

## Mykonos island (Cyclades – Southern Aegean Sea)



Sitting in the heart of the Cyclades, Mykonos is a whitewashed wonder and Greece's most famous cosmopolitan island. Through the years, it has become a world-class destination and a firm favorite with the jet set. With its history, tradition, non-stop nightlife and fun in the sun, it attracts all kinds of people, from adventurous backpackers to famous celebrities, artists, V.I.Ps and intellectuals from all over the world. Mykonos is also open and welcoming to the LGBT community. It is the perfect options for those looking for relaxing on long sandy beaches, enjoy a swinging night-life, elegant boutique stores and high-class cuisine. With its lacy beaches and vibrant nightlife, the island is said to be the place where Dionysus, the god of merriment and wine, still reigns.

Traditional architecture has been carefully preserved and the island is dotted with old stone windmills and thousands of tiny Cycladic churches. Mykonos Town is a captivating labyrinth that's home to chic boutiques and whiter-than-white houses decked with bougainvillea and geraniums, plus a handful of small museums and photogenic churches. Visitors can stroll around its white-washed alleys, between traditional taverns and exquisite restaurants and admire the magic scenery, where sugar-cubed houses are gathered around a marina dotted with colorful fishing boats and windmills stand confident connecting the past with the present. Little Venice, where the sea laps up to the edge of the restaurants and bars, and Mykonos' famous hilltop windmills are the trademarks of Mykonos, often seen in postcards, and should be high on the must-see list.



Mykonos is most enjoyable in late spring, when the landscape is still green, the sea has warmed up to feasible swimming temperatures, most shops are open but the crowds have yet to descend and early autumn, when the summer hordes have departed and the sea is at its warmest. During summer, the landscape becomes more rocky and wild, the sea becomes warmer and the crowds are at their pick, especially in August.



Mykonos during winter is a completely different destination, where night is quite silent and many tourist restaurants and shops are closed, leaving available a few traditional corners. During that time of the year visitors can relax at their hotel, stroll down the alleys of the island between local residents, discover the traditional lifestyle of Mykonos and see what happens behind the scenes of endless summer partying. The seascapes

remain amazing, but it is not recommended to those who truly want to experience Mykonos.

With frequent connections to several islands, especially in the summer, it is easily accessible from Athens either by normal ferry (about 5 hours) or fast boat (duration between 2 and a half hours and 3 and a half hours) or by plane (just 40 minutes). Mykonos can be combined with an island hopping itinerary and a short excursion on the mystical island of Delos, located nearby.

**Mykonos Photo Gallery:** <https://www.fantasy.gr/mykonos-photo-gallery.zip>

