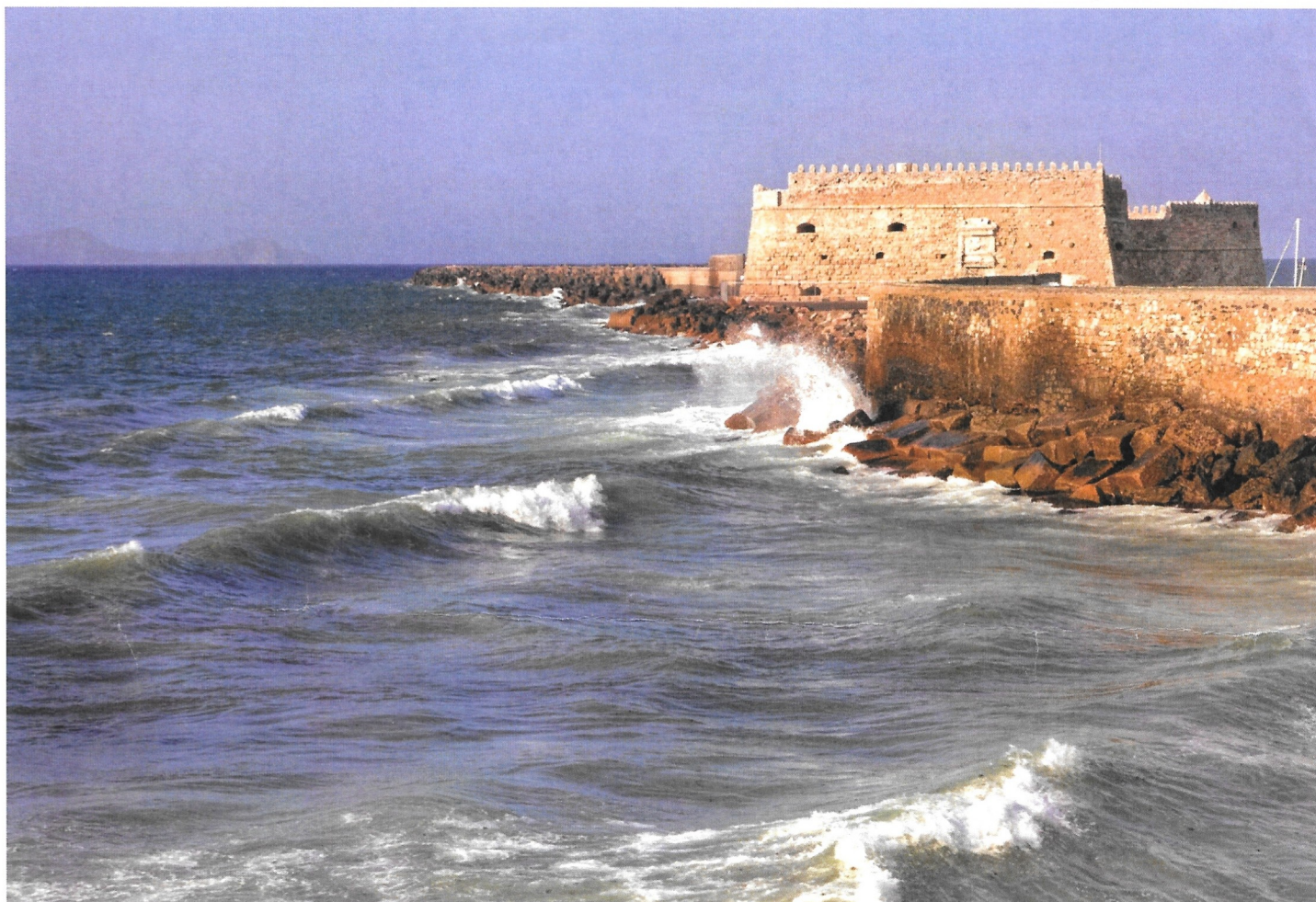


VIKING DAILY

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Weather: Sunny. 64° F / 18° C
Sunrise: 7:22 AM | **Sunset:** 5:09 PM



HERAKLION (CRETE), GREECE

Crete was home to the Minoans, Europe's earliest recorded civilization. Its capital, Heraklion, grew from the riches of the Venetian Empire, which ruled here for four centuries. Crete enjoyed a Renaissance building boom that helped bolster Heraklion as the region's most strongly fortified city. The island is blessed with generous beaches, soaring mountains, deep gorges and coursing rivers. It is also where the distinct *mantinades*—narrative couplets of love accompanied by Cretan stringed instruments—could break out at any number of cafés as you sip *tsikoudia*, a grape-based brandy distilled in the hills.

Viking Star

Please take me back to the ship: Παρακαλώ να μου πάρει πίσω στο πλοίο.
 Phonetic: Parakaló na mou párei písō sto ploío.

Contacts

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 Ship: +1 323 723-3801

Ship Location

Pier 4-5 North

Arrival Time

8:00 AM

Back on Board

5:00 PM

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Today on *Viking Star*

MORNING

7:00 AM

Arrival: *Viking Star* docks in **Heraklion, Greece**. An announcement will be made in the public areas once the ship has received clearance from local authorities. Guests are reminded to carry their **stateroom keycard** when proceeding ashore today.

8:00 AM–8:00 PM

Blåbær Hair Ritual: Treat your hair from root to tip with a conditioning blueberry hair treatment, neck and scalp massage, shampoo and blow dry. Treatment charge applicable. Reserve at Spa Reception.

Nordic Spa (1)

9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Sports Deck is Open: Golf, Shuffleboard and Skittles are available for use (*weather permitting*).

Sports Deck (9)

9:30 AM

Crew Emergency Drill: This drill does not require any action by guests, although you will hear announcements and alarms throughout the ship. Some onboard services may be suspended or curtailed during this safety exercise.

AFTERNOON

4:00–5:00 PM

Afternoon Tea: Enjoy this classic tradition accompanied by our Resident Pianist Christophe.

Wintergarden (7)

4:30 PM

Port Talk—Rhodes, Greece: Discover the heritage, culture and history of Rhodes, Greece. You may access port talks via your stateroom TV shortly after the presentation. Viking Enrichment>Port Talks/Enrichment Lectures

Star Theater (2)

5:00 PM

Back On Board: *Viking Star* prepares to set sail for **Rhodes, Greece**.

(171 nautical miles)

5:15 PM

Future Travel Presentation – Rivers: Discover the World of Viking with your Travel Consultant, John. Learn about the different river itineraries and exclusive benefits of booking your next voyage while on board.

Torshavn (1)

5:30 PM

Solo Travelers' Get-Together: Join your fellow guests for an informal meet and greet (unhosted).

Explorers' Lounge (8)

5:30–7:15 PM

Explorers' Acoustics: Our Guitar Entertainer Indra performs acoustic favorites alongside sweeping views.

Explorers' Lounge (7)

EVENING

6:00–6:45 PM

Munch Moments: Andrey and Volodymyr, our Classical Duo, perform traditional Norwegian music while Munch's most famous works grace the Atrium screen.

Atrium (1)

6:30 PM

Guest Lecture with Dr. Margery Marcus: "Rhodes and Ephesus: Wonders of the Ancient World." Walk the streets of these two ancient cities and hear tales of past greatness.

Viking Enrichment>Port Talks/Enrichment Lectures.

Star Theater (2)

6:30–11:00 PM

Introducing Kallati Jewelry: Join Gabriel, our Kallati Brand Ambassador, in our onboard jewelry boutique to get to know the elegance and charm of Kallati Jewelrys' finely crafted pieces from an exclusive collection, made by women for women.

Juveler (2)

Majorica: The pearl of the Mediterranean. Majorica was born in Mallorca in 1890. Pearls radiate tradition and the only handcrafted organic pearls on the market, come and see the collection we have in.

Kosmetiske (1)

7:00–8:45 PM

Magical Melodies: Join our Resident Pianist Christophe for ivory melodies in the comfort of the soaring Atrium.

Atrium (1)

7:30 PM

Armagnac Tasting: Discover an amazing selection with our beverage team. To sign up, please visit Guest Services on Deck 1. (An additional charge may be applied).

Torshavn (2)

8:00 PM

Team Trivia: Assistant Cruise Director Amy invites you and fellow guests to test your general knowledge in teams of up to six.

Explorers' Lounge (7)

8:00–9:30 PM

Nordic Bathing Night: Join our therapists for a cozy evening experiencing Nordic bathing traditions—a wellness ritual alternating hot and cold treatments. Additional charge is applicable.

Limited space; please sign up at Spa Reception

Nordic Spa (1)

9:00 PM

The Viking Star proudly presents Guest Entertainer Adam Johnson in "Dancing Keys". Join acclaimed virtuoso Adam Johnson for an evening of thrilling piano music as he explores the world of dance with music. Ranging from Classical Ballet and Tango, to the electronic music of today, "Dancing Keys" is an exceptional piano show not to be missed.

Star Theater (2)

9:00–10:45 PM

Evening Serenade: Settle in for some calming melodies brought to you by our Classical Duo Andrey and Volodymyr.

Atrium (1)

9:30–10:30 PM

Torshavn Acoustics: Join Guitar Entertainer Indra for an acoustic session in an intimate environment.

Torshavn (2)

10:00–10:45 PM

Explorers' Elegance: Sit back and enjoy the tunes performed by our Resident Pianist Christophe.

Explorers' Lounge (7)

10:30 PM–Close

Torshavn Nightcap: Take to the dance floor while enjoying the sounds of Resident Vocalists Shie, Ronel and the Viking Band.

Torshavn (2)

Local Currency

The local currency in Greece is the Euro. The approximate exchange rate is EUR 0.95 to \$1.00 USD. We regret to inform you that Euros cannot be purchased on board.

Shore Excursions

The following shore excursions meet directly on the pier, ashore:

Group	Excursion Name	Meeting Time	Duration	QuietVox
1	A Taste of Cretan Hospitality	8:05 AM	8 hours	QV
2	Arkadi Monastery & Rethymnon's Old Town	8:20 AM	5 ½ hours	QV
3	Gortyn & Phaistos	8:20 AM	4 ½ hours	QV
7-11	The Palace of Knossos & a Glimpse of Heraklion	8:20 AM	4 hours	QV
4-6	The Palace of Knossos & the Village of Arolithos	8:35 AM	4 hours	QV
14-18	Heraklion & Archaeological Museum (Included)	11:50 AM	3 hours	QV
19	The Villages of Crete	12:50 PM	3 hours	QV
20-23	Heraklion & Archaeological Museum (Included)	1:05 PM	3 hours	QV
24-27	Heraklion & Archaeological Museum (Included)	1:35 PM	3 hours	QV
28-31	Heraklion & Archaeological Museum (Included)	1:50 PM	3 hours	QV

- Please meet for your shore excursions exactly at the time and place indicated above. We request that you do not come ashore early, as guides and coaches may not yet be available to receive you.
- Remember to bring your charged **Quiet Vox** device and **headset** as well as your shore excursion **ticket(s)**.
- Be mindful of your personal belongings (souvenirs, cameras, phones, wallets, purses, etc.) throughout your shore excursion. Please do not leave anything behind in your motor coach or at any sightseeing stop during your shore excursion. **Viking is not responsible for personal items**, which may have been lost, misplaced or left behind.
- Viking shore excursions operate on a **"rain or shine"** basis, unless cancelled by the local tour operator. Please note that **refunds will not be possible for "no shows" or unused tickets**.

Shuttle Bus

Viking Star is pleased to provide a complimentary shuttle bus service today in Heraklion, Crete. This service will begin at **9:00 AM** from the Pier side, outside the Terminal building. The drop off / pick up point is at the **"STATUE OF VENIZELOS"** at the corner of **"ELEFThERIAS SQUARE"** and **"LEOFOROS DIMOKRATIAS STR"**. The last shuttle bus from town back to the *Viking Star* will be at **4:00 PM**.

Kindly note that for your safety it is prohibited to walk inside the port area. If you intend to take a taxi back to the ship, please ask the driver to drop you off at the pick-up point for the shuttle bus. Taxis will not be allowed to enter the port.

Excursion Booking Deadline

The final deadline to change or cancel shore excursions for Friday, December 20, 2024 – **Kusadasi, Turkey** – will be today before **6:00 PM** at Guest Services, deck 1. Please note that changes and updates cannot be made after this time.

Port Talks & Lectures

For your convenience, port talks and lectures are recorded and uploaded the following day for viewing on your stateroom TV. Viking Enrichment>Port Talks/Enrichment Lectures.

Viking Today

To hear about the day's events, activities and other highlights on your journey, please watch *Viking Today*, a program hosted by your Cruise Director, Cornelia. To view this program on your stateroom TV, please select the "Live TV" box and then the "Viking Today" option.

Guest Entertainer: Adam Johnson



Grammy® nominated pianist Adam Johnson continues to sell out concert halls throughout the UK and in Europe with his incomparable style and virtuosity. Described by BBC Radio as *"Cinematic"*, Classic FM as *"A fine pianist"* and by Sir Jonathan Pryce CBE in the Daily Telegraph as *"A Revelation"*, Adam Johnson dazzles audiences across the world with his exceptional range

of virtuosic piano repertoire. Since making his Concerto debut aged 17 playing a Mozart Piano Concerto in Pavlovsk Place St. Petersburg, he has performed with some of the finest orchestras including the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. Adam is proud to hold Freedom of the City of London, and is an elected Member of the Royal Society of Musicians.



NAUTICAL TERM

– of the day –

WINDFALL

A "windfall" is a sudden, unexpected rush of wind from a mountainous shore which allows a ship more leeway.

Dining

Early Risers

The Living Room	Deck 1	6:00–7:30 AM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	6:30–7:30 AM

Breakfast

World Café	Deck 7	6:30–9:30 AM
The Restaurant	Deck 2	8:00–9:30 AM

Late Risers

Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	7:30–11:00 AM
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Lunch

Pool Grill	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
World Café	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Teatime

Wintergarden	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
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Dinner

Manfredi's*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Chef's Table*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Restaurant	Deck 2	6:00–9:00 PM
World Café	Deck 7	6:00–9:00 PM

*Reservations can be made during opening hours for breakfast or lunch in the World Café or by calling Ext 6503. Dress code: elegant casual. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours from the World Café.

Snacks

Pool Grill	Deck 7	2:30–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	10:00 PM–Midnight

Lounges & Bars

Viking Bar	Deck 1	6:00 AM–Midnight
Torshavn	Deck 2	9:00 PM–Closing
Explorers' Lounge	Deck 7	10:00 AM–Midnight
Aquavit Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–10:00 PM
Pool Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–6:00 PM

Directory

Boutique & Shops (1/2)	Ext 9321	6:30–11:00 PM
Guest Services (1)	Ext 9710	24 Hrs
Fitness Center (1)	Ext 9311	6:00 AM–10:00 PM
Medical Center (a)	Ext 9206	8:00–9:00 AM / 5:00–6:00 PM
The Nordic Spa (1)	Ext 9311	8:00 AM–8:00 PM
Room Service	Ext 6502	24 Hrs
Travel Consultant (2)	Ext 9710	By appointment
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	Ext 999	24 Hrs

To make an appointment with our Travel Consultant, please call Ext 9710.

SNOW EXPERIENCE

Our Snow Grotto provides balancing refreshment after your sauna experience. Benefits of alternating hot and cold applications include stress relief, detoxification, weight loss and pain reduction.

See Spa Reception for details.



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Fine craftsmanship in the Viking tradition

High-quality, high-tech materials create contemporary activewear that keeps you dry and comfortable. We are proud to co-brand with this renowned clothing manufacturer.

To learn more, visit our Nordic Shop on Deck 2.



Port Map

Heraklion, Greece



To view the port map, scan QR code with your camera.