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About Tilos

Tilos is an Aegean Island that belongs to the Dodecanese complex. It is located on the northwest of Rhodes and it is actually a tiny island with few permanent inhabitants. Tilos has developed over the last few years as the paradise for free camping and naturists.

The island has great natural beauty: rocky mountains, crystal beaches, caves with stalactites and stalagmites, groves of fig trees, walnuts and olive trees. The wind blows frequently over Tilos, giving it a sense of coolness in summer.

The capital of Tilos is Megalo Chorio, a small village that lacks modern amenities and has thus preserved its traditional character with its old churches and small, cozy homes. The main port of the island is Livadia. This is where large ferries and small fishing boats moor.

A couple of beaches are organized with sun beds, umbrellas and taverns but most beaches are secluded and ideal for privacy. Eristos and Agios Antonios are pretty quiet and relaxing, while the most organized is Livadia.

Tilos has got extraordinary architectural and archaeological attractions. There are the ruins of some medieval castles, a Byzantine monastery and a village declared as a cultural monument, Mikro Chorio.

Tourism on the island is not developed but it would certainly be a nice experience to spend a few days there and relax. The island may not have luxury to offer you, but you will love it for its beauty and authentic style.

Villages of Tilos

Mikro Chorio

Location: 8 km south of Megalo Chorio

Description: Mikro Chorio was once prosperous but in the 1960s it was gradually abandoned by its inhabitants. Today its buildings are ruined.

Megalo Chorio

Location: On the northern side of the island

Description: Megalo Chorio is the capital village of Tilos. It is built on the foot of a rocky mountain, which has a Medieval Castle on its top.

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Beaches of Tilos

Livadia beach

Location: 7 km south east of Megalo Chorio

Description: Livadia is the only organized beach on Tilos and it is close to most tourist facilities on the island. Water is clean and the shore is mostly pebbled.

Eristos

Location: 3 km south of Megalo Chorio

Description: Eristos is a long bay that can be accessed through a rough street from Megalo Chorio. Its water is pure and its ambience barren.

Agios Antonios Beach

Location: 2 km west of Megalo Chorio

Description: Agios Antonios is a calm beach on the northern side of the island. There are no tourist amenities closeby and the seabed can get deep and rocky at some points.

Sightseeing in Tilos

Medieval Castle

Location: [Megalo Chorio](#)

The Medieval Castle is located on top of a steep mountain, right above Megalo Chorio. It was constructed by the Knights of Saint John and climbing up there is a difficult task.

Monastery Of Agios Panteleimon

Location: [Megalo Chorio](#)

The Monastery of Saint Panteleimon is the most important church on Tilos and the protector of the island. It is located at the end of the only road on Tilos.

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