

DETAILED PROGRAMME 16–22 September 2026

EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

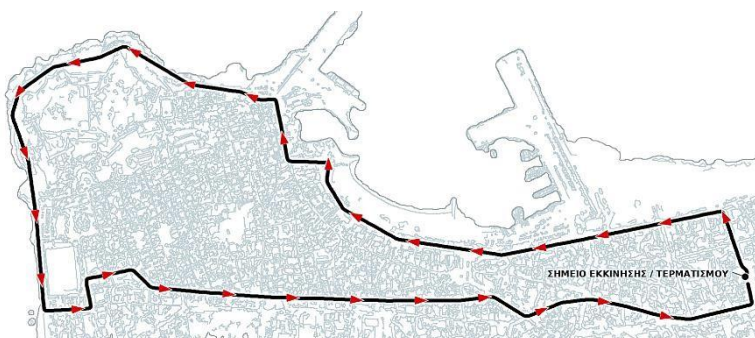
- **17:30 – 19:00: Organised 5 km cycle ride**

A group cycle ride open to schools and adults, starting from **Agios Georgios Square**, with the aim of promoting cycling as a safe and sustainable mode of transport.

- Recommended arrival time: 17:30, to allow time for the immediate fitting of the accessories on the bicycles provided.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult guardian, and the use of a helmet is mandatory.
- For those interested who do not have the necessary equipment, 30 bicycles and 30 helmets will be provided, in collaboration with Lime.

Organisers: Evangelos Petroulakis (bike ambassador for Rethymno Municipality and member of the Tourism Committee)

Route: Agios Georgios Square
 – Aggelos Sikelianos – Sofoklis Venizelos – Eleftherios Venizelos – Petychaki – Arkadiou – Kefalogiannidon (Ring Road) – Sefi Vlastou – Prevelaki – Psyllaki – Dimakopoulou – Gerakari – Hortatzis – Kountouriotou – Emmanouil Partaliou – Angelos Sikelianos – Agios Georgios Square.



- **19:00 – 20:00: Our local authority's micro-mobility options**

Presentation of the micro-mobility options provided and promoted by the Municipality in **Agios Georgios Square**, alongside the participation of private companies in the sector (bicycles, scooters, bike racks, etc.)

Participating organisations: Lime, Hoppy, Bikeep, Easy Bike

- **20:00 – 21:00: Screening of the film 'The Untouchables'**

Open-air film screening in **Agios Georgios Square**.

FILM SYNOPSIS: A billionaire aristocrat, confined to a wheelchair following a paragliding accident, chooses as his assistant the most unlikely candidate: a young man recently released from prison, from the poor neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Paris. Two different worlds collide and, despite their differences, the two men forge a genuine friendship.

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

18:00 – 19:00: Walking tour of the Old Town

A historical guided tour of the Old Town for young and old alike, starting at the **Great Gate (Pigadi)**.

- Recommended arrival time: **17:45**

Led by: Matina Arvaniti (archaeologist)

• 19:00 – 21:00: Outdoor Pilates+Aerobics Programme

A 2-hour outdoor exercise programme in **Mikrasiaton Square**.

- 19:00 – 20:00 – Pilates
- 20:00 – 21:00 – Aerobics

– 30 exercise mats will be provided for the event, courtesy of the Sports Department

Involved: Trainers and staff from the 'OCEAN' Gym

FRIDAY 18 + SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

- **18:00 – 21:00: Creative activities stall on the theme of road safety** Creative activities for children on the themes of road safety and sustainable transport, featuring digital and interactive games from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, arts and crafts, and more. at the **Municipal Garden**, in collaboration with 'The Smile of the Child' as part of the 3rd Children's Festival.

Organisers: 'The Smile of the Child'

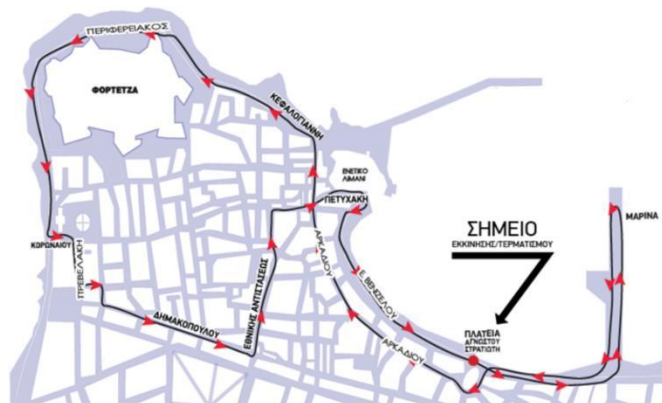
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

• 19:30 – 6th 5 km Night Run

A 5-kilometre night road race, starting at **Unknown Soldier Square**, with the coastal road closed to traffic, as part of World Car-Free Day.

To register: <https://www.rethymno.gr/citizen/running>

Route: Agnostou Square (start) – Sof. Venizelou – Marina – Sof. Venizelou – Agnostou Square – Arkadiou – Ring Road (Em. Kefalogianni) – Koronaiou – Prevelaki – Riga Fereou – Psyllaki – Patriarch Gregorios – Dimakopoulou – Ethnikis Resistance – Palaeologou – Petichaki – Eleftherios Venizelos – Agnostou Square (finish line).



MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

- **18:00 – 20:00: Skills and cycling games course + Sports activities and games**

A cycling learning and skills track, open to all ages (children, parents), with the chance to try out micro-mobility equipment (bicycles, scooters), alongside sporting activities and games such as basketball, volleyball, weightlifting and more in **Mikrasiaton Square**.

Participants: Evangelos Petroulakis (bike ambassador for Rethymno Municipality and member of the Tourism Committee), OKA Arkadi

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

- **11:00 – 14:00 Interactive Road Safety Conference ‘Roadshow’**

A road safety information and awareness conference, open to the public, at **the House of Culture**. It will include welcoming addresses by dignitaries and the participation of representatives from the Region of Crete, local authorities and the security forces. In addition, there will be three keynote speeches and two thematic panel discussions featuring experts in sustainable mobility, academics, local government representatives and road safety advisers.

Organised by: EMSA

- **18:00 – 21:00: Hands-on stations with road safety simulations and educational games**

The second part of the ‘Roadshow’ event will consist of hands-on stations open to the public in **Mikrasiaton Square**, featuring collision/rollover simulators, virtual reality (VR) and interactive educational games, through which members of the public can experience first-hand the consequences of dangerous behaviour behind the wheel.

Organisers: EMSA

End of the week & prize draw

The week concludes with a prize draw amongst participants in all the activities.

***PRIZE DRAW:** Throughout the week, public participation in the activities is recorded, with a view to the final prize draw on Tuesday 22 September.

COMPETITION

WALK FOR YOUR CITY – Rethymno, take up the challenge!

From **16 to 22 September**, as part of **European Mobility Week**, cities across Europe are taking part in a massive **Steps Challenge!**

📱 Download the **#Walk15** app @ www.walk15.app/en

✅ **Join “WALK FOR YOUR CITY”**

📍 Select **Rethymno** as your city

And walk as much as you can all week long!

Walking isn't just exercise – it's the simplest, most eco-friendly and free way to get around.

Rethymno, let's walk together! 🚶

PARALLEL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

- **09:00 – Guided tour of the historic site of Fortezza & re-enactment of traditional games**

Pupils from Cesme Primary School visit the historic site of the Fortezza, where members of the Cesme Senior Citizens' Centre (KAPI) bring traditional games to life, in an intergenerational activity designed to familiarise participants with the town's history.

Participants: Pupils from the Cesme Primary School, members of the Cesme Senior Citizens' Centre, coordinated by Matina Arvaniti

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

- **10:00 – Educational games on road safety and traffic awareness, and banner-making**

Visit to the 1st Experimental Nursery School and the 1st Experimental Primary School, attended by representatives from the Traffic Police. This will include the distribution of leaflets and the educational card game from the European project 'Schoolhoods' on the theme of school journeys, a presentation of the 'Moving Star Box' educational material, the organisation of games, and the creation of a banner featuring pupils' drawings and messages for the week.

Organisations involved: 1st Experimental Nursery School, 1st Experimental Primary School, Rethymno Traffic Police, Deputy Mayors

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

- **09:00 – School crossing patrols: Hands-on training on responsible driving and compliance with the Highway Code**

A hands-on activity in which pupils from the 15th Primary School and the 1st High School in Rethymno take on the role of school crossing patrols, with the aim of promoting responsible driving and conscious compliance with the Highway Code. At the conclusion of the initiative, pupils from both schools will meet at the town hall to review the results and share their experiences.

Participating schools: 15th Primary School, 1st Lyceum of Rethymno

- **09:00 – Transport yesterday and today – Intergenerational exchange of experiences**

An intergenerational activity involving the exchange of experiences between pupils and members of the Senior Citizens' Centre (KAPI), regarding how people travelled in the past and today, in the Municipal Garden.

Participants: 2nd Primary School, Central KAPI