

Mykonos



Warm breezes drift off the calm sapphire waters of the Aegean Sea. They caress sugar cube houses with blue and red shutters, swirl around the domes of hilltop churches, and mingle with the wheels of thatched windmills that look out toward an enchanting horizon. In the gentle rustle of a bougainvillea blossom or the sway of a majestic palm frond, whispers of an ancient history arise. The setting for the legendary battle between Zeus and Typhon, Mykonos has braved the odyssey of an extraordinary past, emerging in the 20th century as one of the most emblematic seaside destinations in the world. Touches of jet-set glitterati sparkle amid Mykonos' timeless fishing villages, marrying modern charms with the stoic values of an enduring maritime heritage.

Memorable Experiences

Aegean Adventure

Captain a boat and explore the unspoiled shoreline of Renia Island.

Romantic Touches

Watch the sunset from a seafront table at Caprice Bar in Little Venice.

Enchanting Village

Wander through the magical stone alleys of Mykonos' old town.

Emblematic Walks

Stroll among iconic 16th century windmills perched on a hill above the bay.

Distinctive Details

Set within fields and villages, over three hundred churches cover the island of Mykonos. Often constructed by mariners saved from a storm, many are dedicated to St. Nikolaos, the patron saint of seafarers.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

Private Charters

Sunshine reflects off tiny white houses and windmills, causing Mykonos to glisten like a jewel in a shimmering sea. Charter the hotel's speedboat or go for a helicopter ride to witness the most spectacular views of this majestic island.

Destination Information

Country Greece
Province Cyclades
Elevation 341 meters
Population 10,000
Language Greek



Area Code: 22890
Country Code: 30



Mykonos Island International Airport (JMK)



Transportation:
Car, Scooter, ATV, Bike, Ferry, Helicopter



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Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Santa Marina Resort

Ornos Bay
Mykonos, 84600
Phone: (30)(22890) 32330



Culture

Intriguing details of Greece's classical history emerge in authentic abodes.

Highly Recommended



The Archaeological Museum of Mykonos

An immense horse adorns the tall neck of an ancient ceramic vessel known as a pithos. Rising nearly one-and-a-half meters from a small wooden platform, the stunning object dates from the 7th century BC and is covered with images of the Trojan War. An exquisite collection of artifacts, dating beyond the Hellenistic period to prehistoric times, fills the small glass display cases and simple, whitewashed rooms of the museum. Tiny glass dolls, primitive metal rings, and well-preserved vases join an evocative collection of funerary stela.

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Phone: (30) (22890) 22325



Panagia Paraportiani

A path of dusty flagstone leads up a hill, past crumbling rock walls, to a dazzling, gleaming white church. Uneven steps ascend to a series of four chapels, each with its own distinctive character. Together, they form a wondrous work of magnificent asymmetrical architecture. Crosses rise from sloping façades, while window frames glow scarlet in the sunlight. Upon an upper terrace that surrounds a humble dome, a simple archway frames a glorious view of the Aegean Sea. Dating from the 15th century, this rare temple was once linked to a medieval castle.

Address: Ayion Anargyron, Mykonos Town

Local Charms



Mykonos Folklore Museum

Beyond the ruby red door of a whitewashed house, the sea-worn sails of old wooden ships hang from faded beams. They drape over the black barrels of cannons used in the 1821 War of Independence in this trove of antique furniture, nautical maps, and maritime tools. Housed in the 18th century residence of a Greek sea captain, the museum includes an exquisite collection of rare textiles and traditional costumes, which showcases the skills of local weavers and embroiderers.

Address: Kastro, Mykonos Town



The Monastery of Panagia Tourliani

A trinity of bells rings from above a square marble façade where bearded men in long black robes and hats rest upon wooden benches. Beyond this exceedingly simple exterior, an extraordinary altarpiece, created by 18th century Florentine artists impresses with its elaborate adornments. Angels, carved in wood, crown the tops of gilded columns inlaid with deep crimson and royal blue flowers. Their vivid hues compliment icons of saints and apostles. Silver incense holders embellished with dragons and ships hang from the green ceilings of this vibrant sanctuary.

Address: Ano Mera Village, 8 kilometers from Chora



Shopping

A dedication to craft flourishes in local workshops and vibrant boutiques.

Local Charms



Minus Studio

A trio of flagstone steps leads through a colonnaded entry, past an oak-framed door into this haven of stunning design. Within this exclusive boutique, cream walls and light woods compliment precious metals. Cuff bracelets of pure gold shine exquisitely in the warm light. The unbroken curve of a choker seduces in glistening polished silver while sand-blasted earrings enchant. An organic approach to form influences the sculptural creations of Athens-born designer Minas Spiridis, who in addition to jewelry, offers shaving sets, paperweights, and lamps.

Address: Agia Kyriaki Square
Phone: (30) (22890) 27320

Shops & Boutiques



Lakis Gavalas

Pink pavé diamonds and lustrous emeralds of Shamballa bracelets glisten while the sophisticated scent of Aqua di Parma fills the air. Exquisite handbags by Burberry and Liberty of London sit beside Gucci ballet flats in this vibrant boutique in the stylish Tria Pigadia neighborhood. Offering the most exclusive ready-to-wear fashions for both men and women, Lakis Gavalas stocks Christian Dior swimsuits among blue jeans by Seven For All Mankind and Dolce & Gabbana jackets.

Address: Tria Pigadia, Hora
Phone: (30) (22890) 27980



Tsirikaua

On the upper level of an authentic Mykonos house, surrounded by the tools of an expert craftsman, Nikos Douvogiannis sits at his wooden table and creates hand-wrought jewelry, buckles, and belts. His pieces are exquisite, each one carefully cut, stitched, hammered, etched, beaded, and polished. From within a display case oval buckles shine. Gems of luminous obsidian and tiger's eye gleam from their centers, surrounded by swirling, feather-like motifs. Bracelets and chokers join smooth white bone with lapis lazuli at this acclaimed Mykonos workshop.

Address: Voriu Ipirou 1, Hora
Phone: (30) (22890) 25677



Scala Gallery

Thin strands of pearlescent glass beads shimmer with hues of pale lilac. Aquamarine orbs dangle from a collar of silver thread in a necklace fit for a sea goddess. Maritime sculptures rise from white cubes among translucent bowls of ruby and celadon green while paintings of mermaids, wide-eyed fish, and seaside windmills surround. Representing artists from Athens, Cyprus, and beyond, this vibrant gallery hosts an ever-changing series of exhibitions, displaying exquisite works among its collection of fine jewelry and ceramics.

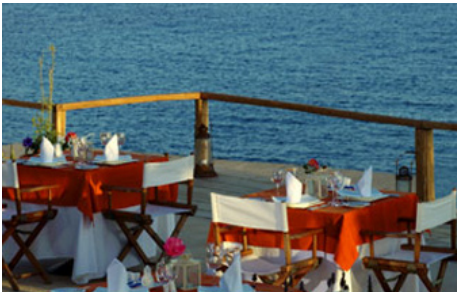
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Cuisine

Savor Aegean specialties in intimate and breathtaking seaside settings.

Acclaimed



Marine Club Restaurant & Bar

The azure waters of Ornos Bay glimmer with hues of blue and green as the light of day recedes in the west. Upon a weathered deck of wood, directors chairs surround intimate tables covered in persimmon cloth, while wild tangles of bougainvillea grow from terra cotta pots. In this sublime al fresco atmosphere, an inventive menu of Mediterranean dishes, including an array of seafood, fresh from the Aegean, is served. Chef Stathis Thermos wraps layers of smoked salmon around salmon tartar, and filets of black cod upon a bed of lemon risotto.

Address: Santa Marina Resort & Villas, Mykonos

Phone: (30) (22890) 23220



Gola

Streams of water pour into a serene swimming pool surrounded by fragrant wisps of thyme and stoic cacti that grow from a sheltering rocky ledge. White cushioned armchairs offer a moment's respite for a cool aperitif as the sun goes down in the calm Cycladic sky. Tantalizing scents emerge from an Italian kitchen where quality mingles with simplicity. Fish roe from Sardinia, mozzarella di bufala from Caserta, and arugula grown on Mykonos' own fields combine with blue fin tuna, Parma ham, and eggplant ravioli, to form an exquisite menu.

Address: Periferiakos, Drafaki, 84

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Indigenous Flavors



Philippi

Paper lanterns glow among a canopy of wispy branches. Delicate tendrils of flowering vines dangle above country kitchen chairs painted celadon. Within this enchanting secret garden, authenticity abounds. Spirited rhythms of Greek music fill the air as family traditions, handed down through generations, unfold in an authentic kitchen. Oregano, rosemary, satureja, and basil, fragrant herbs from the restaurant's own garden, infuse scallops, lobster, lamb, and risotto. Freshly picked romaine lettuce, ruby tomatoes, and crisp cucumbers form extraordinary salads.

Address: Matoyianni, Hora

Phone: (30) (22890) 22295



Mamacas

Tzatziki, feta cheese, aubergines, fava beans, all alluring staples of a Greek mezze plate, are spread across a long table. Exquisite flavors combine in ancestral recipes, enhanced by the taste of Chardonnay from Antonopoulos Vineyards in the Peloponnese and Trebbiano from the northern vines of Chateau Lazaridi. Beyond an entrance strewn with smooth pebbles from the sea, an intimate courtyard is strung with twinkling lights. Pots of yellow daisies and glowing lanterns brighten inviting corners beneath the cover of a quintet of ancient palm trees.

Address: Andronikos House, Hora

Phone: (30) (22890) 26120



Noteworthy

From temple ruins to underwater shipwrecks, Mykonos offers extraordinary exploration.

Adventure



Scuba Diving

Sunlight filters through the ocean surface illuminating red coral, orange starfish, and the soft, fluid arms of sea anemones that reside within a dazzling reef just off the southern coast. Off the island's northeastern shores, the intriguing remains of a 1930s shipwreck lie upon the ocean floor. The Aegean Sea conceals an abundance of captivating underwater attractions, offering adventure and discovery for the beginner to the most advanced diver. Outfits such as Mykonos Diving Center lead excursions to the region's most compelling underwater sites.

Address: Mykonos Dive Center, Paradise Beach
Phone: (30) (22890) 24808

Day Excursions



Delos Island

White lions, carved in stone, sit regally among crumbling walls and arid desert wildflowers. For thousands of years they have stood watch over these sacred lands, the mythical birthplace of twin gods Apollo and Artemis. Extraordinary archaeological sites cover this fabled island just off the southern shores of Mykonos. Some date back to the fourth millennium B.C. when this most holy island was covered in temples dedicated to Greek deities. Exquisite mosaic floors, marble reliefs, and majestic porticos piece together a story of this island's wondrous past.

Address: A short boat ride from Mykonos

Local Charms



Astra Bar

Tiny lights twinkle like stars from an onyx ceiling. Like diamonds, they glisten above the gleaming wooden bar and smooth lacquered tables of this exclusive locale in the heart of Mykonos Town. Designed by Minos, this transporting interior is filled with organic curves and undulating lines that recall his stunning silver necklaces and golden bracelets. Once night falls, Astra's enticing, bougainvillea-covered courtyard fills with the evocative sounds of live bands or resident DJs, making it a premiere spot on the island to relax with a tall glass of ouzo.

Address: Matoyianni, Three Wells, Hora
Phone: (30) (22890) 24767

Recreation



Agios Sostis Beach

From garden tavernas shrouded by the gnarled branches of ancient olive trees, rustic footpaths lead to a long stretch of sandy coastline that curves toward the sun. The crystalline waters of Panormos Bay glisten with shades of turquoise and azure, gently lapping these golden shores. A diminutive Greek church is nestled into the dunes above, protecting the arid, hilly landscape of this secluded beach. Pervaded by an atmosphere of quiet tranquility, these undeveloped lands in the north of the island, offer an enchanting afternoon of peaceful refreshment.

Address: 8 kilometers north of Hora, on Panormos Bay