

## Rhodes island (Dodecanese – South Eastern Aegean Sea)



Being the largest of the Dodecanese complex of islands and the 4th largest island of Greece, located in the eastern corner of Aegean, Rhodes is an all-year-round destination. It is a cosmopolitan island with an international reputation that hosted in antiquity one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Colossus of Rhodes. It is a place of the strong contrasts between medieval monuments and traditional elements, lacy beaches next to pine covered

mountains, archaeological sites and cosmopolitan tourist resorts. A place where different cultures and religions have collided.

History-lovers will take a time-travelling stroll between its honey-colored stone houses, will get lost in the alleys of the city of knights and discover the remnants of an eventful past, including the Medieval City and the Palace of the Grand Masters, mosques and minarets, monuments of the UNESCO world heritage, art galleries, theatres and Hellenistic ruins, ancient temples and statues, little Byzantine churches and Turkish baths. The Old Town will enchant the romantics whereas conspicuous consumers can frequent the shops, restaurants, bars, coffee shops, discos and even a casino.

On hot summer days its parks, pine covered mountains and squares are ideal for cool, leafy walks while the organized lacy beaches along its indented coastline may tempt guests to take a refreshing swim. Rhodes's southerly cape forms a sandspit separating the Mediterranean from the Aegean – creating top conditions for windsurfing. There are several neighboring islets available for one day



trips, with the most preferred being Symi island, with its venerable Panormitis monastery and achingly photogenic harbor town. It can also be combined with an island hopping itinerary including Crete, Santorini and more.



For getting around, Rhodes has bus services split between two companies and car hire is also available. In Rhodes you can also find a wide variety of accommodation for all tastes and budgets.



Rhodes has the longest season of any of the Greek islands as it is one of the southernmost islands, and it generally lasts from the beginning of April until the end of November. With an abundance of things to see, guests will have plenty to do in the off season, and while known as a resort island, the City of Rhodes doesn't entirely close down for the winter. Some shops, restaurants and hotels are open throughout the year. The hottest time of

the year is, of course, summer. And the heat in July and August might be too much for some. This is when the youth of Europe head to Rhodes amazing beaches. But even in the hottest days of summer you'll find plenty of places to sit in the shade, while you cool off at a café. April and May, as well as September and October are considered the most ideal times to visit as you still get warm and sunny days, and warm nights with pleasant island breezes. The weather isn't exactly cold in Rhodes during the winter months, but it is likely too chilly to swim. This can be a good time to explore the island's numerous historic sites when there are far fewer tourists.



You can get to Rhodes from Athens by plane (55 minutes) or ferry (about 12-15 hours). Rhodes has one of the biggest airports in Greece and the 4th busiest, called Diagoras. Located about 15km (nine miles) south-west of the main town on the west coast, it is well connected with other major Greek cities and islands. Rhodes is also a major ferry destination from all the other Dodecanese islands, Crete and several Cyclades, as well as Piraeus.

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

