

# Thassos

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## About Thassos

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Thassos (or Thasos) is situated in the north Aegean Sea. It is the northernmost island in the Aegean region and is just off the coastline of the Greek mainland. This island is part of Kavala prefecture.

While in Limenas, you can have a glimpse of the numerous ruins on which the modern city was built, which speaks for itself about the rich history of this region. The island of Thassos has been inhabited since the 7th c. B.C. and had a vibrant economy during the ancient times due to the abundant supply of precious natural resources. There were gold mines and ore mines.

Timber and marble were exported to Egypt, Italy and Asia Minor, which resulted in a great foreign exchange influx. Ruins from ancient Thassos in Limenas including the Agora, a civic and commercial centre, the Acropolis, a temple devoted to Apollo and the Hellenistic theatre speak volumes about the past. Recent excavated findings include a 6th c. B.C. "Kouros", which is actually a nude male statue, and a marble bust of Dionysos from the 3rd c. B.C.

Thassos is famed for its wine with its distinctive apple aroma and its **marble quarries**. The inhabitants occupy with cultivating land, as well. Honey and olive oil are the chief agricultural products. The locals also undertake herding and fishing. Other industries include mining zinc, lead, marble and lumbering.

The island of Thassos has still remained somewhat unaffected by mass tourism and rapid commercialization. The magnificent mountainous landscape with its verdant landscape and excellent beaches does draw a cosmopolitan group of summer tourists from many European countries. Local Greek population also forms a part of the tourist influx. The weather in Thassos is spared by the Meltemi winds during July and August. Thassos is home to some extraordinary beaches, the finest being situated to the east and south. Beaches in Thassos like Alyki and Paradiso are just out of this world. For off the beaten track excursion enthusiasts, Thassos also provides some wonderful coves and bays.

Thassos does not feature on the major ferry routes, but has a regular ferry service from the Greek mainland. There are quite a few ferry services to and from Kavala and Skala Prinos, which is the west coast port of the island.

The interior of Thassos is a paradise for hikers due to its mountainous trails through forests and some breathtakingly beautiful natural countryside. The topmost point in Thasos is situated at 1,045 meters above sea level and is called **Ypsarion**. The flora of this region has countless varieties, a boon for the migratory beekeepers. The local stores keep honey products of innumerable forms, such as honey and walnut liqueur, courgettes and prunes in honey.

Except for summer, another good period to visit Thassos is also during Carnival, in late winter or early spring. The **Carnival** of Thassos is one of the most famous in Northern Greece for the revival of old costumes.

## Villages of Thassos

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### Limenas

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

**Description:** Limenas is the capital village and main port of Thassos. Located on the northern side of the island, Limenas is surrounded by picturesque beaches and beautiful nature.

**Sightseeing:** Ancient Agora, Archaeological Museum, Cave Of Pan

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### Theologos

**Location:** 52 km south of Limenas

**Description:** Theologos is among the oldest and most beautiful villages on the island. It is famous for its stone mansions and the delicious taverns.

**Sightseeing:** Church Of Agia Paraskevi, Folklore Museum

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### Potamia

**Location:** 10 km south east of Limenas

**Description:** Potamia is a beautiful mountainous village with traditional architecture and view to the sea. The nearest beach is Skala Potamias.

**Sightseeing:** Vagis Sculpture Museum

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## Beaches of Thassos

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### Golden Beach

**Location:** 12 km south east of Limenas

**Description:** This is a long and impressive beach, with golden sand and crystalline waters. It is surrounded by dense vegetation reaching down to the sea.

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### Makriamos

**Location:** 2 km from Limenas

**Description:** Makriamos is the closest beach to Limenas and among the most picturesque sites on the island. It is organized and it usually gets popular in summer.

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### Paradise Beach

**Location:** 20 km south of Limenas

**Description:** Paradise is among the most popular beaches on Thassos. It is famous for the picturesque location and the soft, white sand.

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### Limenaria beach

**Location:** 37 km south west of Limenas

**Description:** The beach of Limenaria is a popular tourist resort on Thassos. It is lined by family hotels, fish taverns and some watersports centres.

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### Alyki

**Location:** 31 km south of Limenas

**Description:** This is one of the most beautiful and picturesque sites on Thassos. Two small white sand beaches, calm seas with soft sand in and out of the water.

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## Sightseeing in Thassos

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### Ancient Agora

**Location:** [Limenas](#)

Ancient Agora includes the remains of the ancient town of Thassos. There are the ruins of temples and sanctuaries, an odeum, a theatre and the Acropolis. It is located on a hill above Limenas.

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### Folklore Museum

**Location:** [Theologos](#)

This museum is situated in a two-storey traditional building in the heart of Theologos. The first floor shows objects related to industries and traditional professions and the second floor is a reconstruction of a traditional house in Thassos.

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### Old Port

**Location:** [Limenaria](#)

This is where the fleet of the island used to moor in the ancient times. Today it is a picturesque neighbourhood to stroll around and to have your coffee by the sea.

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### Monastery Of Archangel Michael

**Location:** [Livadi](#)

This is an old monastery with interesting architecture, located on a hill above Livadi. It has been built on top of a cliff and the view from up there is captivating.

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