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About Sikinos

Sikinos is a tiny island in the southern Cyclades between the islands of **Ios** and **Folegandros**. Because of its size, it is ideal for a pleasant and peaceful holiday. The island has a dry and somehow rocky landscape. All around you see the enchanting blue waters of the Aegean Sea.

Sikinos is one of the most untouched islands of the **Cyclades**. Only 300 permanent residents live on Sikinos, so do not expect luxurious tourist amenities or wild nightlife.

Hence the island is attracting scores of tourists who wish to spend their days in a peaceful atmosphere, free from the hustle bustle of the modern tourist spots.

The inhabitants of Sikinos lead a simple life, untouched by modernism. They hardly speak English, yet they show their warmth and hospitality towards the tourists who reach their land.

Sikinos has two main villages, Kastro and Chora. Kastro is the largest village in Sikinos. The main attraction of this village is the maze paths. Chora is the capital of Sikinos, located 3,5 km from the port. Chora offers a superior landscape view with its unspoiled picturesque land and a trail of windmills.

The ancient houses and monasteries built on Sikinos give it the appearance of a typical Cycladic island. The white houses with flower boxes on the windows can be seen all over the island.

The important archeological attraction is the ruins of an ancient settlement found just outside Episkopi. Another such treasure is preserved at the Cape of Malta, which the locals named Paleokastro.

Not to miss is the charming Folklore Museum where a lot of artifacts are preserved. The ancient olive press building, where olive oil production was carried out in the ancient days, can be seen here.

Sikinos today offers a lot for the tourists to explore. There are many interesting places to visit. Trekking along the remote and rocky paths of the island is an important tourist activity.

Sikinos is blessed with a number of beaches. The sandy beach at the port of Alopronia is a popular beach for swimming. Also, there are a few remote beaches, including Agios Georgios, Dialiskari and Agios Panteleimonas. These can be accessed from the harbour by a tour boat.

Villages of Sikinos

Chora

Location: On the northern side of the island

Description: Chora is the capital village of Sikinos. Built on the slopes of a hill, Chora is among the most picturesque Cycladic villages.

Sightseeing: Byzantine Collection, Church Of Panagia Pantanassa, Folklore Museum, Monastery Of Episkopi, Monastery Of Zoodochos Pigi

Beaches of Sikinos

Port beach

Location: 4 km south of Chora

Description: In a walking distance from the port, this long and sandy beach is organized with sun beds, umbrellas and some beach bars.

Agios Georgios

Location: 5 km south east of Chora

Description: This beach is small and you have to take the boat or walk to go there. It is a complete isolate environment with nice water.

Dialiskari

Location: 4 km south of Chora

Description: This nice beach is actually a small cove. Visitors go there by boat or on foot. The beach is not organized, but it has some rooms to rent.

Sightseeing in Sikinos

Monastery Of Episkopi

Location: [Chora](#)

The historical site of Episkopi actually consists of an old, Byzantine monastery built over a Roman mausoleum. The church hosts nice frescoes. Episkopi is located 4 km south west of Chora.

Folklore Museum

Location: [Chora](#)

Located in Chorio, the Folklore Museum of the island of Sikinos features exhibits, artifacts and material that shed light on the island's past. Located in an olive oil press the Museum is in fact the family home of an American expatriate who served the US Navy for a major part of his life. The Greek born man has extensive knowledge regarding the process of making olive oil and even the history of the island as well.

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