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About Ios

Ios is a small island that belongs to Cyclades complex. Famous for the vibrant nightlife and the amazing beaches, Ios attracts a lot of visitors every year. This is why its economy is based mostly on tourism.

Few things are known for the history of Ios. According to Herodotus, the island was the homeland of Homer's mother homeland. It is said that, at the end of his life, the great epic poet moved to Ios and died there. In fact, some archaeologists believe that they have found the tomb of **Homer** on a spot at the northern side of the island, but this has not been proved yet.

Ios is the ideal destination for all party animals. Along with **Mykonos** or **Paros**, Ios is one of the busiest and most touristy island of the Cyclades. Offering a wide range of bars and nightclubs, Ios is the Mecca for all the young people, a club-island in a state of eternal party. The perfect vacation place in Greece for party lovers. Most popular beach is Mylopotas a large sandy beach with crystal water and beach bars along the coast. This is the most crowded and fun spot of the island.

But Ios also has a more peaceful side: for those who want to relax, Ios a picturesque village, many trekking paths and some secluded beaches to enjoy privacy. Manganari, Koumbara and Agia Theodoti are lovely places to relax. Walking in Ios Town, the capital of the island, is also enjoyable: check out the small gift shops, enjoy the views to the sea, visit the church of Panagia Gremiotissa, the trademark of the island, and hang out in the many bars and cafeterias. The perfect island for true relaxation!

Villages of Ios

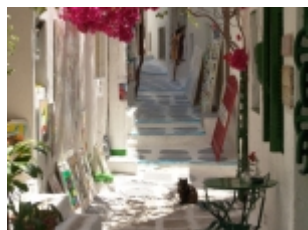


Chora (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

Location: On the western side of the island

Description: Chora, or else Ios Town, is actually the only village on the island. Built amphitheatrically on the slopes of a hill, Chora provides gorgeous view to the sea. Chora and the beaches around it are the centres of activities on Ios.

Sightseeing: Agia Ekaterini, Archaeological Museum, Cathedral Church, Odysseas Elytis Theatre, Panagia Gremiotissa, Windmills



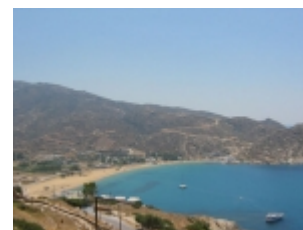
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Mylopotas

Location: 2 km south east of Chora

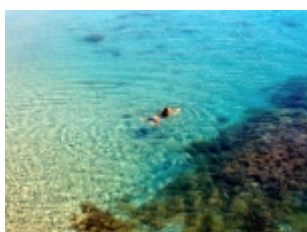
Description: Long and sandy, this beach offers many tourism facilities and has a lot of beach bars along the coast. This is the most popular beach on Ios.



Manganari (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

Location: 19 km south east of Chora

Description: Manganari is a charming bay on the southern side of the island with clean water and a relaxing ambience. This beach is far more quiet than the beaches close to Chora.



Agia Theodoti

Location: 9 km north east of Chora

Description: The beach took its name from the small chapel of Agia Theodoti that stands on a hill above the coast. This is a large and sandy spot, ideal for some relaxing moments in Ios.

Sightseeing: Venetian Castle



Sightseeing in Ios



Panagia Gremiotissa

Location: Chora

The church of Virgin Mary Gremiotissa is the trademark of the island. It stands on a high hill above Chora and distinguishes for the palm tree on its side.



Windmills

Location: Chora

The windmills on a hill above Chora are not in use today. However, they have been restored today and stand today as samples of traditional Cycladic architecture.



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