

# Nisyros

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## About Nisyros

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Belonging to the Dodecanese chain of islands, Nisyros is located between the islands of **Tilos** and **Kos**. Famous mainly for its volcano, which is located near its center, and close to the village of Nikia, the island of Nisyros is ideal for quiet and relaxing vacation.

The capital of the island is Mandraki, which is also its harbor, and here you can witness the unique architecture of the island, with white-washed homes and narrow streets. The Monastery of Panagia Spiliani is located on an imposing rock over Mandraki and is a popular attraction.

Some other places of interest include the Castle of Spiliani, the Monastery of Panagia and many other temples and historical sites. You can reach the closest airport to Nisyros, by a 2 hour boat journey.

The volcano is the most visited attraction, which allows visitors to walk over the crater, a memorable experience as the volcano is still semi-active. There is frequent transportation to the volcano and the entire trip is breathtakingly beautiful.

The island is easily accessible and can be reached by ferry from Kos and Pireaus. There are daily trips from Kardamena village in Kos, during summer. Nisyros also has a heliport. Some villages on the island are Paloi, Emporios and Nikia.

Another attraction is the thermal springs in Loutra, which are still operational today. Regarding entertainment, Nisyros has a very quiet nightlife with peaceful and beautiful taverns, cafes and bars available around the island. There are numerous beaches all around the island, mostly pebbled beaches, and one can also visit the islets of Agios Antonios and Giali, from Mandraki by boat.

## Villages of Nisyros

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### Mandraki

**Location:** On the north western side of the island

**Description:** Mandraki is the capital village and the main port of Nisyros. It has about few permanent inhabitants and remains an unspoilt holiday resort.

**Sightseeing:** Archaeological Museum, Church Of Panagia Spiliani, Ecclesiastical Museum, Folklore Museum, Venetian Castle

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### Nikia

**Location:** 14 km south east of Mandraki

**Description:** Nikia is actually a tiny, mountainous village. A hill above this village gives a great view to the magnificent volcano of Nisyros.

**Sightseeing:** Church Of Agios Theologos, Volcano

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## Beaches of Nisyros

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### Pali Beach

**Location:** 4 km east of Mandraki

**Description:** This popular beach is a long stretch of sand, sprinkled with dark pebbles. Few taverns and rooms to rent line this beach.

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### Lies Beach

**Location:** 13 km east of Mandraki

**Description:** The beach includes many different sized beaches within it, mostly inside the coves which have been formed by the sea.

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## Sightseeing in Nisyros

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### **Volcano**

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

The Volcano of Nisyros is active and constitutes one of the youngest volcanoes in Greece. It is found close to Nikia village and it is the most visited site on the island.

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### **Venetian Castle**

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

This Castle is also known as the Castle of Panagia Spiliani. It was probably built in the 14th century by the Knights of Saint John and gives a great view of the island.

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### **Church Of Panagia Spiliani**

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

The name of this Monastery means "Virgin Mary of the Cave". It was probably built in the 15th century and hosts many ecclesiastical relics inside.

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