

# PATMOS

*Travelling to the Sacred Island of the Aegean*



MUNICIPALITY OF PATMOS

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF PATMOS

Dear friends,

The brochure you hold in your hands is nothing less than an invitation to discover, even if only once in your lifetime, a truly captivating destination: Patmos!

We are confident that it will win over your senses and spirit, ensuring you join the ranks of its countless admirers across the globe.

Our island possesses a unique quality: it keeps alive and unchanged the features that have defined it over the centuries. These include its pilgrimage nature, its simple architecture, its unique natural setting and culture, and the warm hospitality of its inhabitants.

As the municipal authority in this land of global prestige, we are obliged to do everything within our power to ensure that your holidays meet your expectations.

With the warmest wishes for a delightful and memorable stay!

Sincerely,

The Mayor of Patmos  
**Nikitas Tsampalakis**



Chora (Patmos Town)



Patmos is located in the southeastern Aegean Sea, in the island complex of the Dodecanese, and covers an area of just 32 square kilometres. The island has four main settlements:

The heart of Patmos beats in Skala, its cosmopolitan port, while Chora remains the island's architectural gem, with the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian dominating its summit. A short distance away, Kampos and Grikos are equally important attractions, preserving their authentic traditional charm.

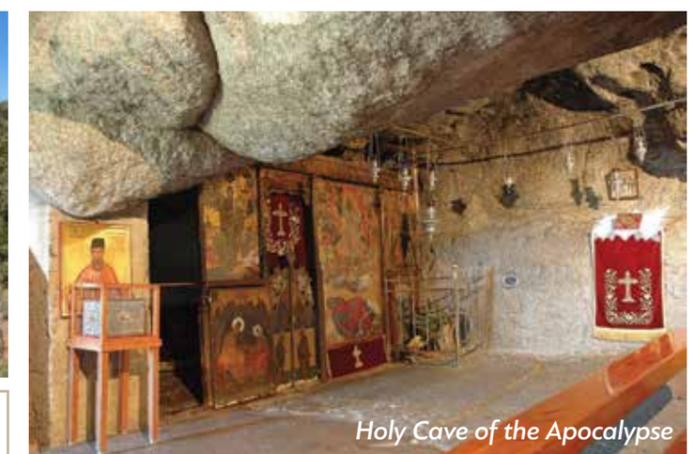
The settlement of Chora, along with the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse, have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Its terrain is rocky, and between the hills, small valleys lead to sandy beaches, shaping its continuous, deeply indented coastline.

Patmos has been inhabited since ancient times. However, it achieved global renown during the Christian era due to the Book of Revelation, which John the Theologian wrote in 95 AD. The monastery was built in the 11th century and has maintained an unbroken spiritual life since its foundation.

Its museum showcases relics from its long history, while its library and archive house a wealth of rare manuscripts and documents. The thriving Convent of the Annunciation (Evangelismos) stands as the island's second significant monastery.

Patmos boasts tourism infrastructure for every budget, from luxurious hotels to well-maintained, welcoming rental accommodations.

You can reach Patmos by sea with ferries that depart daily from the port of Piraeus, or by air via the airports of Kos, Samos, and Leros, and from there by local ferry services.



When visiting Holy Churches and Monasteries, modest clothing is required, as a sign of respect for the space.

Holy Cave of the Apocalypse



## CHORA (PATMOS TOWN)

Chora stands as perhaps one of the finest preserved examples of island architecture: white, cube-shaped houses, 16th to 18th-century mansions, truly wonderful views of the Aegean Sea. Its nighttime vibe is truly unique, seamlessly blending serenity, spirituality, and elegance.



Skala

## SKALA

Skala, the island's main port, boasts a vibrant character, featuring cafes, restaurants and bars, as well as a market with traditional products and a seaside promenade with picturesque harbour views.



Patmos possesses a distinctive style that is simultaneously devout and cosmopolitan. The island is renowned for its cultural festivals, religious events (particularly during Holy Week), sophisticated nightlife, high-quality gastronomy. It is decidedly not a 'noisy' island, and thus primarily attracts travellers who seek peace, tradition, and spirituality.

## GRIKOS

Grikos is a tranquil seaside resort located on the southeastern coast of Patmos, lying approximately 4.5 kilometres from the port of Skala. From various vantage points within the settlement, visitors can marvel at the characteristic rock formation of 'Kalikatsou,' aptly named 'Petra' (The Rock), which stands like a natural monument dominating the area's placid lagoon. Reddish-pink cliffs sculpted by the sea, combined with vineyards, golden fields, and small houses, complete the picturesque tapestry of the bay. Guests can savour traditional tavernas set right at the water's edge. On the mountain slopes, the rocky terrain is punctuated by pristine white Patmian mansions with their whitewashed courtyards, while tamarisk trees line up as if for a parade, providing cool, natural shade. And the people! They are genuine and sincere. They greet you even as a stranger. For in Grikos, nature blesses both residents and visitors with an enduring sense of simplicity.



Kampos

## KAMPOS

Kampos is located approximately 6 kilometres from Skala. It is distinctly separated into Ano Kampos and Kato Kampos, with the latter designating Kampos Beach. Ano Kampos is centered around a picturesque square that is intersected by the main road. On one side, the Church of the Annunciation (Evangelismos) stands, while the opposite side hosts tavernas, a kiosk, and a café. The Church of the Annunciation was erected by the local villagers in 1937. They hold great pride in this church and gather there to celebrate Easter and weddings, maintaining a community that is simultaneously close-knit yet warmly welcoming to tourists, who have built homes around the ever-expanding village.



Grikos





Vagia



Agriolivado



Kampos



Marathi



Meloi



Grikos - Petra



Didymes



Tiganakia



Lampi

## NATURE AND BEACHES

Discover the unique coastline of Patmos, a destination that captivates with its golden beaches and crystal-clear waters. From cosmopolitan Kampos and the well-organized Agriolivado—both ideal for family moments—to the exotic Psili Ammos, accessible only by sea or through scenic trails, the island offers options for every taste.

For those seeking absolute tranquility, Livadi Geranou, Grikos, Petra, Vagia, Didymes, and Meloi provide a peaceful retreat in an unspoiled natural setting. Don't miss a visit to Lampi, world-renowned for its rare and colorful pebbles.

Hiking is also highly popular, with trails winding past small chapels and scenic spots that offer panoramic views.

# PATMOS ISLAND

**Beaches:** Παραλία Λάμπη (Lampi beach), Παραλία Κάμπος (Kampos beach), Παραλία Αγριολίβαδο (Agriolivado beach), Παραλία Λιβάδι Γερανού (Livadi Geranou beach), Παραλία Μελοί (Meloi beach), Παραλία Γροίκος (Grikos beach), Παραλία Ψιλή Άμμος (Psili Ammos beach).

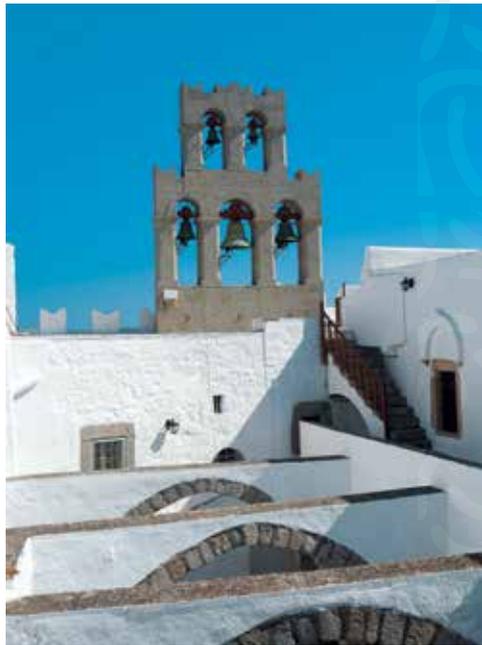
**Other Locations:** Κάμπος (Kampos), Χώρα (Chora - Patmos Town), Σκάλα (Skala), Τραγονήσι (Tragonisi).

**Ferry Routes:** Αρκοί - Πάτμος (Arki - Patmos), Αγαθονήσι - Πάτμος (Agathonisi - Patmos), Πάτμος - Λειψοί (Patmos - Lipsi), Πάτμος - Πειραιάς (Patmos - Piraeus), Λέρος - Πάτμος (Leros - Patmos).

**Other Islands:** Χιλιομόδι (Chiliomodi).

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