

# East Crete weather

## ○ WHAT'S EAST CRETE'S CLIMATE LIKE?

- *One of Europe's most southerly points and influenced by Mediterranean and North African climate zones, East Crete's climate is fairly temperate and the coastal regions boast an average 300 days of sunshine per year.*
- *Temperatures generally start to rise in April/May and peak in July and August, declining pleasantly through September and October.*
- *The first rains generally start in October or November, bringing welcome a welcome drink to the parched earth which hasn't seen rainwater for five months or more.*
- *Although it can rain in December, the Christmas period is often warm and dry.*
- *Spring rains are frequent, nourishing the stunning tapestry of wild plants and flowers that flourish in East Crete's countryside until the end of May.*

## ○ WHEN'S THE BEST TIME TO VISIT EAST CRETE?

### • **Want a lively scene?**

*Come in July and August when scorching hot temperatures in are generally alleviated by the Meltemi\*, strong winds blowing from north to south, which cool the air between May and September and can last for six days or more.*

### • **Like to have a quieter time?**

*Choose June and September when daytime temperatures are slightly lower, but still warm enough to enjoy the regions pristine sandy beaches and sparkling sea.*

### • **Want to see East Crete when all the tourists have gone home?**

*Come here for the raki festivals in October/November, spend a peaceful Christmas in one of the area's authentic tavernas, or come at Easter which is the most important date of East Crete's year.*

## WHERE CAN I GET AN ACCURATE LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST?

- *Whether you're sailing here or just planning to spend your time exploring, or chilling out on a beach **Crete Arena** is the best site on the web for daily info on weather forecasts, water temperatures and wind conditions.*

# CHART OF AVERAGE ANNUAL TEMPERATURES EAST CRETE

CLIMATE	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
°C	22	27	30	35	35	30	25

- *Known by the ancient Greeks as the Etesian winds, in mythology they were controlled by Boreas, God of the North Winds Meltemi winds blow from north to south.*