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GREECE

All the sparkle and magic of Greece, from the tiniest
Cycladic isle to the highest Macedonian mountain.

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If Chania is the jewel in the crown of Crete's Venetian cities, then here is the queen who bears it. This gorgeous aristocratic home of a Genoese sea captain (hence the Italian name) oozes sophistication from the moment you step into its shady courtyard. A gargantuan urn spills greenery onto a star-shaped mosaic, Arizonan cacti climb the pale yellow walls, a fountain splashes over an erotically-sculpted marble water-bearer. Guests linger until noon over a buffet of yogurt, local cheeses and latticed fruit tarts; or sip pre-prandials by the warm glow of well-placed spots and candles in glass buckets. Its suites (all have sitting area) run from single-space rooms via split-level maisonettes to a huge penthouse: a honeymoon haven with its own terrace overlooking the rainbow-coloured harbour front. Floors are shiny marble, furniture is oversize and wooden (though not antique), bathrooms are hi-spec and spotless (some have whirlpool tubs). Lower rooms occupy cosy, vaulted store rooms (cool in summer, dark in winter); higher ones look onto the court or pedestrian street (expect some merriment in midsummer). Classy.

rooms	22: 15 double suites, 5 twin suites, 2 apartments for 2-4.
price	€130-€300. Singles €120-€150. Suites/apartments €200-€300.
meals	Restaurants walking distance.
closed	Never.
directions	One block in from old harbour, towards Theotokopoulou St., where taxis usually drop you (2-minute walk).



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