

# Patmos

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## About Patmos

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Famous for its religious past, since it is in Patmos that Apostle John wrote the **Book of Revelation** (the Apocalypse), this island is a place for religious pilgrimage and spiritual research.

In the 1960s, Patmos became for a while a favorite destination for hippies, who were trying to experience the spiritual vibes of nature. Today, this mountainous island and its small coves attract sun lovers who wish to dive in its crystalline waters and enjoy some relaxing days away from modern civilization.

From the island's prior isolation and religiousness only the imposing Monastery of Saint John and the signs forbidding nude bathing remain. The monastery is built above Chora and it is surrounded by strong walls. Close to the monastery, there is the Cave of Apocalypse, where Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation, according to tradition.

The most popular beaches of Patmos are Skala, Agriolivado and Kambos, Surrounded by few greenery and with soft sand, these beaches have great fish taverns on the shore.

The main port of the island is Skala. Boat trips from Patmos go the secluded islands of Arki and Marathi, with few inhabitants but crystal water to swim.

## Villages of Patmos

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### Chora

**Location:** On the southern side of the island

**Description:** Chora is a traditional village built on top of a hill, offering great view to the sea. It stretches around the monastery and it distinguishes for its elegant architecture.

**Sightseeing:** Cave Of Apocalypse, Ecclesiastical Museum, Folklore Museum, Monastery Of Saint John, Monastery Of Zoodochos Pighi

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## Beaches of Patmos

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### Skala Beach

**Location:** 4 km north of Chora

**Description:** This is the most popular beach on Patmos. Clean and pebbled, the beach of Skala has many tourist facilities around it.

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### Agriolivado

**Location:** 8 km north of Chora

**Description:** This organized beach gets pretty busy in summer. It is located north of Skala, the main port of the island.

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### Kambos beach

**Location:** 9 km north of Chora

**Description:** The lovely bay of Kampos is situated on the northern side of the island. It has crystal water and part of this beach is organized.

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## Sightseeing in Patmos

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### Monastery Of Saint John

**Location:** Chora

Constructed on top of a hill above Chora, the Orthodox Monastery of Saint John the Theologian is among the most important religious centres in Greece. It looks like a fortress but inside there is a monastery, built on the site of an ancient temple.

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### Cave Of Apocalypse

**Location:** Chora

Tradition says that in this cave, Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation, inspired by God. An entire monastery has been built around this cave.

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### Ecclesiastical Museum

**Location:** Chora

This museum is located in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian in Chora Patmos.

It is a small museum housing all the treasures of the monastery, including valuable icons, ecclesiastical ornaments, embroideries, superb icons and clothing of priests.

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### Arki And Marathi

**Location:** Skala

Arki and Marathi are two remote islands daily connected to Patmos by boat. There have few inhabitants and they are known for their crystal beaches, accessed only on foot.

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