

Despoina apartments is situated just few kilometers east of Heraklion, in the municipality of Gouves. Gouves is a well-developed tourist resort with long sandy beaches, traditional villages and interesting archeological sites. Kato Gouves with its long sandy beach is the summer resort just outside the village. There are lots of restaurants, bars, nightclubs and all sorts of shops.

West of Gouves you will find the tourist resorts of Kokkini Hani and Amnisos with sandy beaches and remarkable archeological sites and to the east you can visit Crete's biggest resort Hersonisos.

15chml away in Heraklion find the Archaeological Museum is one of the largest and most remarkable museums in Greece and one of the most important in Europe. In the beautiful port of Heraklion you will also find Venetian Fortress Koules, one of the most familiar and beloved monuments, symbol of Heraklion.

At a short distance you will find beautiful and picturesque villages and interesting sights, such as the monastery of Saint John "Theologos". The Skotino Cave lies about 6 km inland and is one of the largest and most spectacular in Crete. About one km inland from the summer resort of Amnisos (about 7 km from Heraklion city) you will find the mysterious cave of Eileithyia. The most important archeological sights of the area are the Minoan villa in Kokkini Hani and the one in Amnisos.

You can see below the exact location of **Despoina apartments**

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