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Kos



"House of Europa".
Mosaic showing the Abduction
of Europa. 3rd c. A.D.

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Welcome to Kos Island...



Welcome to **Kos**, the best kept secret in the Aegean sea... A place where antiquity and modern civilisation find themselves in unison. Monuments of the past await your discovery and admiration, Kos of the present awaits to live with you the carefree life of summer in Greece, to enjoy with you the sun, the sea, the mood.

The town of Kos was founded in 366 B.C, in the same area where modern Kos nowadays is to be found. It climaxed during the Hellenistic and Roman periods, being a crossroad between civilisations, between East and West, the meeting point for both culture and trade. Its public market was of great fame during the antiquity and still is thriving in our days.

When entering the harbour of Kos town the imposing medieval **Castle of Neratzia** is bound to draw your attention. This castle is connected to the mainland by a bridge that crosses the avenue of the Palms, the same one that



connects the Castle to the **Platanos**, the large Plane tree under which **Hippocrates**, the Father of Medicine, used to teach.



All around Kos town you can find signs of the past, reminders of the civilisations that passed through its harbour. Numerous neo-classical buildings, most typical being the **Country Hall**, are a standing proof of the roman domination the island lived.

In order to take a taste of the antiquity wonders that Kos has to offer, make a stop at the **Archaeological Museum**, located at Eleftherias square, exhibiting a wide collection of archaeological treasures, such as the mosaic of Hippocrates, the Hellenistic sculptures of Aphrodite, Eros and one believed to be of Hippocrates himself.

Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans and Italians have passed through the island and formed the mosaic of modern Kos. Many archaeological monuments dating back to more than 3000 years can be found over the landscape, some of them



being the **Odeon** (ancient theatre), the **Roman House** (Casa Romana), the **Ancient Market place**, the **"Abduction of Europa"**, the **Western Excavations** and many more...

The **Asklepieion**, located just outside Kos town, is probably the most famous and important archaeological site on the island. It is world-wide known as the centre of Hippocrates'

Medical School, since it was there that Hippocrates used to practice medicine, it was there that the

Hippocratic Oath was first told, a tradition that has been repeated thousands of times each time a new doctor takes its oath. It is until our days that the Hippocratic Oath can be heard every summer in the Temple of Asklepius, recited in ancient Greek, a practice that brings awe to all attendants...

Culture, history, nature, all together form the beauty of Kos. The **wetland** in Psalidi, a

place of unique natural beauty await for you to feel the harmony, to experience the peacefulness and excitement of the contact with unspoilt nature. There you'll feel the freshness of untouched beauty, you'll see rare birds, hundreds of plants, and long, gold beaches surrounding this small paradise.

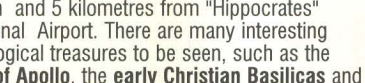
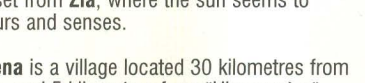
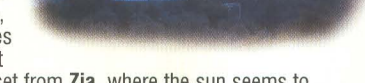
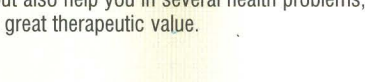
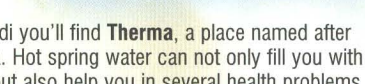
Passed the beautiful wetland of Psalidi you'll find **Therma**, a place named after the numerous hot springs of the area. Hot spring water can not only fill you with feelings of relaxation and harmony, but also help you in several health problems, since its rich sulphur content gives it great therapeutic value.

The Villages of Kos

Tigaki and **Marmari** are the first seaside villages you will meet when leaving the town of Kos. There you will find several beaches with crystal blue waters and warm, white sand. Passing **Zipari** village you see **Asfendiou**, a complex of picturesque villages up on the mountain, an environment, warm, cosy and friendly, as all Greek villages are, anyway. And by all means, don't forget to watch the breathtaking sunset from **Zia**, where the sun seems to merge into the sea in a feast of colours and senses.



Kardamena is a village located 30 kilometres from Kos town and 5 kilometres from "Hippocrates" International Airport. There are many interesting archaeological treasures to be seen, such as the **Temple of Apollo**, the **early Christian Basilicas** and



the **Theatre**. And since you'll be needing some rest after sightseeing, Kardamena also offers beautiful sandy beaches with a variety of water sports and daily boat services to Nisyros, the neighbouring volcano island that you ought to visit. At summer time, at Kardamena's **White Bait Festival**, join locals at a tradition that promises a lot of dancing and incredible fun!

Moving on to **Antimachia**, a village 25 kilometres outside Kos town towards the central part of the island, you'll see the **Castle** of Antimachia, the **Windmill** and the **Traditional House museum**, all of great interest. This village, carrying the same name for thirty centuries, also carries on several traditions, one of them being what else, a festival: the **Honey Festival**. Numerous family beekeeping businesses have made Antimachia famous for its delicious and extremely nutritious honey, something you'll see for yourself, at the Festival!



Approximately 3 kilometres northwest of Antimachia lies the seaside village of **Mastichari**, where one can find some of the most beautiful beaches on Kos. The port is always full with fishermen that provide daily the local tavernas with fresh fish. And guess what: Another festival, the **Mastichari Wine Festival**, where you should go if you love home made wine, local delicacies and Greek music. Mastichari is also your gate to the neighbouring island of Kalymnos, since daily cruises are available from the port of the village.

On the western edge of the island, 42 kilometres from Kos town, you'll find the picturesque village that lies above the bay of Kamari, **Kefalos**, and below that, the islet of **Saint Nicholas** (Kastri). There are quite a few sites to be seen in Kefalos, such as the **Basilica of Saint Stephanos**, the **monastery of St. John the Theologian**, the **ruins of Astipalea**, and the **cave Aspri Petra**. An event not to miss: the **Ouzo Festival**, a tribute to Greece's national aperitif, another opportunity to dance until dawn and have a real great time!



Nisyros



will fill you with admiration, thought and awe. According to mythology, Poseidon, helping Zeus in his battle against the Titans, chased the fearful giant Polyvotis to Kos, where he broke a piece of the island with his trident. He then threw the piece at Polyvotis and buried him. A volcano is said to have been created over the mouth of Polyvotis, now located at the centre of the island.



Nisyros is one of the smallest islands in the Dodecanese. It's one hour away from Kardamena and one hour and a half from Kos town. Small, but extremely rich in natural beauties and cultural heritage stretching back into antiquity, Nisyros is a choice you won't regret. The imposing **volcano** of Nisyros, a unique phenomenon unparalleled in its natural beauty, will impress you as soon as you get on the island,

Tourist Services



Kos is merely one flight away, the "Hippocrates" International Airport being on the top list of European airports. Sea lovers, however, will enjoy spending time gazing at the sea while travelling to Kos either from Athens or a neighbouring island on a luxurious liner or on one of the fast hydrofoils.



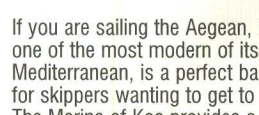
Several agencies on the island can provide you with detailed travel information and can further on arrange for you excursions or transportation within Kos or to nearby islands such as Nisyros, Kalymnos, Leros, Patmos and Rhodes.

To tour around the island on your own, you can rent a car, a motorcycle, or even a bicycle from one of the numerous rental agencies. Those bearing the **Safe Operation & Management Certificate** abide by regulations concerning proper service to their customers, and are guaranteed to provide services as if carrying the **ISO 9002** certification.

The **inter-city** bus service (KTEL) is regular, reliable, another practical and easy way to discover the beauties of the island. For small distances within Kos town the **inner-city** bus service (DEAS) is a reliable mode of transportation.



For a relaxing and amusing tour of Kos town, catch the **Mini Trains**. Two options are available: The **City Tour** (green train) departing from the Town Hall downtown, and the **Asklepeion Tour** (blue train) departing from the "Aktaion" building, both offering the riders a 20 minutes historical tour throughout the city.



If you are sailing the Aegean, **Kos Marina**, being one of the most modern of its kind in the entire Mediterranean, is a perfect base for excursions, for skippers wanting to get to know Kos by sea. The Marina of Kos provides a capacity of 230 boats, and a full range of facilities and services, ranging from standard to extremely specialised.



Entertainment



Water sports such as jet skiing, para-sailing, water skiing, wind surfing and much more are available at the major hotels and practically all organised beaches. Get to feel the sea, the sun, and the excitement of becoming one with the water.

Kos can easily be described as a gastronomic paradise, since its cuisine is not only unique but also rich in alternatives. Traditional Greek restaurants, which are to be found practically around every corner, will serve you the true taste of Greece, while seafood tavernas serve fish so fresh, still having the clear smell of the blue waters of the Aegean Sea. Options go on further, with luxury dining, restaurants with continental food, pizzerias, creperies and fast food to be at a hand's reach.



For an after dinner drink or dancing, visit one of the several night clubs down by the harbour. If what you want is a more romantic setting, there are seaside cafes and cosy bars in the "Old Town", that will make your romantic mood reach its peak. Do visit clubs with Greek music or the world - wide known "Bouzoukia" with live music and traditional dancing. Get ready to have the time of your life!