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Map of Leros



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About Leros

Located between **Kalymnos** and **Patmos**, Leros Island is another place ideal for those who crave for most absolute tranquillity on a beautiful island. Having a coastline 71 km long as well as a mountainous topography, it offers a number of gulfs and beaches, some of them with some vegetation.

In general terms, the villages of Leros are the typical Aegean villages in this specific area, and are scattered all around the volcanic area, from which there is a rather high visibility towards other neighbouring islands.

Its waters also have a great visibility, as it is usually easy to see distant points located as far as 30 or 45 meters deep. Tourists enjoy visiting the several shipwrecked warships and tankers, a result of the World War II. They also enjoy sunbathing and bathing in the warm waters. There are many underwater caves to explore on Leros, which is why the island is developing as a diving destination.

Most tourists also enjoy the local festivals, full of typical music and traditional dances. Another interesting strong point on Leros, also related to arts, is Lakki Theatre. The European Union is carrying out an important restoration project of this outstanding art house, one of the most beautiful buildings on all Greek islands, which was bombarded during the 2nd World War and was used by the fascists to gun run weapons and smuggle a variety of goods.

Taking into consideration its architectural beauty and its cultural value, the place was outstanding even in those times. According to government sources, the building restoration will finish in the following months and the theatre will open to the general public by the end of the year. But Lakki theatre is not the only attraction on the island - there is also a beautiful castle dating to the Byzantine times which is worth a visit as well.

Villages of Leros

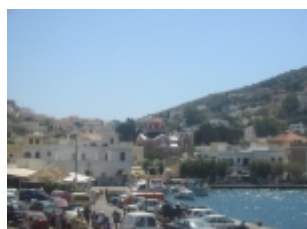


Agia Marina (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

Location: 2 km from Platanos

Description: Agia Marina is a popular tourist resort on the northern side of the island. The village is almost attached to Platanos and Pandeli, the other two close villages.

Sightseeing: Archaeological Museum, Church Of Agia Marina, Flour Mill

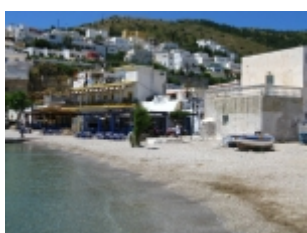


Pandeli

Location: 1 km east of Planatos

Description: Pandeli is a small settlement almost attached to Platanos, the capital of Leros. It distinguishes for its Castle and the picturesque path with the windmills that leads to the castle.

Sightseeing: Church Of Prophet Elias, Ecclesiastical Museum, Medieval Castle



Beaches of Leros



Alinda beach (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

Location: 3 km north west of Platanos

Description: Many tourist facilities and beach bars surround this long beach. Organized and sandy, Alinda attracts many visitors every summer.



Agia Marina beach

Location: 2 km north of Platanos

Description: The picturesque beach of Agia Marina is a popular resort on Leros. Clean and pebbled, the beach is surrounded by many tourist facilities.

Sightseeing in Leros



Medieval Castle

Location: Pandeli

This castle was originally built by the Byzantines on the site of an ancient temple and then it was restored by the Venetians. It stands on a hill above Pandeli and over the years it has become the trademark of the island.



Flour Mill

Location: Agia Marina

This flour mill is an architectural model of a 20th century windmills. It stands at the port of Agia Marina.



Church Of Agios Isidoros

Location: Alinda

The lovely church of Agios Isidoros stands on the islet of Alinda that is connected to the land by a narrow passage. The little chapel is built on the site of an ancient temple, the ruins of which can still be seen behind the altar. The view from the church is very beautiful, especially in the sunset.

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