



On November the 14th, we went to eat at a restaurant called [Makis Taverna](#). Here we have ordered and waiting for the food.



First we get the wine. Cheers!



We were a little early and were the only guests in the restaurant, but not many people live here in the winter and most restaurants are only open in summer.



On the 21st of November, we took a new sightseeing trip to Chania. This time we walked along the harbor and in the Splanzia district.

This is an old Turkish hammam (bathhouse). It is described in section 3 of the following [link](#).



Atinagora Square with Trimartyri church at the rear. Is described in section 1 and 2 in the following [link](#).



Inside the church.



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Ecumenical Patriarch [Atenagoras I](#), Patriarch of Constantinople 1948-1972 as the square is named after.



Freedom Fighter Anagnostis Mantak was one of the two who hoisted the Greek flag on Firkas tower in 1913.



Inside this quarter is the Roman Catholic Church. Are described in section 4 in the following [link](#).



Here we come to the harbor, Sintrivani Square or Eleftherios Venizelos Square. A fountain stands in the middle of the square. Are described in section. 8 in the following [link](#).



The harbor. [Link](#) to a description of the harbor area.



Furthest out we see Firkas fortress and towers.



The Turkish mosque, [Giali Tzamissi](#), meaning the mosque by the sea, was one of the first that the Turks built when they took over power. It was quite destroyed during the WW2, but it is built up again.



This is [Kastelli Hill](#), located directly behind the mosque. During cleanup efforts after the bombings during the war there was found many relics from Minoan times. [Link](#) to the description of the excavations.



The Lighthouse seen from another angle.



The marina east in the harbor.



More boats in the marina. Looking across to the San Nikolaos bastion.



The San Nicolaos bastion.

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A [link](#) (see pt. 21).



This is The Grand Arsenal.
To get to the donkey stairs we went through the large opening in the middle.



Ruins after the bombing during WW2.



Here we have gone through the gate and are looking back.



The donkey stairs.
Described in pt. 17 in the following [link](#).



Here I'm on my way up the stairs.



Up on top of Kastelli is a few houses, including the [Venetian Rector's Palace](#).
Described in pt. 12 in the following [link](#).



Up here is also [The New Government House](#) which was built in 1898 by France, Britain and Russia after the Turks were driven out.
A description in pt. 16 in the following [link](#).



View across the harbor to Firkas.



A couple of picture looking towards Firkas.



Here we are down again from the hill and are looking at some of the wall.



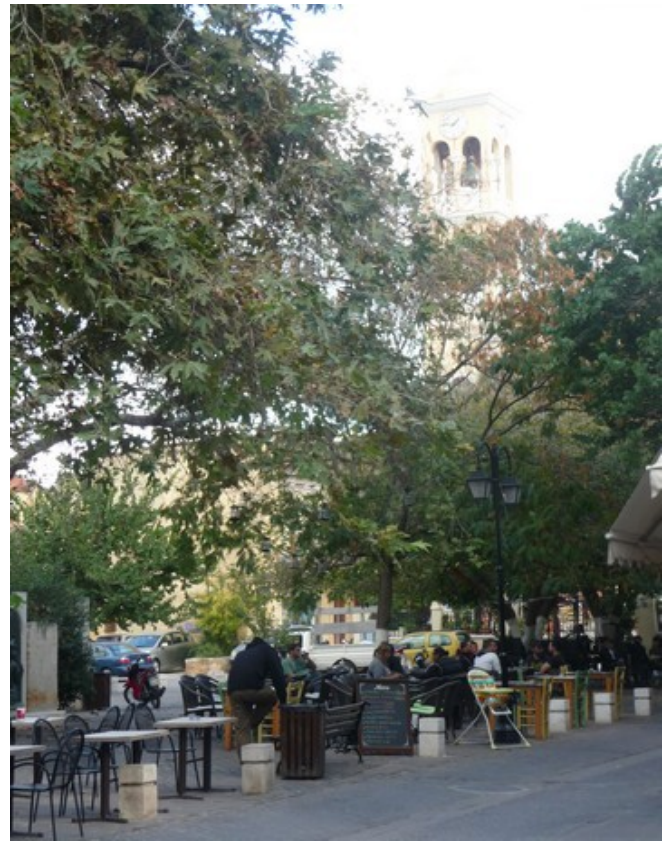
This was once a Turkish prison and government building. Described in pt. 15 in the following [link](#).



So we've gone down to the harbor again. This is Arsenali that the Venetians built in the 1400s. The 7 buildings were open at one end and was used for shipbuilding and repair. They were 50 meters long and 10 meters high. The ships could be drawn into it, you could work under cover. Discussed in section. 19 in the following [link](#).



Then we have gone to the district Splanzia. Here is the church / monastery of [Agios Nicolaos](#). During the Turk government the church was turned into a mosque and the minaret still stands.



The church is at this place, [Splanzia Square](#) or 1821 Square, which was the center of the Turkish settlement.



A picture from the square.



The back of the church / monastery.

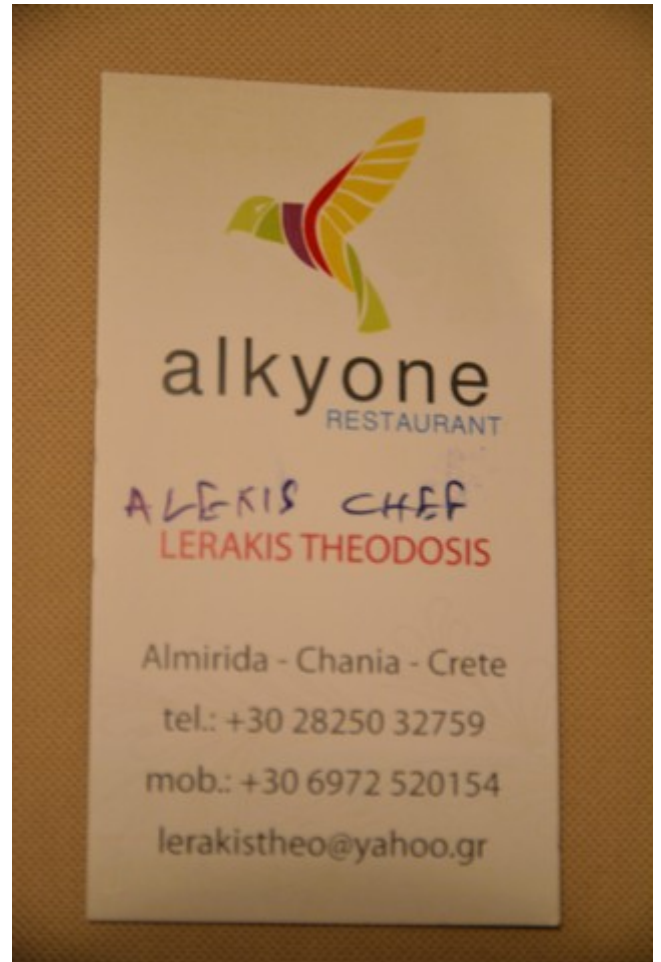


In northeastern corner of the square stands the San Rocco Church. Described in pt. 41 in the following [link](#).



Below follows street pictures from the [The Distrikt of Splanzia](#).





In all the small streets of the Splanzia district, we saw that everybody had decorations outside their houses with plants and flowers in jars and pots.

On November the 22nd, we ate at [Alkyone Restaurant](#) in Almyrida. They have a new chef who has a Michelin star and the food he made was an experience. The best food we've had in Greece.



On November the 24th there was heavy winds from the north. Then we had this view from the terrace.



On the 26 of November we made a Thai dish for dinner, "green curry soup." It does not look so interesting on the picture, but it's really good!
[The recipe.](#)



On November the 28th, we saw the buzzard again. He was sitting on the same roof as last time, on the house next door, looking for prey.



Here it certainly discovered something, and flies away.



On the 29th of November, new flowers have sprung at the neighbor.



Some of our neighbors feed a herd of cats. They are wild cats and they are fairly shy, but they are starving, so they come when there is food to get.



There are many wild cats throughout Greece. Many get leftovers from restaurants and many tourists and locals feed them, but during winter time most tourists are away, so there are many cats who are starving. There is an association in Greece who call themselves [Greek cat welfare society](#). They try to get rid of the big cat population by capturing cats to sterilize them and then let them out again. They believe that it is the most pet-friendly way to do it.



The 29th of November we went to Kalyves to look at a particular location. When we got there it was a herd puppies who met us. They wanted company and wanted to be scratched and patted.



The place is called Koumos Taverna – Restaurant, and what is special about it, is all stone effigies which the owner has made.

A few links: [link1](#) [link2](#) [link3](#)



The dogs are following us.



Inside the small chapel.



Inside the chapel there is made a lamp of a tree root.



A small kitten also appeared.
It was with us for a while when we were looking around,
but when we went back where the small dogs kept guard,
it didn't dare to go farther.

Everything is covered by stone or made of stone.



The main building.



The main entrance.



An old wagon in the gate.



Stairs of stone.

Below follows more pictures from the site.







On November the 30th, we went for a walk down to the village to have a look at [the Christmas market](#), but first a picture of flowers on the other side of the road where we stay.



The market is indoors in Almyrida Residence.



A lot of various items are for sale.



Here it is paintings.



The Parking lot between [Almyrida Residence Hotel](#) and [Almyrida Beach Hotel](#) was full with cars.



Outside Almyrida Beach is sold various food.



Here Asian food is wokked.



The pool at the Almyrida Beach is empty now in the winter, and the hotel is closed, but they have opened up the pool area for the market.



It is set up tables and chairs by the pool, and here is full of people.



Also other things are sold here, not just food. Here are blankets / plaids.



Fruit and jam.



All the tables and chairs are occupied.



I buy a couple of beers at the bar.



The pool area.



Two guys playing old reggae music that was popular 50 years ago.



Drums, guitar and vocals.



Since all tables and chairs were occupied, we sat on a low wall near the pool, but there were also many who sat on the poolside.