

# DESTINATION SERVICES

## HERAKLION, CRETE



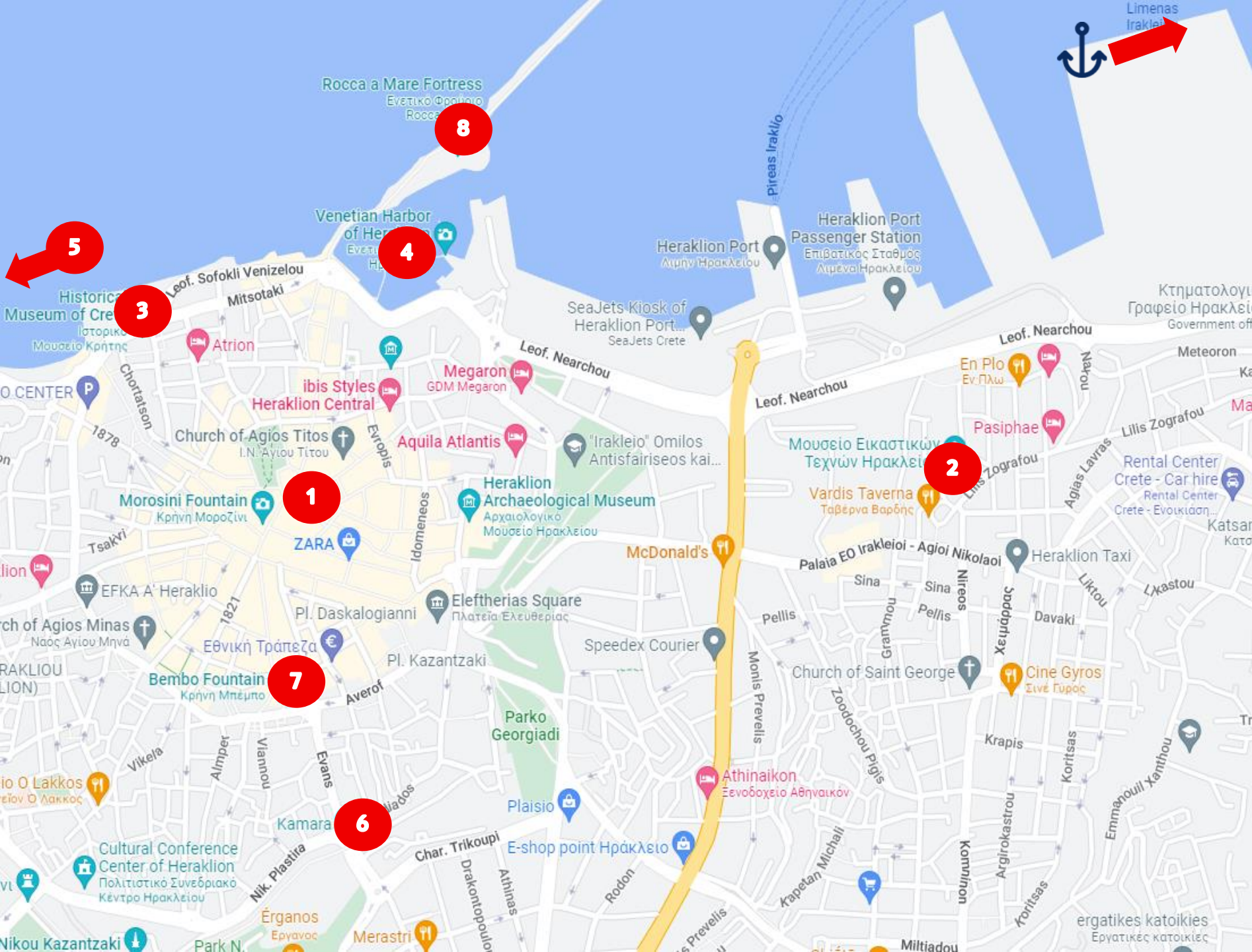
### Ship's Location

1. Town Centre
2. Museum Of Visual Art
3. Historical Museum
4. Marina
5. Ammoudara Beach
6. Venetian City Walls
7. Bembo Fountain
8. Rocca a Mare Fortress

Distance to the town: 20 minute walk

For more information please see the team at Destination Services

Source- [google.co.uk/maps](https://www.google.co.uk/maps)



# EXPLORE ASHORE HERAKLION



**LOCAL CURRENCY:**  
EURO



**LANGUAGE SPOKEN:**  
GREEK



**PHOTO ID:**  
NOT REQUIRED



**SHIP'S EMERGENCY CONTACT:**  
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## AT A GLANCE

In Heraklion, it's prohibited to walk through the port area so you will need to take the complimentary shuttle bus organised by the port authorities to take you to the cruise terminal.

The distance from the cruise terminal to the city centre is approximately 1.6km and will take around 25 –30 minutes to walk to the city. Simply follow the yellow tourist line on the ground that will lead you to the city centre.

Alternatively, you'll find taxis outside the cruise terminal who will take you into the city centre for approximately €10 each way.

There is usually a Hop-On Hop-Off bus at the cruise terminal which costs around €20. Buses come approximately every 45 minutes.

If you prefer to travel further afield by local bus, there is a bus station a short walk to the right as you come out of the port. You can find services to Knossos here too.

## DON'T MISS OUT ON

**Knossos Palace.** Knossos is the largest archaeological site in Crete & has been called Europe's oldest city. Settled as early as the Neolithic period it dates back thousands of year. Approximately a 30 minute drive away.

**Koules Fortress:** Built to protect the harbor from invaders in the 15th century. Koules means fortress in Turkish, but the Venetians named it Rocca al Mare. Spot the plaque of the winged lion of St Mark on the exterior of the fortress.

**25th August Street & Morosini Fountain:** This pedestrian street is home to a variety of neoclassical buildings. This street connects the harbor with Lion Square where the Morosini Fountain is located.

**Beach:** Ammoudara is on Heraklion's western shoulder and is 6km of Blug Flag sandy beach. The beach offers plenty for everyone and is easy to reach.

**Shopping:** Lion Square is the main area for shopping. Most of the surrounding streets are lined with souvenir or clothes shops. Some shops close for siesta between 14.00 - 17.00.

## EXCURSION OF THE DAY

**Elounda & Spinalonga:** Spinalonga is one of Crete's most famous spots and is often referred to locally as 'the island of tears'. After a scenic cruise over from the port of Elounda, your guide will take you on a walk through this old Venetian fortress that was used as a leper colony until 1957. Many books have been written about this famous little island and you'll learn all about its sad but hopeful history as you explore this infamous isle. After your return cruise to pretty Elounda, you can enjoy a little free time to explore the shops and there's a blue flag beach nearby, so if you wish, take your swimwear and beach towel with you. You'll also be treated to a traditional buffet of snacks from Crete including mini pies, meatballs and different salads. The perfect way to round off your day!

## PORT MAPS

Log on to our free **Navigate App** to view and download daily port maps to your smartphone or tablet. And, you can also browse and book our range of Shore Excursions too. Click '**Explorer**' in your WiFi settings and type '**navigate.tui**' into your browser to get started.



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## BIKE TOUR?

Our guided bike tours are a great way to explore the ports of call we visit on two wheels. Visit our friendly **Bike Guides** on deck 5 for more information.

## JUST SO YOU KNOW

Since we arrive in Heraklion on a Sunday, you may find that some shops will be closed. If you are visiting religious sites in Greece, shoulders and knees need to be covered.

Crete can be very hot and busy during the Summer months. You should expect queues to popular sites and attractions so we recommend taking water with you as well as some sun cream.