



Gramvousa Island & the Balos Lagoon

DO IT YOURSELF!

FACTS

At the Northwest tip of Crete on the Gramvousa Peninsula sits the tiny island of Gramvousa and its even smaller sister island, the Balos Lagoon. Easily accessible by 1-hour ferryboat from Kastelli, the islands' fairy-tale aqua waters are perfect for snorkeling, swimming in its shallow bays, and sunbathing on its golden sands. The Gramvousa ferry lands at a jetty below an old Venetian fort, perfect for exploring before you jump into the beautiful water. Photo ops are plentiful, and the area is pristine so make sure you bring food and a cooler, or euros to get stuff on the ferry.

WEAR

Plenty of sunscreen and a hat! Sturdy shoes are a must for exploring the fortress.

BRING

Euros, camera, snacks, cooler of drinks if you wish, snorkeling gear, and towel.

GET THERE

By Car VIA NATIONAL HIGHWAY LEAVE NSA, proceed to NAMFI, turn right towards Chania. Turn left after 2 miles at signs marked SOUDA ("The Bat" Restaurant will be high up on hill on your right). Continue until this winding road ends at a stoplight in the town of Souda; INKA Supermarket will be on your right. Turn right at the supermarket, then left at the very wide intersection, heading towards the mountains. Turn right onto the National Highway towards Chania and Kissamos/Kastelli. Continue on the highway for approximately 25 minutes until the constructed portion of the highway ends. Exit at the turn-off there, take a right at the STOP sign, then follow that road until it ends. Turn left and IMMEDIATELY turn left again at the fork in the road. Continue straight until you arrive at the tiny KISSAMOS PORT, where you can take the ferry to Gramvousa and/or Balos.

By City Bus FROM DOWNTOWN CHANIA

Go to the main Chania Bus Terminal (called KTEL), located downtown on the road where the **SAMARIA HOTEL** is. Bus tickets cost €4.70 one way and run: Chania to Kastelli (before the ferry departs): 0630, 0715, 0830 & 1000.

From Kastelli to Chania: 1730 & 1845..

Ferries for Gramvousa and Balos depart at 1020, return at 1800. Ferry Tickets are €22.00 and are sold at the Kastelli Harbor.

All NSA personnel will receive a € 5.00 discount upon furnishing appropriate military Identification.

For more info please call Kriti Info at x1288.