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About Tinos

Fourty white little picturesque villages, more than 700 churches and monasteries, immaculate dovecotes and beautiful sandy and pebble beaches are the elements that create the wonderful island of Tinos.

Still unknown by the majority of foreign tourists, Tinos mostly attracts Greek pilgrims traveling there to see and touch the miraculous healing icon of the Virgin Mary, that was found in 1822.

The believers take part in the two annual religious pilgrimages, on March 25 and August 15, when the miraculous icon is carried down the harbor over the heads of the faithful.

The pilgrimage in Tinos is equivalent, at a smaller scale, to the one of Lourdes, in France: thousands of Greeks Orthodox believers walk on their knees from the harbor to the church of Panagia Evangelistra to ask for the protection and favors of the Virgin.

Tinos is the most important Orthodox place of worship, but in the same time an important Catholic centre; this mixture of religions, most rare in Greece, gives to the island a particular and unique character.

The amazing Tinos is not only the island of religious faith but also the island of art: some of the most important Greek artists were born there such as the painters Nikephoros Lytras and Nikolaos Gyzis; sculptors such as Philippotis, Voulgaris and Giannoulis Chalepas, the Pheidias of Modern Greece, perpetuate the island tradition in marble-carving until today.

Tinos is a very interesting place to visit. One can enjoy its unspoiled architecture, its picturesque villages, its beautiful beaches and its traditional culture and way of living that is still present. Tinos is the ideal place for lovers of nature, architecture, art and traditions, and really the perfect answer to these expectations.

Villages of Tinos

Pyrgos

Location: 24 km north west of Chora

Description: One of the largest and prettiest villages on Tinos, Pyrgos has great architecture and a long tradition in sculpture. Even today a marble sculpture school works in the village.

Sightseeing: Chalepas Museum, Museum Of Marble Crafts

Dyo Choria

Location: 10 km north east of Chora

Description: Dyo Choria is among the most beautiful villages of Tinos. They have an intense traditional style and nice view to the southern side of the island.

Volax

Location: 10 km north of Chora

Description: Volax is a lovely village with an impressive rocky landscape. Granite rocks surround Volax and the gorgeous Mount Xombourgo stands above it.

Beaches of Tinos

Agios Sostis

Location: 5 km east of Chora

Description: Agios Sostis is a long seaside resort in close distance to Chora. Its beach is organized with sunbeds and umbrellas.

Agios Romanos

Location: 13 km north west of Chora

Description: Agios Romanos is a crystal and calm beach on the southern side of the island. Some lovely hotels and summer houses are found there.

Kionia

Location: 3 km north west of Chora

Description: Kionia is a popular beach resort in close distance to Chora. The sandy beach and the calm atmosphere attract many visitors.

Sightseeing: Sanctuary Of Poseidon

Agios Fokas

Location: 2 km east of Chora

Description: Agios Fokas is a long beach with sandy and pebbled spots. It is located very close to Chora, which makes it very popular in summer.

Sightseeing in Tinos

Church Of Evangelistria

Location: Tinos Town

The church of Virgin Mary Megalochari is the protector of all Greece. It hosts a miraculous icon of Virgin Mary and it is thought the most important religious monument in Greece. Every August, thousands of pilgrims come for pilgrimage in this church.

Dovecotes

Location: Tinos Town

Traditional dovecotes are located all over the island of Tinos. They look like tiny fortresses and have geometrical patterns, which attract the doves.

Chalepas Museum

Location: Pyrgos

The museum is housed in the same building where the famous Greek sculptor was born in Pyrgos and where he lived his last years. Many of his works are displayed in this museum as well as some of his personal belongings.

Ursulines Monastery

Location: Loutra

The Monastery of Ursulines was established in 1862 and it worked as an educational centre for young women till the mid-20th century. In the exhibitional rooms of the monastery, there are laboratories of physics, chemistry, painting, music, photographs and personal items of the students.

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