

Skyros

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About Skyros

Located between the northern islands of Sporades and the Island of Evia, Skyros rests on the crystal clear Aegean Sea. The stunning, long, sandy beaches are abundant around Skyros and they serve as recreation spots for the locals and the tourists who come here to enjoy tranquility.

However, Skyros is also known as it is connected to Achilles, the legendary hero of the Trojan War. In fact, Skyros has been referred to as the place where he was sent by his mother, goddess Thetis, to prevent him from participating in the Trojan War, as he would be killed in that war. The historic old town of Skyros is a testament of a rich cultural heritage. With ruins dating back to the Stone Age, the city is truly an intriguing experience. You will certainly be amazed at the traditional Skyrian houses that stand proudly all along the streets of the capital.

The ruins of the castle of King Lycomedes, who brought up Achilles, is there, atop a hill overlooking the old town along with the Church of Agios Georgios, who is the patron saint of the island. Most of the towns and villages are dispersed in the northern part of the island, which is mostly covered with forests. The capital town is built amphitheatrically on the slopes of a hill.

The trademark of the island is the Pony of Skyros, a rare type of horse which is only bred on Skyros. Such ponies can be seen in the Skyrian Pony Centre, on the northern side of the island.

Villages of Skyros

Skyros Town

Location: On the northern side of the island

Description: Skyros Town, the capital of the island, spreads on the slopes of a hill, beneath an impressive Byzantine Castle. The white houses, the beautiful churches and the interesting museums mark the character of this lovely town.

Sightseeing: Archaeological Museum, Byzantine Castle, Faltaitis Folklore Museum, Monastery Of Agios Georgios, Ponies

Linaria

Location: 12 km south of Skyros Town

Description: The picturesque port of Skyros is built around a bay and gives nice view to the sunset. Excursion boats transfer visitors to sea caves and close islets.

Beaches of Skyros

Molos

Location: 4 km north of Skyros Town

Description: Molos is the most popular and best organized beach of the island. The beach is long and sandy and the surrounding environment is very picturesque.

Atsitsa beach

Location: 18 km west of Skyros Town

Description: The beach is dotted with rocks along the water and provides a good place to swim. There are a few trees nearby, but few tourist amenities.

Agios Fokas

Location: 13 km south west of Skyros Town

Description: This lovely area has white sand and pebbled seashore. A dirt road leads there and the surrounding green region creates a picturesque spot to relax.

Pefkos beach

Location: 11 km south west of Skyros Town

Description: Pefkos is a scenic beach surrounded by lush greenery. The amazing landscape and the crystal water create a great place to relax.

Sightseeing in Skyros

Byzantine Castle

Location: [Skyros Town](#)

The Byzantine Castle of Skyros, which stands on a hill above the town, was built to protect the island from enemies and pirates. Above the entrance, there is a marble lion encraved on the wall. Inside the castle, there is the Monastery Tower of Agios Georgios.

Ponies

Location: [Skyros Town](#)

The ponies of Skyros are shortest than the normal horses. They have an arched back and long hair. They are the trademark of the island and they grow there since the antiquity.

Faltaits Folklore Museum

Location: [Skyros Town](#)

The Manos Faltaits Folklore Museum, established in 1964, is housed in the Faltaits residence. The Museum houses items depicting every day life in the various periods of the long history of Skyros. There is a collection of documents and publications dating from the Byzantine period to the Independence war, traditional Skyrian costumes, everyday tools, maps, gravoures, rare books and manuscripts, sculptures and paintings of Manos Faltaits.

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