



On November the 12th, we waked a little round uphill where we live. Here we encounter some hens.



Some goats. I try me on goat language.



Then they were offended and went away.



It was just this one that had little interest for me.



The plants seem to bloom throughout the year here.





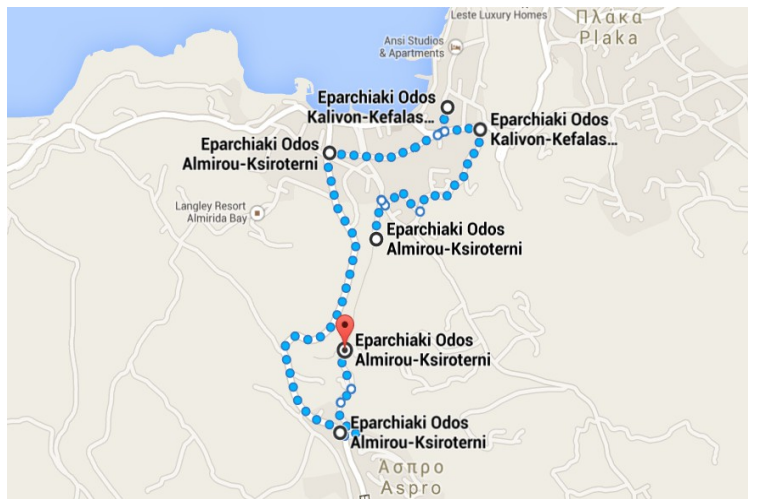
There are still some plants that lose their leaves in autumn. Here are some that have gotten very red autumn colors.



Nice flowers.



They are growing in a quite large area.



This is the round trip we walked this day.



As we sat out on the terrace one evening we saw a buzzard sitting on a rooftop watching for prey. He sat for a while, and then he went away.



Almyrida at twilight.



Night picture in direction of Chania.



On November the 13th, we went for a similar trip. The first thing we noticed when we went out was a snail that had gone out on one of the branches of a plant in the garden.



This day we went on the upper side of Aspro and down the same road as the day before. In the hill we were stared at by these two dogs who stood up on a roof.



In a garden we saw this concrete shoe.



The ants are building houses underground.



Here we arrive at Aspro.



Just before we come to the oldest district, which is now completely decayed.



Autumn colours.



Looking across the valley in direction of Kampia.



Here we have passed Aspro and we can see down to Almyrida.



Then some flower pictures.



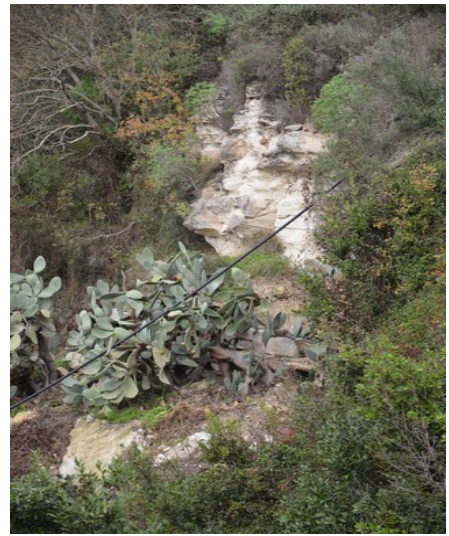
A discarded chair stands outside the lower house in Aspro.

We glimpsed a goat on the other side of the valley.





A pomegranate.



More pomegranates.



A view south of Lefka Ori (the white mountains) from the terrace.



On the 17th of November we went for a drive to [Chania](#). Here we are at [Agora](#), the market hall.



Anne Berit is shopping spices in the market hall.



Inside the market hall.



A fishmonger in the market hall.



One of the streets outside the market hall.



This is the leather street.



Here is sold natural sponges.



[The Chiavo Bastion](#), which is a part of the wall around Chania.



On the way up to the bastion.



View north east from the bastion.



View north west.



A wooden ship, hanging in a window.



Street pictures from the area [Topanas](#) north west of the bastion.



Gunpowder Magazine.

It is originally from the Venetian period. 1204 - 1645, but it was rebuilt in the Turkish period, 1645 - 1898. Originally the building was used for storing guns and gunpowder, but now it is used as a laboratory for conservation of antiquities.



More of the wall around Chania.
This is the wall around the Firkas tower.



On Talos Square stands this monument. It was set up in 1990 in memory of those who drowned in a ferry accident when [SS Heraklion](#) sank in the Aegean December 8, 1966 during a heavy storm. Over 200 people died in the accident.



From the Talos square we look up to the [San Salvatore Bastion](#).



A flock of seagulls sits on some stones outside the entrance to the harbor



From the Talos square we can see east towards the entrance to the [Venetian harbor](#).



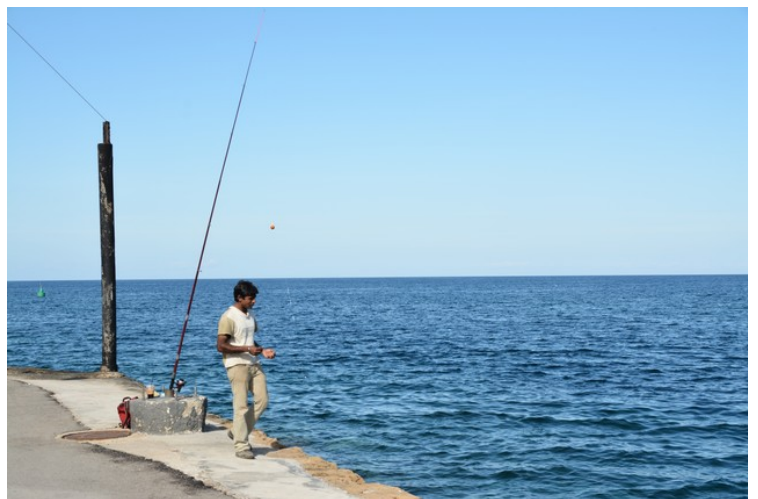
The walls outside Firkas again.



Here we look into the harbor.



The lighthouse.



Several guys were fishing in the harbor when we walked past. This one got a small fish of 5 cm.

[The lighthouse](#) standing on the tip of the breakwater at the entrance to the harbor is one of the oldest lighthouses in the world. It was built by the Venetians in the years 1595 - 1601, but it was later modified by the Turks.



We look across the harbor to [the Gialia Tzami - Mosque](#). It is the oldest Turkish building in Chania and it was built in 1649.



We walked through the entrance to the Maritime Museum of Chania, located in Firkas fortress. Here we look across to the [Firkas tower](#), which is one of the most important places in Crete, because it was here the Greek flag was hoisted for the first time on Crete the 1st of December 1913.



Street picture from Topanas.



The old guys are playing board game.



It is impressive to see climbing plants growing up on to the roof.



Street picture.



These and the next pictures are all from the district Topanas northwest of the port.



On the 18th of November we went for a drive to the [Kournas lake](#). It is the only natural freshwater lake in Crete. Another [link](#).



We approached the lake down here.



There were a lot of ducks and geese by the lake at this time of the year.



Anne Berit is stealthy shooting me. I'll let it pass for this time.



The restaurants by the sea are closed during winter.



Mallard



Siesta.



The pedal boat rentals has also closed for the winter.



View south.



The goose is not afraid of us.



Now we are heading back to where we parked the car.



Locked restaurants.



We drove further up. Here we see the northern part of the lake.



The southern part of the lake.



Here we are in the little village of [Kournas](#).
Looking down to the church.



View down the valley.



Here we have parked the car to go for a little walk in the village.



View to the sea.



This is the driving route.