

# Paros

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## About Paros

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Paros is the third largest island of the Cyclades, after Naxos and Syros, with an area of 186 sq.km and a coastline of 120 km long. Paros is located in the heart of Cyclades and its neighboring islands are Naxos, Ios, Sifnos and Syros.

Third in popularity after Syros and Santorini, Paros is considered one of the most beautiful islands of Cyclades with the most exquisite beaches. That is why it is considered as a top vacation destination in Greece and every summer it gets filled with tourists from all over the world.

Paros is a typical Cycladic island located almost in the centre of the Aegean Sea. The island has traditional little villages have whitewashed cubic houses with blue doors and windows, narrow streets, flowered balconies and squares, beautiful churches, Byzantine monasteries, a hilly countryside with endless vineyards and rare wildlife.

The capital and main port is Parikia, which receives ferries from Piraeus and other Greek islands. Parikia gets pretty crowded in high season, as it works as the main transportation hub in the island. Lovely beaches like Krios and Parasporos surround the village and have nice accommodation.

The second largest town in Paros is Naoussa, situated on the northern side of the island. Naoussa has a lovely fishing port lined by traditional taverns and seaside cafeterias. It is famous for the picturesque architecture and the vibrant nightlife. The most famous beaches close to Naoussa are Kolimbithres and Santa Maria.

Generally, Paros is famous for the gorgeous beaches with the crystal water. Either organized or secluded, sandy or pebbled, the water is turquoise and clean. All the organized beaches of Paros offer many waters sports facilities and competitions. In fact, the **Windsurfing World Cup** takes place every year on Golden Beach and the **Kiteboarding World Cup** is held on Pounta beach. Apart from summer sports, on Paros you will have the chance to experience other hobbies, such as trekking, birdwatching and yoga.

## Villages of Paros

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### Naoussa

**Location:** 10 km north east of Parikia

**Description:** Naoussa is the second most important village of Paros. Located on the southern side of the island, Naoussa is famous for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, the lovely beaches and its vivid nightlife.

**Sightseeing:** Agios Antonios, Byzantine Museum, Wine Museum

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### Parikia

**Location:** On the western side of Paros

**Description:** Parikia is the capital and the main port of Paros. It is lovely with the traditional architecture, the beautiful churches and the beaches in the surrounding area. The port of Parikia gets very busy in summer.

**Sightseeing:** Archaeological Museum, Byzantine Museum, Frankish Castle, Jesus Of The Woods, Monastery Of Longovarda, Panagia Ekatontapiliani, Sanctuary Of Asklepios, Valley Of Butterflies

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### Lefkes

**Location:** 11 km south east of Parikia

**Description:** Lefkes is a mountainous village in the centre of the island. One of the most beautiful villages in Cyclades, Lefkes has traditional architecture and it is surrounded by much greenery.

**Sightseeing:** Agia Triada, Folklore Art Museum

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### Marpissa

**Location:** 16 km south east of Parikia

**Description:** Spread on the slopes of a hill, the houses of Marpissa amaze visitors with their traditional style. Many lovely chapels dot the landscape around Marpissa. This is one of the most beautiful villages on Paros.

**Sightseeing:** Byzantine Museum, Sculpture Museum

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## Beaches of Paros

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### Kolymbithres

**Location:** 10 km north east of Parikia

**Description:** Kolymbithres is the most famous beach in the area of Naoussa, the second largest village of Paros. The beach is known for its clean water and the rock formations.

**Sightseeing:** Aquapark, Mycenaean Acropolis

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### Parasporos

**Location:** 4 km south of Parikia

**Description:** Parasporos is a very popular beach close to Parikia. Easy to access and with a nice background, Parasporos is well-organized and has many beach bars.

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### Golden Beach

**Location:** 24 km south east of Parikia

**Description:** This is one of the most popular beaches of Paros. It has crystal water, soft sand and the wind is great for windsurfing there. In fact, an international windsurfing competition takes place there every summer.

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### Pounda

**Location:** 9 km south of Parikia

**Description:** Pounda is a nice sandy beach close to Parikia. It gets very popular for its beautiful environment and the beach bars. From Pounda, ferries leave frequently to the neighbouring island of Antiparos.

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### Krios

**Location:** 3 km north of Parikia

**Description:** Krios is one of the closest beaches to Parikia. With clean water and a sandy coastline, Krios usually gets crowded in summer due to its location.

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### Santa Maria

**Location:** 15 km north east of Parikia

**Description:** Santa Maria is a beautiful, organized beach in a close distance from Naoussa. Many watersports centres are located along the coast.

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## Sightseeing in Paros

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### **Panagia Ekatontapiliani**

**Location:** **Parikia**

The Monastery of Panagia Ekatontapiliani (Virgin Mary of the Hundred Doors) is located near Parikia and this is one of the oldest churches in Paros. The tradition says that this monastery was constructed by the orders of Saint Helene, while she was traveling to the Holy Lands to find the Cross of Jesus Christ.

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### **Agios Ioannis Detis**

**Location:** **Monastiri**

The little church of Agios Ioannis Detis (Saint John) was built in the 17th century. It is located in the rocky coast of Monastiri, in the huge bay of Naoussa. This area offers a superb beach attracting many visitors for its great beauty.

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## Some Accommodations in Paros

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### Paros Paradise

**Location:** Parikia

**Class:** 4 Keys

**Number of rooms:** 17

**Type:** Apartments, Studios

**Phone:** 0030 22840 23512

Paros Paradise apartments is a newly-built unit consisting of studios, junior suites and apartments, 80 meters from the splendid sandy beach Livadia in Parikia. Room at Paros Paradise Apartments feature sea view veranda (3,5m. x 2,5m.), satellite television, A/C, refrigerator and fully equipped kitchenette, private bathroom with hair dryer. Parking facilities are also available. The transfer from/to port is free of charge. We will be very happy to welcome you to our paradise.

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### Contaratos Beach

**Location:** Naoussa

**Class:** 3 Stars

**Number of rooms:** 54

**Type:** Hotels, Apartments, Studios, Suites

**Website:** [www.contaratos.com](http://www.contaratos.com)

**Phone:** 0030 22840 51693

Contaratos Beach Hotel lies in the picturesque village of Naoussa. Built In 1985 and recently renovated, it combines the quiet environment of the area with the comfort provided by a modern hotel. Right next to the sea-shore, it is constructed with the genuine-traditional architecture of Cyclades and it provides its guests with all modern facilities.

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### Eri

**Location:** Parikia

**Class:** 3 Stars

**Number of rooms:** 44

**Type:** Hotels, Apartments

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

**Phone:** 0030 22840 23360

Hotel ERI Hotel is a 3 - star family hotel. It was built in 1988 and renovated in 2001. It offers 43 rooms and two apartments. All the rooms boast air - conditioning, a television set and a personal safety deposit box. The Port of Parikia is only 800 m away and the closest beach only 300m. It takes a pleasant 10 minutes to reach the city center. The ERI Hotel boasts an abundance of areas which have a breathtaking view of the mountains or the sea, allowing the guest to enjoy a lovely sense of serenity and freedom.

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## Kalypso

**Location:** Naoussa

**Class:** 2 Stars

**Number of rooms:** 55

**Type:** Hotels, Apartments, Studios, Junior Suites

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

**Phone:** 0030 22840 51488

A pleasant ten minutes walk from the center of Naoussa Paros, stands the Hotel Kalypso, on the shore of the beach of Agii Anargiri. Only the tamarisk trees stand between the hotel and the sea. One experiences immediately the hospitality of this family operated hotels where the service is friendly and the hygienic standards are high. This is a traditionally built hotel with special features such as the delightful lounge courtyard, enclosed by foliage and the mezzanine balcony projecting over it.

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## Marinero

**Location:** Naoussa

**Class:** 2 Stars

**Number of rooms:** 21

**Type:** Hotels, Suites, Family Rooms

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

**Phone:** 0030 22840 51751

Hotel Marinero, a 3 stars hotel, placed only 5 minutes walking from the centre of Naoussa and only 75 meters from the beach of Agioi Anargyroi. Small but charming painted in the colours of of Cyclades, you will get seduced by the traditional architecture, the beautiful flowers and the original paintings.

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