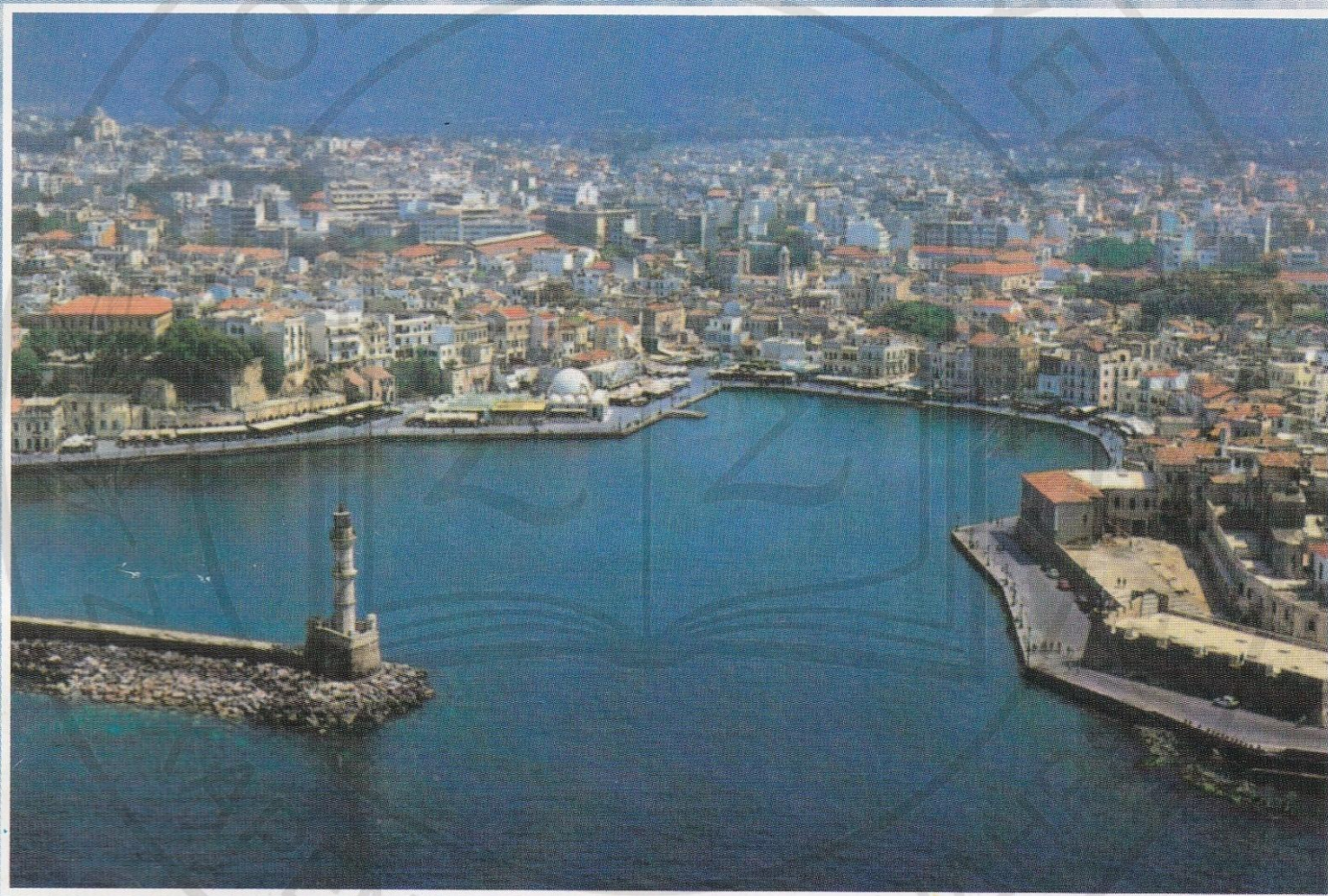


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MUSEUMS

The town of Hania has a number of important Museums.

ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM 21, Halidon Street

In the restored Venetian church of St. Franciscus (Gothic basilica). The Museum collection features of extraordinary objects from Hania and western Crete such as pottery, statues, old coins, figurines, inscriptions, and weapons. Excavations at ancient Kydonia, which began in 1960 gave to the collection pottery from Neolithic and Minoan periods, Late Mycenaean pottery imported from Cyprus and pottery with Linear B inscriptions.

There are some Roman finds like mosaics and statues.

HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF CRETE 20, Sfakianakis Street

(See below, Special presentation by Mrs Zacharenia Simandiraki, Director of the Historical Archives of Crete).

NAVAL MUSEUM on the site of fortress Firkas

It includes navigation instruments, historic documents, ship models, nautical maps, gravures, ship accessories and portraits dating back to 1821 revolution.

FOLKLORE MUSEUM 46B Halidon Street

Situated in the Arcade of the Catholic Church, with craftsmanship in laces, ornamented capes and embroidery.

HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF CRETE

by Mrs Zacharenia Simandiraki
Director of the Historical Archives of Crete

The Historical Archives of Crete was established in 1920.

It contains about 500.000 documents in public, private and revolutionary archival collections. It also contains administrative, judicial, religious and other archives, extensive photographic archives with approximately 3.000 old photographs and postcards. It has a complete up-to-date Cretan press archive dating since 1831, a well-established library with about 9.000 book titles and also a large museum collection with historic & folklore heirlooms.

Being the largest - district, regional Archive Service, second largest after the General National Archives in Athens, it takes part in cultural events and activities (lectures, document and book exhibitions, publications, etc.)

It has connections not only with the International Council of Archives, but also with Archives, Universities and Researchers in the whole of Greece and abroad.