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Metaxa Hotel

There are places that simply host you, and places that invite you to become part of them, to surrender to the sea breeze to explore the wild landscapes, and discover the aroma of the healing herbs. Places like Crete - and its people.

Metaxa Hotel stands as an imaginative tenth gate to the city, inspired by the nine historic entrances of Heraklion's Venetian Walls and welcomes guests into an atmosphere so familiar, that feels like returning home to a place you've never been.

With 12 suites, each inspired by the Cretan landscape, it craves an immersive experience framed by uninterrupted views of the harbor and the endless blue. Balancing minimalistic aesthetics with rich textures, it offers a sense of comfort that flows naturally.

Bridging the vibrant energy of the city center with effortless access to its most iconic landmarks, Metaxa Hotel lets the story of Heraklion unfold around you. Located on "Eleftheria" Square, just 100 meters from the legendary renowned Archeological Museum and its Minoan treasures, you are close enough to almost touch history.

Dedicated to personalized hospitality, we offer a stay that is tailored exclusively to you.

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Gastronomy – DANTE

DANTE is an integral part of the Metaxa hospitality experience, located right next to the hotel in the heart of Heraklion. Showcasing contemporary Neapolitan pizza made with 72-hour fermented dough and authentic Italian ingredients, DANTE offers guests of Metaxa Hotel and city visitors alike a vibrant, cosmopolitan dining experience from morning to night. Its refined aperitivo culture, creative cocktails, and carefully curated wine list featuring Greek and Italian labels further enhance the gastronomic identity of Metaxa Hotel, seamlessly blending warm hospitality with modern Italian cuisine in the center of Heraklion.

Our cuisine ensures a combination of health and taste, adding an intuitive good mood and giving a new dimension to the everyday life of the city center.

Hospitality

With just 12 suites, Metaxa Hotel cultivates an immediate sense of serenity and discretion. Here hospitality takes on a personal character – it adapts, it listens, and it evolves with you. We treat every stay as a unique journey, where our experienced team discreetly tends to every detail, allowing you to form a meaningful connection with the land, its people and its culture.

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Diktamo Sea View Suite

NATURAL WELLBEING

Inspired by Crete's botanical heritage, Diktamo Suite pairs green tones with an atmosphere of complete tranquility. Aromatic herbal notes, a flexible layout, and carefully curated amenities create a setting of relaxation where nature is translated into a refined, contemporary stay experience.



1st to 4th floor



Up to 3 guests



23 m²
Two-space open plan



Spacious balcony



Twin beds & sofa bed

Terra Sea View Suite

EARTHEN BALANCE

Embodying the warmth of the Cretan landscape, the Terra Suite features earthy tones and contemporary elegance. A space inspired by the island's natural diversity, it artfully balances raw intensity with authentic harmony.



1st to 4th floor



Up to 3 guests



27 m²
Two-space open plan



Balcony



Twin beds & sofa bed

Azure Sea View Suite

ENDLESS BLUE

Drawing inspiration from the boundless blue, the Azure Suite radiates brightness and a profound sense of freedom and infinity. Inspired by the crystalline sea and the clear Cretan sky, it captures the meeting of the two in a light-filled space and the feeling of an endless horizon



1st to 4th floor



Up to 3 guests



26 m²
Open plan layout



Balcony



Twin beds & sofa bed

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Amenities & Services

Features

- Mini fridge
- Dining area
- Workspace
- Outdoor furniture
- Soundproof windows
- Walk-in rain shower
- Hairdryer / bath amenities
- Premium linens

Facilities

- Coffee & tea facilities
- Nespresso machine
- Air conditioning
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi
- Tablet for remote control of temperature, music, TV, and lighting
- Flat-screen TV
- Telephone
- In-room safe
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Bathroom amenities

General infos

- All Debit & credit cards accepted:
Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Diners, Maestro, Debit card

Check-in: 15:00

Check-out: 11:00

Currency: Euro

Time Zone: GMT+2

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Food – Drink

DANTE – Pizza Napoletana & Aperitivo

DANTE is a contemporary Italian restaurant specializing in Pizza Napoletana & Aperitivo, ideally located on the ground floor of Metaxa Hotel, in the heart of Heraklion, Crete, on Eleftherias Square. Just a short walk from the Heraklion Archaeological Museum and the city's main shopping district, DANTE is a reference point for visitors seeking an authentic Italian gastronomic experience in a vibrant urban setting.

Pizza Napoletana Contemporanea lies at the core of DANTE's culinary identity. The dough is matured for 72 hours, resulting in a light texture and excellent digestibility, while only authentic Italian ingredients are used, including San Marzano tomato sauce, premium Italian cheeses, and selected cured meats. Signature pizzas include Nerano, Gorgonzola, and Spianata Piccante.

The aperitivo experience is an integral part of DANTE's concept. At the restaurant's tap room, guests can enjoy classic cocktails such as Spritz, Negroni, and Paloma, alongside modern, creative interpretations. Must-try cocktails include St Germain Spritz, Apples, Miso Margarita, and Mandarin Garibaldi.

Wine plays a central role in DANTE's philosophy, with an extensive and carefully curated wine list, complemented by a cellar featuring distinctive labels from both the Greek and Italian vineyards, thoughtfully selected to enhance and harmoniously accompany the menu.

Daily from 08:00 to 13:00, DANTE offers Breakfast & Brunch, featuring options such as focaccia with Italian cheeses and cured meats, sugar-free baked goods, and egg-based dishes with an Italian twist, including the Italian shakshuka with nduja and xygalo cheese.

Combining authentic Neapolitan tradition, contemporary technique, and a cosmopolitan atmosphere, DANTE is an ideal choice for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or aperitivo in the center of Heraklion.

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Opening hours: 8:00 - 00:30

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Heraklion – Location

Heraklion, the capital of the island of Crete, is a vibrant cultural city—the heart and soul of the authentic Cretan experience. Each day, hundreds of visitors arrive and uncover traces of an awe-inspiring past, sparking curiosity about its unique history and rich gastronomic heritage.

Metaxa Hotel, located in the central “Eleftherias” Square, is surrounded by remarkable landmarks such as the Koules Fortress, the impressive Venetian Walls, and the fascinating Minoan treasures housed in the Archaeological Museum. In the same area, explore the nearby central market, where a vivid array of colors, aromas, and flavors awaken the senses and invite you to discover the local cuisine.

Home to an exceptionally rich flora, our island is also the birthplace of the Cretan diet, recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. Crete is a fertile, unspoiled land, where culinary culture is deeply intertwined with the genuine spirit of hospitality.

From Heraklion Airport (Her) – Nikos Kazantzakis

By car

1. Coming out from the airport area, head right (west) towards the city centre where you meet Ikarou Avenue.
2. Continue straight ahead Ikarou Avenue for about 4km until you reach the Venetian Walls. When the road no longer continues straight but only left or right turn left and you will see the Liberty Square “Eleftherias”
3. You can park on the parking of Padiados Str (next to Eleftherias Square)

By taxi

There are always available taxis at the airport. The charge should not exceed the 15 €.

By bus

Just outside the airport, opposite the Arrivals Gate, you will find the bus stop. Any bus heading toward the city center will take you to the hotel. Disembark at Eleftherias Square, and upon arrival, the hotel will be right in view.

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Located in the heart of Heraklion city, Metaxa Hotel offers the perfect holiday base from which to discover the island, visit all attractions and main places of interest. For your convenience, we have listed below some distances of the main attractions, hotspots and museums.

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| Central Market of Heraklion/Morozini Fountain (1866 Street) | 550 m |
| Heraklion N. Kazantzakis Airport | 4 km |
| Harbor of Heraklion | 1.4 km |
| Central Bus Station | 1.2 km |
| Venetian Fortress of Rocca al Mare (Koules) | 1.4 km |
| Knossos Antiquities | 5.6 km |
| Archaeological Museum of Heraklion | 230 m |
| Historical Museum of Heraklion | 1 km |
| Museum of Natural History of Heraklion | 1.3 km |
| Grave of Nikos Kazantzakis | 750 m |
| Saint Titos Cathedral | 650 m |
| Saint Minas Cathedral | 650 m |
| CretAquarium | 16 km |
| Golfing in Crete | 28 km |
| University of Crete | 5 km |
| Technological Institute of Crete | 5,5 km |
| University Hospital of Heraklion | 7 km |
| Venizelio Hospital of Heraklion | 4,5 km |
| Agios Nikolaos - Elounda | 65 km |
| Rethymnon City | 78 km |
| Chania City | 137 km |
| Elafonissi Beach | 210 km |
| Balos Beach | 190 km |
| Samaria Gorge | 180 km |
| Gortys (Gortyn or Gortyna) | 50 km |
| Minoan Palace of Festos | 55 km |

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Right in the heart of the city, Metaxa Hotel is the perfect starting point to its lively and interesting capital.

Archaeological Museum

The Archaeological Museum of Heraklion is one of the most important and significant museums in Greece. The museum was built between 1937-1940, and boasts 20 rooms with exhibits originating exclusively from Crete. The collections come mostly from central and eastern Crete, and cover a span of 5.500 years. The exhibits are presented following the chronological evolution of the Minoan civilization. It is located in the center of the town just 100 m from the Hotel.

Information: (+30) 281 0279000

Historical Museum of Crete

Historical Museum of Crete was founded in 1953 by the Society of Cretan Historical Studies. It is housed in a three storey neoclassical building, owned by the Kalokairinos family, and represents an important element of Cretan history and tradition. It comprises 12 rooms, showing the evolution of Cretan civilization, from the Christian period until the 20th century. Its collections include pictures, historical heirlooms, books, maps, Cretan costumes and many other exhibits depicting the Crete of the past.

Information: (+30) 281 0283219

Natural History Museum of Crete

In the Natural History Museum of Crete, visitors become familiar with the flora and fauna of Crete and mainland Greece. A key focus of the museum is to enable visitors to understand the relation between the old civilizations and the natural environment; to learn about the impressive past, and the future of Crete and the Mediterranean, through fossils, rocks and minerals.

Information: (+30) 281 0282740

Museum of Visual Arts

The Museum of Visual Arts of Heraklion (METH) was established in 2000 by K. Schizakis and is a meeting place between artists and their publics. It is a place of intellectual development, education and entertainment. The museum hosts important art and culture events.

Information: (+30) 281 0226683

Koules Fortress

The Venice of the East as it was described during the Venetian rule, has the Koules as the trademark of the medieval city of Heraklion. The Koules Fortress was built in 1523-1540 offering a spectacular view to the Cretan Sea, and is the vigilant sentry that protects the city of Heraklion.

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Tomb of N. Kazantzakis

The tomb of the most beloved writer of Crete is located on the southern part of the Venetian Walls, on the highest point of the Venetian fortification, the Martinego cavalier. Its wooden cross bears his famous quote: I hope for nothing. I fear nothing. I am free. Offering a view to the entire city of Heraklion, this landmark makes clear that no homage will ever be enough for this great man.

The Palace of Knossos

The Palace of Knossos is the most important and majestic creation of the Minoan Civilization, a sacred cultural heritage of Greece, and a world renowned monument. Located 5 km southeast of Heraklion, the Minoan Palace of Knossos, expanding over a surface of 22.000 m², is visited by thousands of tourists and locals every year.

Information: (+30) 281 0231940

St. Markus Basilica

St. Markus basilica is also located on Venizelou Sq. and now used as a lecture hall, exhibition center, as well as other cultural events. It also houses the municipal library. Built by the Venetians in 1239. The Dukes used to attend the church services and also got buried there. From the entrance of the church the public herald used to pronounce the Dukes' directives to the people.

Information: (+30) 281 3409000

Venetian Walls

The Venetian walls represent the most formidable project of the Venetian rule. They were first built in the 15th century whereas extensions and improvements were carried out during the 16th and 17th centuries. The main architect was one of the famous army engineers of the 16th century, Michele San Michele of Verona.

Saint Minas Cathedral

Saint Minas is the metropolitan church situated on Agia Ekaterini Sq. Built during 1862-1895, this is one of the most impressive churches as regards size and position. It is in the shape of a cross with a dome and four equidistant pillars. On the western corner of the metropolitan church there is a tiny, older church of Agios Minas (again) which has ornate wood carvings and icons from the 18th century. It is not known when it was built.

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St. Titus Church

St. Titus, a church honoring the protector of the island. Initially a Byzantine temple, during its many historical phases suffered substantial damages: renovations including major alterations by the Venetians in the 16th century and it was also used as the metropolitan church by the Catholics. During the Turkish rule it was converted into a mosque, the "Vezir mosque", destroyed in the big earthquake of 1856, rebuilt on its own foundations in 1872. In 1926 it again became an Orthodox church after undergoing relative repairs and alterations.

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Morozini Fountain

This is situated in the centre of Venizelou square, and it was inaugurated by the Venetian administrator Francesco Morozini. Water comes out from spouts in the mouths of four lions, dating from the 14th century, the decor of the eight troughs of the fountain consist of reliefs from scenes of the Greek mythology on top of which there is a gigantic statue of Poseidon holding his trident which unfortunately got destroyed during the Turkish rule.

Heraklion Jetty

Walk along the coast from the Venetian Port to the lighthouse and back! It is a rather famous walk for morning workout, romantic walks, teenage skaters, cyclists and families. The walk takes 1hr both ways and it is quite relaxing too. Along the jetty, visitors can admire graffiti art picturing Greek mythology and themes of contemporary concerns.

Parks

Karavolas Park: Enjoy a beautiful summer walk from the park to Lido area, a bike ride, or just enjoy the sea view. It's a great place for children to play and have fun! Your pets will also love it.

Georgiadis Park: a peaceful spot to enjoy the fresh air under the shades of trees. Get a coffee from the cute little cafe and spend an afternoon reading.

Efkalyptos Park: Within the Venetian Walls moat, Eucalyptus park is an idyllic place to enjoy a walk under the shade of huge eucalyptus trees."

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