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About Schinoussa

As part of the small Cyclades group of islands, Schinoussa is perfect for those looking for a relaxing change from crowds and noisy city life. All that the island offers is serene natural beauty that will surely take your breath away: quaint and charming villages free from modern influences and noise, lovely beaches to rest and relax in and a traditional Greek way of life.

With a population of about 200 residents, the island is located between **Iraklia** and **Koufonisia**. At the port of Mersini you shall see yachts bob on the calm water with the blowing Meltemi winds.

Schinoussa has very low hills the tallest of which, Mylos, is only 133 meters. It has many bays and peninsulas and is known for its indented coastline. Thanks to this morphology the island features many spectacular beaches with charming coves for swimming and relaxing.

The smooth flat terrain is ideal for hiking and walking. The perennial mild and fresh climate gives you the impression of it being summer time all year round. The main settlements of the island are the port village of Mersini, the capital or Chora and Messaria. Situated on the leeward side of the bay, the port Mersini, is ideal for yachts.

The main village, Chora or Panagia was built on a small hill by the pirates. It offers a spectacular view of the rest of the island, which used to provide refuge and shelter to pirates who stopped here to contemplate their next heist. The residents of the island are mainly agriculture workers and undertake animal husbandry, fishing and tourism as well.

Villages of Schinoussa

Chora

Location: In the centre of the island

Description: Chora or Panagia is the capital village of Schinoussa island, located on a hill overlooking the sea and the surrounding nature.

Sightseeing: Church Of Panagia Akathi

Beaches of Schinoussa

Almyros

Location: 2 km south of Chora

Description: Almyros can be reached through a track road. It provides an excellent environment for peaceful swimming.

Lioliou

Location: 4 km south of Chora

Description: Lioliou is a pretty remote beach with clean water and some greenery around it.

Tsigouri

Location: 2 km south west of Chora

Description: Tsigouri is a remote cove that you will need to walk to get there. It is perfect to enjoy all the peace and relaxation you will need in your holidays.

Fikio

Location: 4 km north of Chora

Description: Fikio is difficult to reach on foot, so you'd better take the boat to go there. It is known for its special water and some underwater reefs provide great chances for scuba diving.

Sightseeing in Schinoussa

Church Of Panagia Akathi

Location: [Chora](#)

The most important church in Schinoussa is the church of Panagia Akathi in Chora, which is considered as the protector of the island. Built in traditional Cycladic architecture in the colours of blue and white, it stands proudly in the middle of Schinoussa village. The locals love a lot this church and, in fact, many women on the island have taken their name from this church and they are called "Akathi".

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