



Key Points:

- Coordinate with your sponsor to obtain temporary base access prior to traveling. Your sponsor should send you a fillable base access request before you arrive.
- If you don't have temporary base access and you arrive outside business hours of the Visitor Control Center, you may not be able to access or reenter NSA Souda Bay until the VCC reopens.
- If traveling via commercial air, your sponsor should inform the Air Terminal Manager of inbound personnel arriving via Military Aircraft to ensure the availability of immigration control.

Base Access for Inbound Personnel

NSA Souda Bay is located on the Hellenic (Greek) Air Force's 115th Combat Wing installation. Entry to this base is controlled by 115th Combat Wing personnel and ***entrance will not be permitted to U.S. personnel without prearranged access.***

You are highly encouraged to work with your sponsor to obtain base access from NSA Souda Bay's Visitor Control Center (VCC) prior to your arrival.

The VCC has limited business hours, so without prior arrangement for base access, you will not be able to access base services (e.g. Navy Gateway Inn & Suite, Navy Exchange, NEXMart, etc.) until the VCC reopens. Personnel with temporary base access must utilize the "Mourzouras (MOO-zhur-ross) Gate", which is open 24/7 and adjacent to the VCC.

Please note, despite sharing the airfield with the Chania International Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis, there is not direct access to NSA Souda Bay from the commercial air terminal. You must arrange transportation with your sponsor or a taxi.

Visitor Control Center, Bldg. 85

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Arriving to NSA Souda Bay by Air

NSA Souda Bay shares an airfield with the Hellenic Air Force's 115th Combat Wing and the Chania International Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis. How you access base will depend on whether you arrive by Military Aircraft (e.g. Air Mobility Command's Patriot Express) or by commercial air.

Air Mobility Command's Patriot Express (a.k.a. The Rotator)

If you arrive to Chania via the Air Mobility Command Patriot Express—a.k.a. “the Rotator”—you will arrive directly at the Air Terminal (Bldg. 5) onboard NSA Souda Bay. Inbound personnel are highly encouraged to request a temporary base access number from the Visitor Control Center (VCC) before traveling. The sponsor should help you with this request.

If you do not have a base access number, you will be met at the terminal by a passenger service agent who will provide you with a base access form. In most cases, if you arrive during business hours of the VCC, you will be given temporary base access on the spot. If you arrive outside VCC business hours, you will not be able to reenter the base until the VCC opens.

Immigration Control via Military Air

Upon your arrival, a passenger service agent will transport inbound personnel to the commercial airport for processing through immigration. Military personnel must present their Common Access Card and military orders. Civilian personnel must present their official passports and military orders. ***Please note that you should not clear immigration with a tourist passport because this method will only grant a 90-day visa.*** If you clear immigration with a tourist visa you will have problems with immigration if you exceed the 90-day visa.

Commercial Air via Chania International Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis

If you arrive to Chania via Chania International Airport Ioannis Daskalogiannis, you will disembark at the commercial air terminal, which is on a different side of the air field from NSA Souda Bay. There is not direct access to NSA Souda Bay from the commercial air terminal. You will have to arrange transportation (e.g. a ride from your sponsor or taxi) to base or to your temporary lodging. You are highly encouraged to work with your sponsor to arrange base access prior to traveling.

Immigration Control via Commercial Air

By arriving via commercial air, you will clear immigration at your first port-of-entry in the Schengen Region. This could be Athens or a number of other ports-of-entry in Europe. At the first port-of-entry, military personnel must present their Common Access Card and military orders. Civilian personnel must present their official passports and military orders. ***Please note that you should not clear immigration with a tourist passport because this method will only grant a 90-day visa.*** If you clear immigration with a tourist visa you will have problems with immigration if you exceed the 90-day visa.