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information on the Pre-Conference event

29 May 2023, 10:00 am in front of Vikelaia Municipal Library

Guided tour to Venetian Candia. We visit:

Loggia.¹



The *Loggia* is one of the most important Venetian buildings in [Crete](#). It was a kind of gentleman's club, where the rich nobles and lords gathered. The building was built after 1541 probably with designs by *Michel Sammicheli* in Palladian style. It was then rebuilt in its current form after 1628 by *Francisco Morosini*. *Loggia* is the city hall of Heraklion today.

Basilica Di San Marco.²

The Basilica of Saint Mark also known as Hagios Markos (Greek: Άγιος Μάρκος), is a former Roman Catholic church in the center of the city of Heraklion, Crete, in the Eleftheriou Venizelou Square. It



was built during the Venetian rule of the island in 1239, primarily used by the local lords and officials of the island. After the Ottoman conquest of Crete in 1669, it was converted into a mosque with the name Defterdar Ahmet Pasha Mosque (Greek: Δεφτερδάρ Αχμέτ Πασά Τζαμι, Turkish: Defterdar Ahmet Paşa Camii), and remained so until 1915. The building was restored after 1956 and ever since functions as a public art gallery.[1] It is one of the few Roman Catholic churches still standing in Cretan cities and towns.[2] Architecturally-wise it is

¹ [Venetian Loggia - Heraklion Town Hall - Crete Guide \(destinationcrete.gr\)](#)

² [Saint Mark's Basilica, Heraklion - Wikipedia](#)

a three-aisled basilica church with an elevated central nave. It has a portico in its entrance in the western façade.

Morosini fountain/ Lions Square³



One of the most brilliant monuments of the city of Heraklion. This is an impressive sculptural piece which was made in 1628, by then Provveditore Generale (Superintendent) Francesco Morosini and the engineers Zorzi Corner, Raffaello Monnani and Francesco Basilicata. Morosini was also the one who supervised and designed the construction of the aqueduct that led the water from the springs of the Archanioti gorge to the centre of Heraklion. The fountain supplied the city with more than 1,000 barrels of water a day and was named after him. The construction lasted more than 14 months and the fountain was inaugurated on April 25, 1628, on the celebration of Saint Mark, patron saint of Venice. Confusingly, the official name of Lions Square is, “Eleftheriou Venizelou Square” after the Prime Minister of Greece and leading figure in the struggles of Crete for the union with Greece.

Rocca al Mare or Koules Castle⁴

Two fortresses were built; in different times the current Koules, which dominates the edge of the harbor of Heraklion, and a smaller one just opposite of it, which was demolished in the early 20th



century to improve the operation of the port. The small fortress built by the Venetians, for supplemental defense of Candia, was named “Rocca al Mare” (Sea Fortress). After the invention of gunpowder, the Venetians decided to create a larger building that could meet their needs. The construction was completed in 1540. The building had two floors, with 26 rooms for various uses, including prisons. The Turks, who occupied the island in 1669 renamed it ‘Koules’ and decided

to continue its construction. It is now preserved in a very good condition and is used for cultural events.

Vikelaia Municipal Library.⁵ Vikelaia Library is more than just a place for reading or displaying books. It is a cultural institution that organises and supports scientific and artistic activities, conducts research and promotes local history by utilizing historical archives. Vikelea Library has been built up over many years, through the hard work and generosity of many people. We believe it is a fitting tribute to its original benefactor, Dimitrios Vikelas, and will continue to grow and provide a valuable resource to historians, students and the general public for years to come. Visit the website of the library at www.vikelaia.gr:

³ [Morosini Fountain \(Lions Square\) - Heraklion - Crete Guide \(destinationcrete.gr\)](http://destinationcrete.gr)

⁴ [Koules, Rocca a Mare or Castello a Mare, at the port of Heraklion, Crete \(landofexperiences.gr\)](http://landofexperiences.gr)

⁵ <https://www.heraklion.gr/en/culture/library/vikelaia-library.html>