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About Amorgos

According to ancient mythology, the King Minos of Crete ruled a second kingdom on Amorgos, where remains of the ancient Minoan civilization have been found. This island is where the French film maker, Luc Besson, shot some scenes of his famous film, The Big Blue.

Amorgos is one of the most picturesque and relaxing islands of Cyclades. The most famous sight is an amazing monastery wedged into a huge rocky side, at a 300m height from the level of the sea, called the Monastery of Hozoviotissa.

Amorgos is also famous for its wonderful beaches, with fine sand and palm trees, surrounded by huge cliffs, where **nudism** is sometimes practiced. It is also an island ideal for **trekking**, since it is quite small and has an impressive wild geography.

Amorgos has two ports, Katapola on the southwestern side and Aegialis on the northeastern side, which you can reach by ferries from Piraeus or from other islands.

The main town is Chora and it is a pure marvel: situated around the quarter of Kastro, this little village has an authentic Cycladic architecture with paved streets, white houses, old windmills and an impressive Castle on top of a rock. With its streets giving the feeling of being lost in a labyrinth and a superb paved central square, Chora carries its visitors into a unique place with a magical atmosphere.

Villages of Amorgos

Chora

Location: In the centre of the island

Description: Surrounded by lovely windmills and preserving the traditional architecture, Chora is among the most picturesque village of Cyclades.

Sightseeing: Agios Georgios Valsamitis, Archaeological Collection, Monastery Of Hozoviotissa, Venetian Castle

Aegialis

Location: 15 km north east of Chora

Description: Aegialis is a picturesque tourist village on the northern side of Amorgos. It has many accommodation options and fish taverns.

Katapola

Location: 6 km west of Chora

Description: Katapola is one of the two beaches of Amorgos (along with Aegiali) and it has developed as a popular tourist resort.

Sightseeing: Minoan Site

Beaches of Amorgos

Agia Anna

Location: 3 km from Chora

Description: At a 20 minutes walk from the monastery of Hozoviotissa, the pebble beach of Agia Anna offers its deep blue and crystal clear water.

Sightseeing: Church Of Agia Anna

Agios Pavlos

Location: 10 km north east of Chora

Description: Agios Pavlos is a beautiful, sandy beach that doesn't get that popular as the other two main beaches of Amorgos, Katapola and Aegiali.

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Monastery Of Hozoviotissa

Location: Chora

This impressive Monastery was built in the 11th century and it is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It is the trademark of Amorgos island. Built entirely on the slopes of a rock, this monastery gives amazing view to the sea. A trekking path leads to the nice beach of Agia Anna.

Venetian Castle

Location: Chora

The Castle on the rock above Chora town was built in the Venetian times. A few old and interesting churches are preserved within the castle walls.

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