
	Business	Economy		Business	Economy		Business	Economy
SANTORINI	43,10	31,00	IOS	17,90	12,80	PAROS	26,50	18,90
IOS	51,00	36,70	PAROS	35,50	25,30	NAXOS	24,10	17,20
PAROS	66,50	47,80	NAXOS	33,00	23,60	MYKONOS	36,60	26,10
NAXOS	58,10	41,70	MYKONOS	39,10	28,00	SANTORINI	17,90	12,80
MYKONOS	67,90	48,70	HERAKLION	42,20	30,20	HERAKLION	50,20	35,80

From PAROS			From NAXOS			From MYKONOS		
	Business	Economy		Business	Economy		Business	Economy
NAXOS	15,30	10,90	MYKONOS	22,00	15,70	NAXOS	22,00	15,70
MYKONOS	19,50	13,90	PAROS	-	-	PAROS	19,50	13,90
IOS	26,50	18,90	IOS	24,10	17,20	IOS	36,60	26,10
SANTORINI	35,50	25,30	SANTORINI	33,00	23,60	SANTORINI	39,10	28,00
HERAKLION	65,70	46,90	HERAKLION	57,20	40,90	HERAKLION	67,00	47,90



Hellenic Seaways - Central Agency
 5, 25th AUGUST Str. 71202 HERAKLION - CRETE - GREECE
 Tel : 2810 346185 – 2810 330598. FAX: 2810 346208.

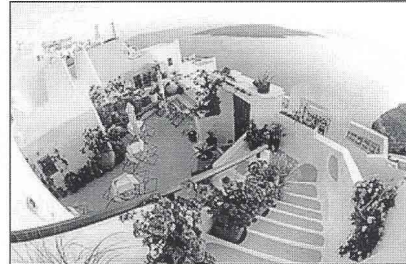


*Welcome to hotel Kavalari...
Here you will feel right at home
as soon as you cross the threshold.*



he **Kavalari** is centrally located in **Fira**, the main town of Santorini. Originally a captain's house, the property was converted into a hotel over a period of fifteen years.

*Standing on the cliff
of the Caldera,*



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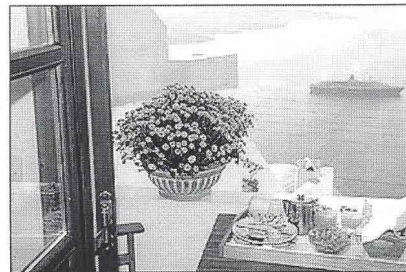
the Kavalari overlooks the volcano.



he traditional island architectural style of the **Kavalari** has exterior stairways, which wind down the cliff to various flowered terraces, designed for the exclusive enjoyment of our guests.



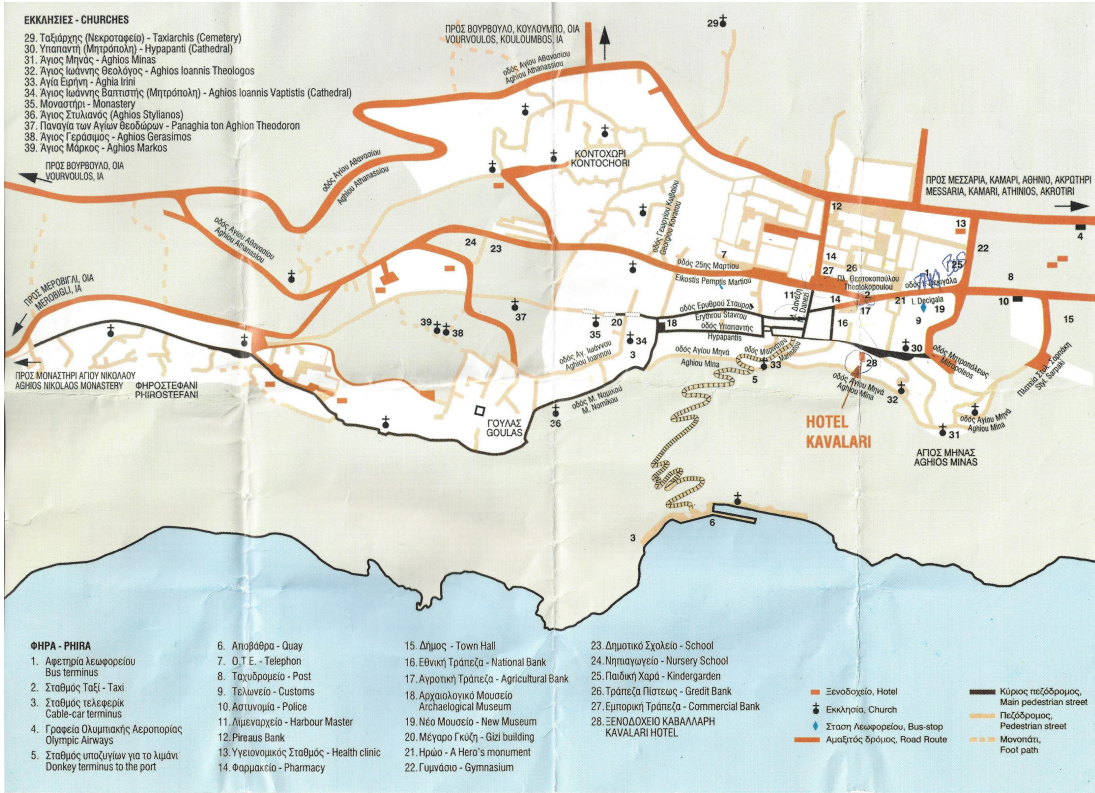
he hotel has nineteen rooms, all built directly into the cliff. Each room has its own character, some resembling small caves. All rooms have access to a terrace where guests may enjoy tranquil surroundings and spectacular sunsets.



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WELCOME TO KAVALARI SANTORINI





NEW Santorini
a 2 days wonderful experience
 DEPARTURES: DAILY, except Monday Tuesday
 PROGRAMME

1st Day:

07.30 Departure from Crete with the fast and luxurious Panaghia Thalassini.
 09.30 Arrival in Santorini, embarkation in coaches and departure for the hotel. (Excursion to volcano optional).
 Plenty of time at your disposal for walking around, shopping and swimming. In the afternoon you can visit the town of Fira and spend your time wondering in the picturesque narrow streets, tasting the local specialities and admiring the sunset over Caldera. You also have the opportunity to enjoy the night-life of the town.

2nd Day:

Morning Free
 14.30 Departure from Kamari, for the wine factory where you can experience the art of fine winemaking and wine tasting at its best.
 15.15 Departure for Oia.
 15.45 Arrival in Oia. Free time to admire the old neo-classical manors as well as the houses carved from the sheer rock, the manmade eyries that seem to hang in air on the edge of the precipice. The most graphic village of island with narrow streets and marvelous mansions.
 17.00 Departure for Fira.
 17.20 Arrival in Fira time to visit the capital, make your shopping and enjoy your drink with a bird's view over Caldera.
 19.15 Embarkation in the coaches and departure for Athinios.
 19.50 Departure from Santorini to Crete.
 21.50 Arrival in Crete.

SANTORINI ISLAND

Legend:

- Ξενοδοχείο, Hotel
- Ενοχληρία, Church
- Σταθμό Αεροποριών, Bus stop
- Αυτοστράτος, Road Route
- Κύριος πεζόδρομος, Main pedestrian street
- Πεζόδρομος, Pedestrian street
- Μονοδρόμιο, One-way street
- Παθός, Foot path

Travel Agent



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Ferry from Santorini to Athens

ATHENS

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To: PIRAEUS, Municipality, ATTIKI *

(PIRAEUS (TZE), Port, ATTIKI)

Company: Any

Effective Date: 4/8/2005

Sort By: departure time

* Initial location expanded to greater area

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Days		Departure		Arrival		Date		Company					
M	T	W	T	F	S	Time	Ports	Time	Ports	From	Till		
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	12:45	SANTORINI (ATI)	17:30	PIRAEUS (TZE)	28/5/2005	11/9/2005	MF	

Information, authorities & classified ads for the ports:

departure: SANTORINI (ATI)

arrival: PIRAEUS (TZE)

Company: Hellenic Seaways (H.Q.) (MF)

Ship: HIGHSPEED 1 (HIG)

Ship Type: Catamaran - Car ferry (cc)

Stops: 1 PIRAEUS - IOS - SANTORINI - IOS - PIRAEUS

Route: 275

Reservation & ticketing

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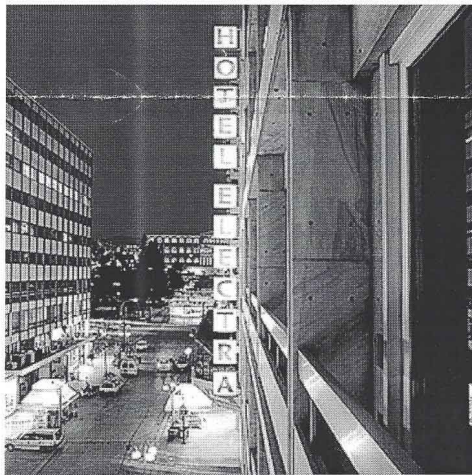
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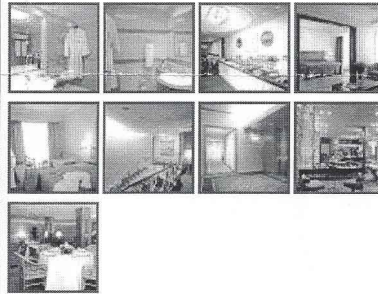
Rates do not include applicable tax recovery charges or our service fees.

Pick a Room and Rate	Average Nightly Rate	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6
Standard Double/Twin Room & Rate Details - View Cancellation Policy	\$ 151.00 BOOK IT	\$ 151.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 151.00
Standard Triple Room & Rate Details - View Cancellation Policy	\$ 173.00 BOOK IT	\$ 173.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 173.00

Hotel Details



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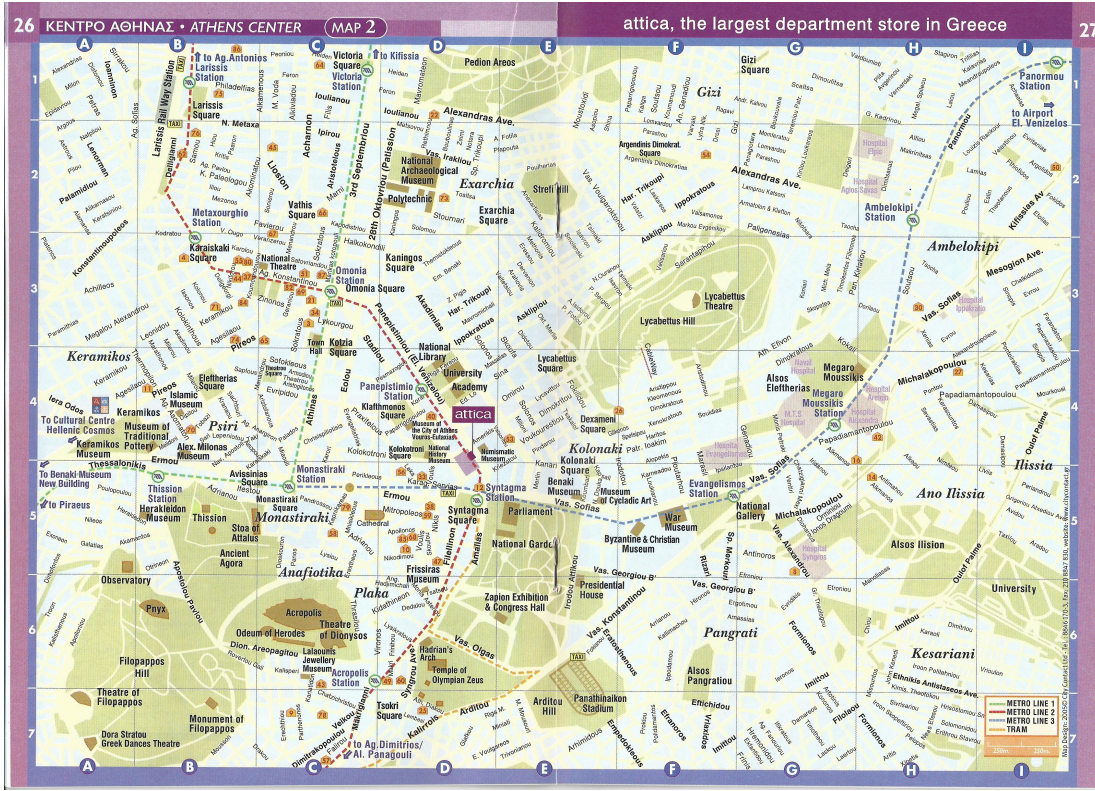
The modern Electra Hotel is located in the centre of Athens, 100 meters from Syntagma Square and 800 meters from the Acropolis. The 109 air-conditioned guestrooms have soft neutral décor with wood furnishings. All include minibars, safes, Internet connections, satellite television and bathrooms with bathrobes, hair dryers and complimentary toiletries.

In the Mezzanine Restaurant guests can enjoy an American style buffet breakfast or choose from an à la carte lunch and dinner menu of Mediterranean dishes. Drinks, cocktails and snacks are also served in an informal setting in the hotel's lobby area and guests can take advantage of room service until midnight. For those wishing to explore the local area, the hotel's concierge can advise on the best nearby attractions. Babysitting services are on offer for those with children and parking is available nearby for guests arriving by car. A naturally lit conference room equipped with the latest audio-visual technology and with capacity for up to 80 people is located on the mezzanine level of the hotel. The hotel is well placed for sightseeing and leisure activities, with restaurants, shops, bars, the Acropolis, Parthenon, Zappeion Hall, National Gallery, Museum of Greek Folk Art and Temple of Athena Nike all within one kilometre. Athens Airport is 35 kilometres from the hotel. All buses depart from the arrivals level of the main terminal between doors 4 and 5. Two bus routes connect the airport with central Athens: line E95 and line E96. Taxis are also available.

Property Amenities

- ◆ Bar
- ◆ Business Services Available
- ◆ Wake Up Service
- ◆ Conference Center - ROOMS

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απεικονίζταν η πομπή των Παναθηναίων. Στο εσωτερικό του ναού ήταν στημένο το χρυσελεφάντινο λατρευτικό άγαλμα της θεάς, έργο του Φειδία.

Στη βόρεια πλευρά του πλατώματος του λόφου χτίστηκε γύρω στο 420 π.Χ. το Ερέχθειο, που συστάθηκε παλαιότερες λατρείες. Ο ναός είναι ιωνικού ρυθμού και έχει πολύπλοκο σχέδιο. Ανατολικά έχει πρόσταση με έξι ιωνικούς κίονες, βόρεια ένα μνημειώδες πρότυπο με διακοσμημένη θύρα και νότια μια πρόσταση με έξι κόρες, τις γνωστές Καρυατίδες, που στηρίζουν τη στέγη. Ο κυρίως ναός ήταν χωρισμένος σε δύο μέρη, όπου λατρεύονταν η Αθήνα και ο Ποσειδώνας-Ερεχθείας.

Μικρότερα ιερά και άλλα κτίρια, καθώς και μαρμάρια και χάλκινα αγάλματα, αναθήματα στη θεότητα, ήταν διασπάρτα στον ελεύθερο χώρο του βράχου, ανάμεσα στα μεγάλα ιερά που αναφέραμε.



Entrance to the Acropolis is from the west, by way of the Propylaea. This building was the work of the architect Mnesikles and was erected in the years 437-432 BC. It consists of a central building and two wings. The north wing had paintings or frescoes on its walls, and is therefore known as the Pinakothek ("Art Gallery"). The small Ionic temple of Athena Nike was erected to the south of the Propylaea about 420 BC. The architect of this temple was Kallikrates. It had four Ionic columns at both the front and back. A marble protective balustrade with relief figures of Nike encircled the top of the bastion on which the temple was built. The Parthenon, a temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, was the earliest

of the Classical monuments on the Acropolis, which were built in the second half of the 5th c. BC to replace the earlier buildings destroyed when the Persians burned the Athenian Acropolis in 479 BC. Perikles was the inspiration behind the building of the temple and the work was directed by Pheidias. The architects of the Parthenon, which was constructed and decorated between 447 and 432 BC, were Iktinos and Kallikrates. The Parthenon is a Doric peristyle temple with eight columns on the ends and seventeen on the sides. The columns, walls and sculptural decoration are of white Pentelic marble.

All the upper parts of the temple were decorated. On the outside, the metopes were carved with the battle of the gods and Giants (Gigantomachy) on the east side, of the Lapiths and Centaurs (Centauromachy) on the south, of the Athenians and Amazons (Amazonomachy) on the west, and the Trojan War on the north side. The two pediments had scenes from myths connected with the goddess Athena: the birth of the goddess in the presence of the other gods, on the east pediment, and her contest with Poseidon for Athens on the west. The walls of the cella were encircled by a relief frieze depicting the Panathenaic procession. The chryselephantine statue of the goddess by Pheidias stood inside the temple.

The Erechtheion was built about 420 BC on the north side of the flat summit of the hill and housed earlier cults. It is an Ionic temple, with a complex design. On the east side is a porch, with six Ionic columns, on the north a monumental propylon and on the south a porch, the roof of which is supported by six figures of maidens, the famous Caryatids. The cella was divided into two parts, in which Athena and Poseidon-Erechtheus were worshipped.

The space between the large sanctuaries mentioned above was filled with smaller sanctuaries and other buildings as well as with bronze statues dedicated to the gods.



Η Συλλογή Γλυπτών παρουσιάζει την εξέλιξη της αρχαίας ελληνικής γλυπτικής από τον 8ο αι. π.Χ. έως τα τέλη του 4ου αι. μ.Χ. Τα γλυπτά που την αναπτύζουν, ποικίλα από τα οποία είναι αριστουργήματα και αποτελούν σταθμούς στην ιστορία της τέχνης, προέρχονται από την Αθήνα και άλλες περιοχές της Ελλάδας – Θεσσαλία, Στερεά Ελλάδα, Πελοπόννησος, Κρήτη και νησιά του Αιγαίου –, ώστε ο επισκέπτης να σχηματίσει μια ολοκληρωτική εικόνα της εξέλιξης, αλλά και της ιδιαιτερότητας των διαφόρων τοπικών εργαστηρίων.

The Museum building, a protected monument in itself, was founded in 1866 on a plot donated by Eleni Tositsa. Its construction was based on designs by the architects L. Lange and P. Kalkos. The final form of its facade was the work of E. Ziller, who also supervised the work until 1889, when the west wing was completed. The present building took form gradually in the 20th century with a series of additions on the east side.

In its galleries can be traced the long evolution of ancient Greek culture. The Museum's Collections – Prehistoric, Sculpture, Vases and the Minor Arts, Bronze, and Egyptian Antiquities – are amongst the most comprehensive in the world, and contain finds dating from the 7th millennium

BC to the 5th c. AD.

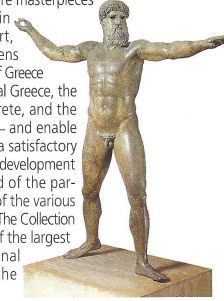
The Prehistoric Collection consists of unique works of art representing the major civilisations that flourished in the Aegean from the 7th millennium to about 1050 BC. It includes objects from the Neolithic period and the Bronze Age, from mainland Greece, the Aegean islands and Troy.



The most important exhibits are the treasures from the royal tombs at Mycenae, the famous Cycladic marble figurines, and the superbly preserved wall-paintings from Thera with their large-scale compositions. These objects are on display in rooms 3-6 on the ground floor and room 48 on the first floor.

The Sculpture Collection presents the development of ancient Greek sculpture from the 8th c. BC to the end of the 4th c. AD. The sculptures comprising it, many of which are masterpieces and landmarks in the history of art, come from Athens and other parts of Greece

– Thessaly, central Greece, the Peloponnese, Crete, and the Aegean islands – and enable visitors to form a satisfactory idea both of the development of sculpture and of the particular features of the various local workshops. The Collection contains some of the largest groups of original sculptures in the world.



Χειμερινό ωράριο (από 16η Οκτωβρίου έως 31η Μαρτίου)

Δευτέρα: 10:30-17:00
Τρίτη-Κυριακή: 8:30-15:00
Αργίες: 8:30-15:00

Το Μουσείο παραμένει κλειστό την 1η Ιανουαρίου, 25η Μαρτίου, 1η Μαΐου, Κυριακή του Πάσχα, Χριστούγεννα και δεύτερη ημέρα Χριστουγέννων. Τη Μεγάλη Παρασκευή το Μουσείο λειτουργεί 12:00-17:00.

OPENING DAYS AND HOURS

Summer hours (1st April to 15th October)

Monday: 12:30-19:00
Tuesday-Sunday: 8:00-19:00
Holidays: 8:30-15:00

Winter hours (16th October to 31st March)

Monday: 10:30-17:00
Tuesday-Sunday: 8:30-15:00
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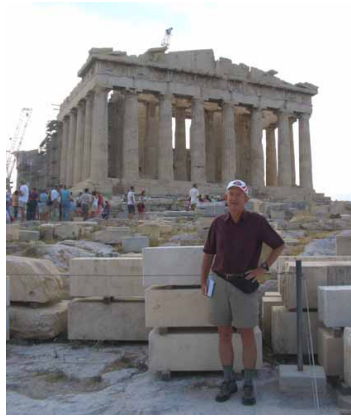
The Museum is closed on 1st January, 25th March, 1st May, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. On Good Friday, the Museum is open 12:00-17:00.



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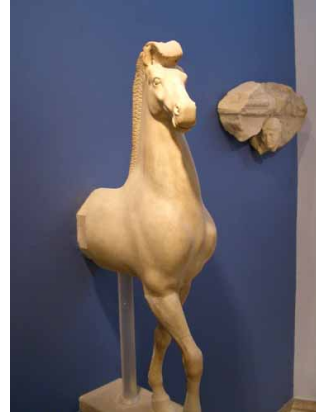
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