

# Karpathos

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## About Karpathos

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Karpathos is a narrow and long island whose northern and southern parts are divided by mountainous spine rising over an altitude of 1200 metres.

Despite its wild beauty, its traditional and unspoiled character and its magnificent secluded beaches, Karpathos has not yet been invaded by mass tourism and appears like a true paradise.

The south of the island is where the capital Pigadia is lying and is the most modern part of it. This is due to the fact that, after World War II, many locals left because of the ravaged economy and moved mainly to the U.S. When their children returned to their native island, they invested a lot in the southern part, where they settled.

Although Karpathos has turned into a tourist resort these recent years, it is important to stress that it is also an island untouched by the mass of tourists.

The residents have managed to keep their customs and traditions alive till today. One of the most famous customs of the island is the **Karpathian wedding** and the **custom efta** for the birth of a child.

## Villages of Karpathos

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### Olympos

**Location:** 58 km north west of Pigadia

**Description:** Olympos is a mountainous island with stone houses. When the clouds come down and cover the village, the atmosphere is dreamy. This is probably the most beautiful village on Karpathos.

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### Pigadia

**Location:** On the south eastern side of Karpathos

**Description:** Pigadia is the capital and main port of the island. The modern village stands on the location of ancient Potideon, whose ruins are seen at the entrance of the port. This is a nice base to explore the beaches and villages of Karpathos.

**Sightseeing:** Ancient Potideon, Cave Of Poseidon, Kasos Island, Province House

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### Diafani

**Location:** 67 km north of Pigadia

**Description:** Diafani is a small tourist village close to Olympos. Located on the northern side, Diafani is the second most important port of the island.

**Sightseeing:** Saria Islet

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### Menetes

**Location:** 8 km south west of Pigadia

**Description:** Constructed along the slopes of a rocky hill, Menetes is a small village with rich musical tradition and authentic architecture.

**Sightseeing:** Church Of The Assumption, Folklore Museum

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## Beaches of Karpathos

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### Apella

**Location:** 18 km north of Pigadia

**Description:** Apella is among the most picturesque beaches on Karpathos. It is actually a lovely cove with exotic water and lush greenery.

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### Kyra Panagia

**Location:** 14 km north of Pigadia

**Description:** Kyra Panagia is a picturesque beach close to Achata. The wild ambience, the exotic water and the soft sand amazes visitors.

**Sightseeing:** Church Of Virgin Mary

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### Mikri Amopi

**Location:** 7 km south west of Pigadia

**Description:** This beautiful beach has sandy coast and clean water. It is organized with sun beds and umbrellas and nice fish taverns line the coast.

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### Megali Amopi or Votsalakia

**Location:** 7 km south of Pigadia

**Description:** Megali Amopi is a clean and pebbled beach close to Amopi village. Part of this coast is organized.

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### Achata

**Location:** 13 km north of Pigadia

**Description:** Achata is a wonderful and calm beach with white pebbles and sand. The waters in Achata have an amazing and attractive green colour.

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## Sightseeing in Karthos

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### Saria Islet

**Location:** [Diafani](#)

This mountainous islet was once attached to the island, but now a short strip of sea separates them. There are monuments from the antiquity and the Byzantine times on it. Saria can be reached by tour boat from Pigadia.

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### Folklore Museum

**Location:** [Othos](#)

The Folk Museum of Othos Karthos is housed in the traditional house of Varikas and Aristotle Stavrakis, which is a typical example of a fine Karpathian house. The museum was created by the Association of "Work and Fun" of Othos and exhibits a rich collection of authentic folk pieces of Karthos.

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### Kasos Island

**Location:** [Pigadia](#)

Kasos is a small but beautiful island very close to Karthos. It is ideal for peaceful vacations. Its welcoming inhabitants and the natural beauties of the island will amaze visitors. Ferries connect Kasos to Karthos and Ierapetra Crete.

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### Ancient Potideon

**Location:** [Pigadia](#)

The ruins of this ancient city, ancient temples and can be seen in the harbour of Pigadia. Tombs with ceramics dating back to the Minoan and Mycenaean periods have been brought to light, testifying the existence of an ancient settlement.

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### Province House

**Location:** [Pigadia](#)

The Province House of Karthos and Kasos is located close to the port of Pigadia. It is a nice three-storey building with impressive architecture. A centre that provides information on the endangered species of Monachus-Monachus, the Mediterranean seal, works in this building.

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## Some Accommodations in Karpathos

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### To Votsalo

**Location:** Agios Nikolaos

**Class:** N/A

**Number of rooms:** 8

**Type:** Studios

**Website:** [www.tovotsalo.gr](http://www.tovotsalo.gr)

**Phone:** 0030 6974 073464

Votsalo complex is built on a beach next to the seashore. The studios have fantastic view to the sea and the sunrise in the morning. All the verandas of our studios give the impression that you lie on the beach and they are ideal for moments of relaxation and calmness. It provides 4 furnished and comfortable studios, capable of accommodating up to three people. All areas are big and comfortable and designed in a studio form, with little kitchens and air-condition, extremely clean and attentive. Each one of our rooms is ergonomic and modern able to cover the needs of up to three people.

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