

# Poros

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## About Poros

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Located in the Saronic Gulf, Poros is separated from the Peloponnese mainland by a 200 meter wide channel of water. Poros is formed by two islands, Kalavria and Spheria. Kalavria is slightly larger in area than Spheria which is volcanic in nature. With a population of about 4,000 permanent inhabitants, Poros is a lovely and quiet place. The island is verdant, hilly and has a temperate climate throughout the year.

The history of **Poros** starts in the prehistoric times. Archaeological evidence shows that Poros and the closeby ancient town of **Troezen** had been inhabited since the Bronze Age.

In the 6th and the 5th century B.C., Poros was the centre of the Amphictyonic League, a political and religious cooperation between Athens and towns of Peloponnese. The temple of Poseidon, which was built during those years and lays today in ruins, shows the great political prestige of the island.

Poros also played a great role in the Greek War of Independence, when the Greeks met in Poros in 1828 to set the first Greek Constitution. Many sights of Poros, such as the nice mansions and the Russian Dockyard, remind the historical importance of the island.

Today Poros bases its economy mostly on tourism. Its closeness to Athens, the natural beauty and the lovely beaches make it the ideal holiday and weekend destination. The most famous beach is the Love Bay, a scenic landscape with crystal waters surrounded by lush greenery. The largest beach is Askeli, with many hotels above it and lots of watersports centres.

## Villages of Poros

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### Town

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

**Description:** Poros Town is the only real village of the island. It distinguishes for its Neoclassical architecture and the lovely port. Poros is built amphitheatrically on the slopes of a hill and gives great views to the sea.

**Sightseeing:** Archaeological Museum, Clock Tower, Municipal Library

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## Beaches of Poros

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### Askeli beach

**Location:** 3 km north east of Poros Town

**Description:** Askeli is the longest and busiest beach on the island. It is organized with sun beds, umbrellas and beach bars.

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### Love Bay

**Location:** 4 km north west of Poros Town

**Description:** Love Bay is probably the most beautiful beach on Poros. It is a small bay surrounded by pine trees. The beach is organized and due to its small size, it usually gets crowded.

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### Megalo Neorio

**Location:** 3 km north west of Poros Town

**Description:** This is a lovely beach in close distance to Poros Town. It is surrounded by lush greenery and has some delicious fish taverns along the coast.

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## Sightseeing in Poros

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### **Clock Tower**

**Location:** **Town**

This clock tower is an imposing feature and the landmark of Poros Town. It stands on the highest spot of the town and gives great view to the sea.

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### **Monastery Of Zoodohos Pigi**

**Location:** **Monastiri**

The Monastery of Zoodohos Pigi, located in a region of lush greenery, is dedicated to Virgin Mary. It was established in the early 18th century and the tombs of famous Greek fighters of the Revolution are located at the yard of the monastery.

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