

Kimolos

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About Kimolos

Kimolos is a volcanic island that belongs to the Cyclades group of islands. It is located quite close to Milos Island. Kimolos is one of the least known and not so popular islands, thus it not much frequented by tourists. The highest point on this island is Mount Paleokastro. There are many mountains and natural caves here.

Although not a tourist hot spot, Kimolos has a rich history behind. In the ancient days, Kimolos was the battlefield between Ancient Athens and Sparta. It was ruled by the Venetians and the Ottomans in the middle ages, until it became part of Greece in 1829, after the Greek War of Independence.

The island was known as Argentiera in the Middle Ages, because of the silver colored rocky lands in its southern coast. Agriculture and farming are the primary activity for the residents living on Kimolos. Although some developments took place in the early 1990s, the island has a sparse population, especially in winter.

The name Kimolos derives from the Greek word "kimolia", which means chalk. A white-silver quality of perlite, which is a kind of volcanic glass, and chalk are found in large quantities on Kimolos. On the south east of the island, there are three other small islands which are uninhabited.

Tourism is gradually on the rise in Kimolos because of the tranquility prevailing all around, the beautiful beaches and the hospitality of its inhabitants. Aliko, Klima, Kalamitsi and Livadaki are some of the most beautiful beaches of Kimolos. The ruined Venetian castle, the necropolis at Psathi village and the remains of some ancient tombs near Kabana beach are some of the places worth visiting in this island.

Villages of Kimolos

Chorio

Location: On the southern side of the island

Description: Chorio is actually the only settlement on Kimolos and most of the activities are concentrated there. Many beautiful beaches surround Chorio and a lot of tourist facilities are found there.

Sightseeing: Archaeological Museum, Folk And Maritime Museum, Kastro

Beaches of Kimolos

Agios Georgios

Location: 5 km north east of Chorio

Description: Agios Georgios is a long, sandy beach that attracts a lot of visitors for its natural beach and the calm environment. A few rooms to rent are located close to Agios Georgios.

Aliko beach

Location: 2 km south of Chorio

Description: Long and clean, Aliko beach is in walking distance from Chorio, the capital of Kimolos. This is one of the most popular beaches on the island.

Kalamitsi

Location: 3 km south of Chorio

Description: Kalamitsi is a nice, long beach very close to Chorio. It gets quite popular in summer and its calm ambience is refreshing. Some rooms to let can be found in the area.

Bonatsa

Location: 3 km south of Chorio

Description: Bonatsa is one of the most popular beaches on Kimolos. Close to Chorio and easy to access, Bonatsa has some rooms to let and other beautiful beaches close by.

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