

Mykonos

Cyclades · Greece

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Mykonos is a small, dry island in the central Cyclades. It is known for whitewashed lanes, blue-domed chapels, sandy beaches and a lively summer nightlife. Most visitors stay in or near Mykonos Town (Chora) and spend their days on the beaches.

The island suits couples, friends and anyone who wants beach time with good food and late evenings. It also works as a base for the ancient island of Delos, which is a short boat ride away. Mykonos is one of the most expensive Greek islands in summer. Quieter beaches, the village of Ano Mera and the north coast are good choices if you want a calmer trip.

When to visit

The best time for a beach holiday is June to September. The sea is warm and the days are dry and sunny. July and August are the busiest and most expensive months, and the meltemi wind can be strong. May and late September to October are calmer, with lower prices and good weather for walking. Winter is quiet, and many hotels, restaurants and clubs close.

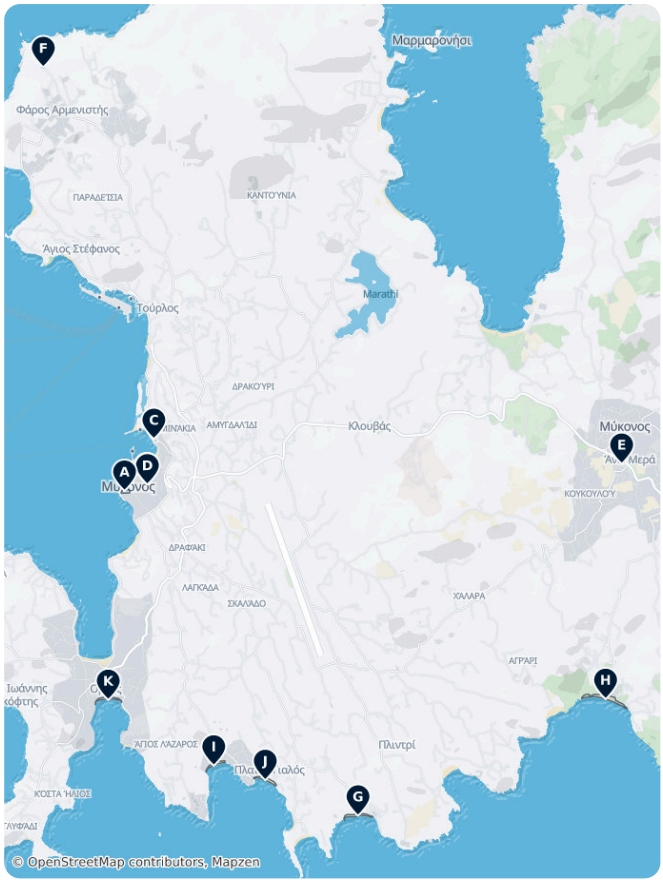
The peak of the season is around 15 August (Assumption Day), a public holiday in Greece. Rooms and ferries fill up well in advance, so book early if you travel then.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	13° / 17° Feels like 7°	11° / 6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	14° / 17° Feels like 7°	11° / 6°	Dry air · Windy
March	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 18° Feels like 9°	12° / 7°	Dry air
April	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 20° Feels like 12°	14° / 11°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 23°	17° / 15°	22 sunny days
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 27°	21° / 18°	27 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
July	Great Great for the beach	26° / 28°	24° / 22°	31 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Windy · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Great Great for the beach	26° / 28°	24° / 22°	30 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Windy · UV 8 (Very high)
September	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 27°	22° / 19°	25 sunny days · Humid air
October	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 24° Feels like 17°	19° / 15°	
November	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 21° Feels like 13°	16° / 11°	Dry air
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	15° / 18° Feels like 9°	13° / 8°	Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Windmills stand in a row on a hill above Chora. Venetians built them in the 16th century to mill grain. They are a classic spot for sunset, with the wind that gave the island its mills.
- Little Venice is a row of old fishermen's houses with balconies over the water. Come in the late afternoon for the view, and stay for a drink or dinner.
- Panagia Paraportiani is a white church made of several small chapels joined together. It took about 200 years to build, from the 15th to the 17th century. It is the most photographed church on the island.
- B Aegean Maritime Museum in Chora shows ship models and sea history. C Archaeological Museum of Mykonos holds ancient finds from Mykonos and nearby Delos. D Lena's House is a preserved house that shows island life before the 20th century.
- E Tourliani Monastery is a peaceful white monastery near the inland village of Ano Mera. It is a good stop on a drive across the island.
- F Armenistis Lighthouse stands on the north coast, about 6 km from Chora. It is a working lighthouse with sea views and a quiet atmosphere.
- G Paradise Beach is the best-known party beach on the south coast, with beach clubs and music. H Elia Beach is a long sandy beach that is easier to enjoy with family. I Psarou is a smart, popular beach with beach bars.
- J Platis Gialos and K Ornos are easy to reach by bus from Chora and suit families.

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What to experience

- Watch the sunset from a table in Little Venice, then walk back through the lanes of Chora.
- Spend a day at a beach club on Paradise Beach or Psarou, with music and a sun lounger.
- Try windsurfing or kitesurfing on the windy beaches. Ftelia and the north coast are known for it in summer.
- Take a boat trip around the coast or to Delos, with swim stops in quiet coves.
- Go out late. Bars in Chora and Little Venice stay open until the early morning in high season.

Day trips

Most day trips from Mykonos go by boat. Sea conditions can change plans in windy weather.

- **Delos** is about 30 minutes by boat from the Old Port in Chora, and it is the main day trip. Delos is a UNESCO World Heritage site and, in Greek legend, the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Visitors walk through an ancient port city with mosaics, temples and the Terrace of the Lions. Boats leave the Old Port in the morning, and the last one back leaves in the afternoon. The site is closed on Mondays, and the entrance ticket is sold separately from the boat. Bring a hat and water, as there is little shade.
- A Tinos is the next island to the north. It is a pilgrimage island with a famous church and many small villages. It is reached by ferry from Mykonos.
- B Syros has the elegant town of Ermoupoli, with neoclassical buildings and a lively harbour. It is reached by ferry from Mykonos.
- C Paros and D Naxos are bigger islands with beaches and old towns. Both are reached by ferry and suit a longer stay.



Where to explore

Mykonos sits in the central Cyclades. These islands are good for island hopping by ferry.

- Nearby to the north and west: Tinos and Syros.
- Larger islands with beaches and old towns: Paros, Naxos and Antiparos.
- Farther south: Santorini, Ios and Milos.
- The wider island group: Cyclades.

Getting there

- **By air**: Mykonos Island National Airport is about 4 km from Chora. It has flights from Athens all year and more routes from other European cities in summer. A taxi or bus takes you to town in about 10 to 15 minutes.
- **By ferry from Athens**: Ferries leave from Piraeus, and from Rafina, with more sailings in summer. High-speed boats take about 2.5 to 3.5 hours. Slower conventional ferries take about 4.5 to 5.5 hours. Book ahead in July and August.
- **By ferry from other islands**: Mykonos is linked to nearby Cycladic islands such as Tinos, Syros, Paros, Naxos and Santorini. Services are more frequent in summer.
- **Ports**: Boats use the Old Port in Chora or the New Port at Tourlos, about 2 km north. Check your ticket for the right port.
- **Wind**: Strong meltemi winds in summer can delay or cancel ferries. Do not plan a tight connection on the day you fly home.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: Buses run from the bus stations in Chora to the main beaches, Ano Mera and other villages. They are frequent in summer and limited in winter. Buy tickets at the station or on board.
- **Taxis**: Taxis are few and can be hard to find in peak season, especially at night. Book ahead for airport and late-night trips.
- **Boats**: In summer, small boats link some southern beaches.
- **On foot**: Chora is small and best explored on foot. The lanes are narrow and cars cannot enter the old town.
- **Scooters and ATVs**: Many visitors rent them for the beaches. Roads are narrow and winding, and accidents are common. Wear a helmet and ride carefully.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

Mykonos Town is compact and best explored on foot. Beaches and villages are far apart and need a bus, taxi or vehicle.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Hilly, windy roads with fast traffic make cycling difficult for most visitors.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** A car, scooter or taxi helps if you stay outside Chora and want to see several beaches. If you stay in town, buses and taxis are enough.
- **Parking**: Parking in and around Chora is limited. Use the public car parks at the edge of the old town.
- **Restrictions**: The old town is closed to cars. Roads are narrow and busy in July and August, and some beach roads are unpaved.

Food & drink

Look for local products such as louza (cured pork), kopanisti (a spicy soft cheese) and almond sweets called amygdalota. Seafood is common in the harbour restaurants. Mykonos is expensive, so check prices before you sit down, especially at beachfront and Little Venice restaurants.

For good eating, try the lanes around Matogianni Street in Chora for a wide choice. The square in Ano Mera has simple, more local tavernas away from the crowds.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Dolmades · Ντολμάδες
Vine leaves stuffed with rice and herbs, sometimes with minced meat, served warm or cold.

Greek Salad · Χωριάτικη σαλάτα
Tomato, cucumber, onion, olives, and a block of feta cheese, dressed with olive oil.

DINNER

Moussaka · Μουσακάς
A baked layered dish of eggplant, potato, and minced meat topped with béchamel sauce.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Souvlaki · Σουβλάκι
Grilled skewered meat, often served in a pita wrap with tomato, onion, and tzatziki.

Gyros · Γύρος
Spit-roasted meat sliced and wrapped in pita with fries, tomato, onion, and tzatziki.

Spanakopita · Σπανακόπιτα
A savory pastry filled with spinach and feta cheese, wrapped in flaky phyllo dough.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Baklava · Μπακλαβάς
Layers of phyllo pastry filled with chopped nuts and soaked in honey syrup.

DRINKS

Greek Coffee · Ελληνικός καφές
Thick, unfiltered coffee traditionally served in a small cup, often with a glass of water.

Ouzo · Ούζο
An anise-flavored aperitif, usually served with ice and small plates (mezedes).

Retsina · Ρετσίνα
A distinctive resin-flavored white wine, a Greek tradition dating back centuries.

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Safety & health

Mykonos is generally very safe. The main risks are traffic accidents on scooters and ATVs, strong sun and strong waves on windy days. Check the wind before swimming on the north coast.

- Beach clubs and bars can be expensive. Check minimum spends and prices before you order.
- Keep an eye on your drinks and belongings at night, and in crowded places.
- Tap water is produced by desalination. Most visitors drink bottled water.
- Medical care on the island is limited. Serious cases are usually transferred to the mainland, so take travel insurance.

History

Delos, the nearby sacred island, shaped the early history of the area. Delos was a major religious centre and, later, a rich trading port.

Venetians ruled the Cyclades in the Middle Ages and left their mark on the island. In 1537 the Ottoman fleet under Barbarossa attacked the island, and Ottoman rule lasted until the Greek War of Independence. The local heroine Manto Mavrogenous organised and funded the island's part in the revolt of 1821.

The old houses of Little Venice date from the 18th century, when merchants and sea captains grew rich. Panagia Paraportiani was built in stages between the 15th and 17th centuries. Mykonos became a famous holiday island in the 20th century, and tourism is now its main business.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Greece at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Greek

TAP WATER
Use caution

Mikonos Must-Sees

Mykonos offers a blend of high-energy coastal spots and quiet historical landmarks. Legendary party hubs like Paradise Beach, Cavo Paradiso, and Tropicana define the island's nightlife, while Kalafati caters to windsurfers with its consistent offshore winds. For relaxation, the protected bay of Panormos and the tranquil Agios Ioannis provide calmer waters. Beyond the sand, the 16th-century Panagia Tourliani Monastery showcases traditional Cycladic architecture, and the Armenistis Lighthouse offers elevated views over the Aegean Sea. From the inclusive Super Paradise to the family-friendly Platys Gialos, these sites represent the island's diverse landscape.





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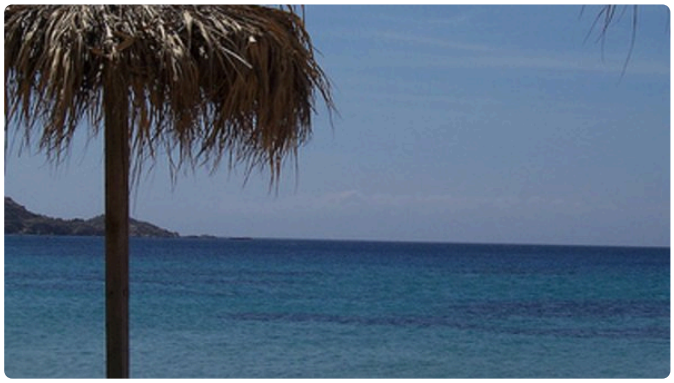

B Psarou

Psarrou is a beach and village on the island of Mykonos in Greece. The beach is located 4 km from Mykonos town and it is close to Platys...

Ψαρρού 84600, Greece (37.41545, 25.33741)



C Panagia Tourliani Monastery

This very peaceful and tranquil monastery with beatiful radiant white walls is surely a place to visit while staying on the Mykonos island.

Ano Mera, Mykonos, Cyclades, Greece, 84600 (37.44750, 25.39193)



D Armenistis Lighthouse

Make a detour to this lighthouse for the unique views it offers - it is set in a truly breathtaking landscape.

(Unnamed Road), 84600, Greece (37.48963, 25.31464)



E Elia Beach

Fine golden sand, crystal clear water, and an array of beach facilities - there's nothing missing on this beach!

(Unnamed Road), Ελιά 84600, Greece (37.42252, 25.38978)



F Paranga

Popular, laid-back beach with shallow entry to the water. You can camp just behind the beach, there are many facilities and a beach bar here.

Paraga Beach, 84600, Mykonos, Greece (37.40764, 25.34926)



G Ornos

Lined with bars and taverns, this beach has any service or facility you may wish for. Always lively, always full of fun.

(Unnamed Road), Μύκονος 84600, Greece (37.42242, 25.32332)

H Super Paradise Beach

One of the most legendary beaches on the island - the holiday hype started here. Mostly nudist and gay beach, but everyone is welcome.

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I Panormos

A dream-like beach with turquoise water and golden sand. It is protected by the bay - there are no strong winds.

Greece (37.47566, 25.36100)



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A tranquil beach lined with taverns. The rather coarse sand is balanced with clean sea and many facilities available.

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K Platys Gialos

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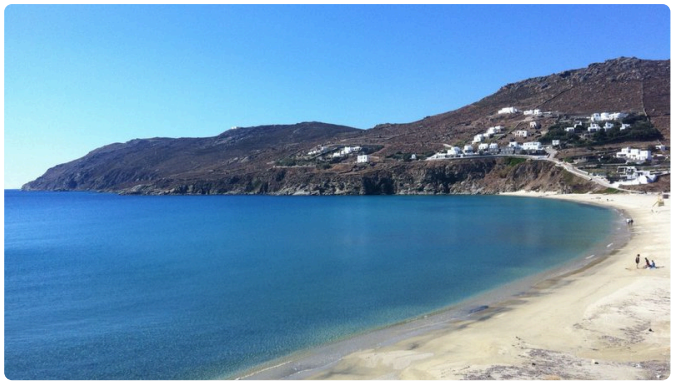

L Kalo Livadi

A long beach that gets really alive after the sunset - there are many bars and restaurants that keep the place going.

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M Kalafati

The most popular beach for water sport lovers - the offshore winds are just perfect for the windsurfers.

(Unnamed Road), Καλαφάτη 84600, Greece (37.43957, 25.42061)

N Tropicana

Lively, rowdy, packed with young crowd - this beach bar is the real hotspot. Party all night long!

Paradise Beach, Myconos, Cyclades Islands 84600 (37.41032, 25.35572)

tropicanamykonos.com, +30 22890 23582

O Cavo Paradiso

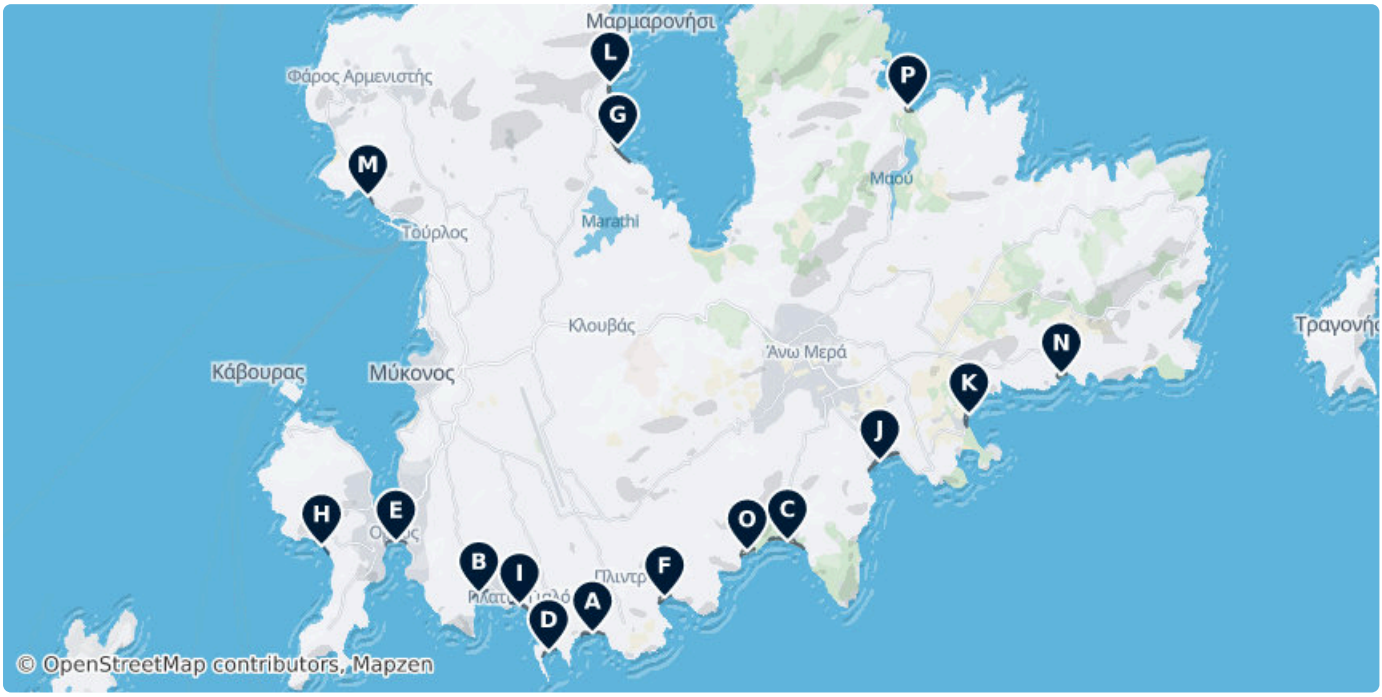
This is really a paradise: one of the hottest clubs on the island is legendary for its busy parties lasting until dawn.

Μύκονος 846 00 (37.40820, 25.36029)

cavoparadiso.gr, +30 22890 26124

Top Beaches

Mykonos features a coastline ranging from high-energy party hubs to secluded natural retreats. Paradise and Super Paradise are synonymous with the island's famous beach club scene, while Ornos and Platys Gialos offer organized facilities and shallow waters suitable for families. For windsurfing, Kalafati provides ideal offshore conditions. Visitors seeking quiet can find undeveloped stretches at Agios Sostis and Lia, or the remote, wind-protected bay of Panormos. These sixteen destinations highlight the island's characteristic golden sands, crystal-clear Aegean waters, and a diverse landscape of pebbled coves and expansive shores.





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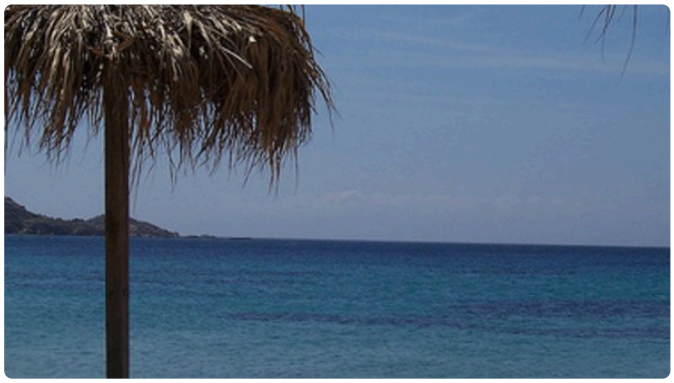

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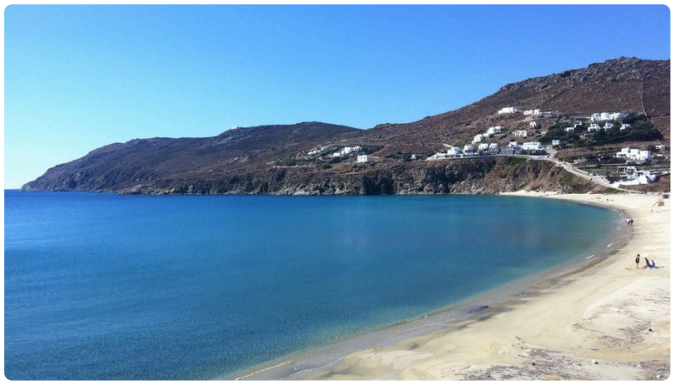

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L Agios Sostis

Relatively undeveloped, this beach is popular mostly with nudists. An amazing place where you can still feel the strength of nature.

84600, Greece (37.48408, 25.35965)

M Agios Stefanos

Perfect for families with kids - this beach has a gradual and shallow entrance to the sea. Sunbeds and parasols for rental.

(Unnamed Road), Μύκονος 84600, Greece (37.46894, 25.31856)

N Lia

Small, relatively undeveloped beach popular mostly with the locals - it is really off the beaten track.

84600, Greece (37.44495, 25.43629)



O Agrari

Another clothing-optional beach off the beaten track. The coarse sand and steep water entrance is compensated by the stunning scenery.

(Unnamed Road), 84600, Greece (37.42118, 25.38296)



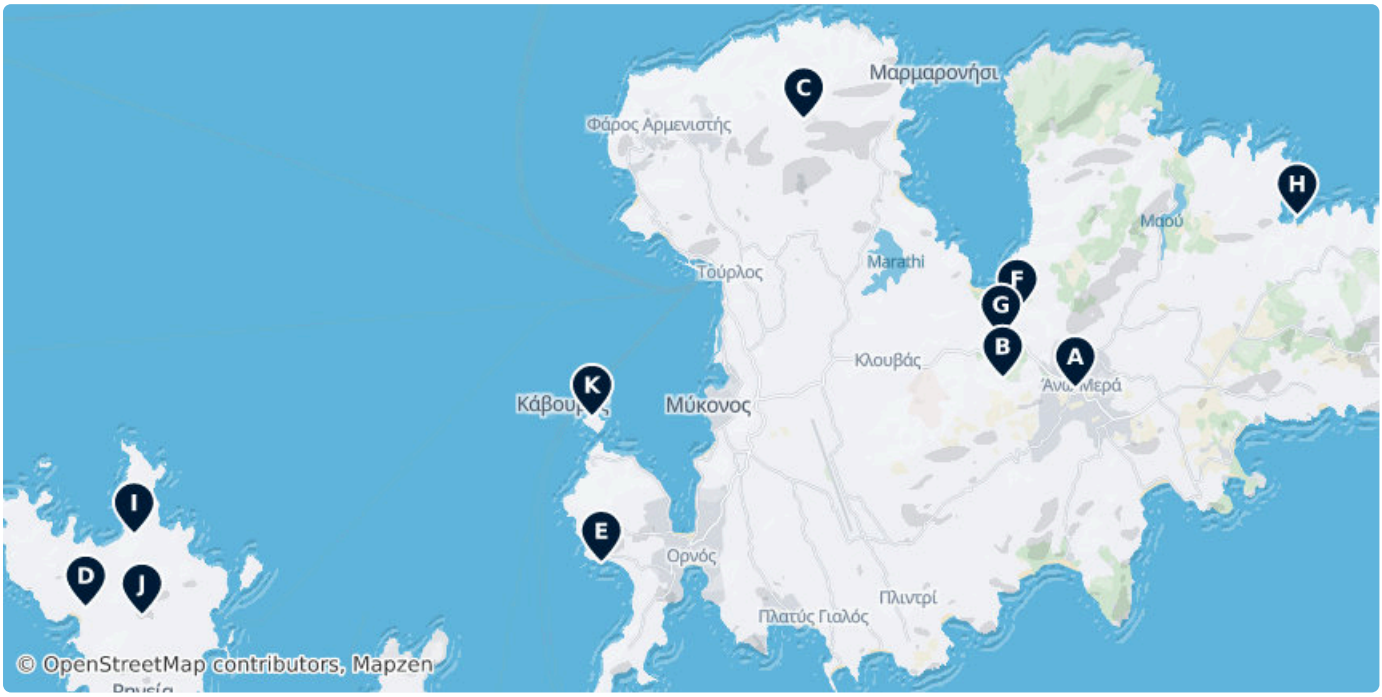
P Fokos

A quiet beach seemingly distant from any form of civilization. It boasts a smashing scenery and calm sea.

84600, Greece (37.48098, 25.41022)

Sacred Sites and Churches

Mykonos and the neighboring island of Delos contain numerous historic monasteries and whitewashed churches that represent the region's religious heritage. This list highlights the 16th-century Panagia Tourliani Monastery, known for its marble sculpture and ornate wood-carved iconostasis. Also included are various Greek Orthodox chapels dedicated to Saint Nicholas and Saint George, as well as smaller places of worship reflecting traditional Cycladic architecture and the island's Byzantine influences.





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B Agios Patapios

Greek Orthodox chapel located in the rural area west of Ano Mera.

(Unnamed Road), 84600, Greece (37.44896, 25.37891)

C Prophet Elias Church

Traditional church situated on an elevated point overlooking the central part of the island.

84600, Greece (37.48581, 25.34317)

D Agia Triada

Religious site located on the historic archaeological island of Delos.

84600, Greece (37.41627, 25.21426)

E Agios Ioannes

Coastal Greek Orthodox church located near the settlement of Agios Ioannis.

(Unnamed Road), Άγιος Ιωάννης Διακόφτης 84600, Greece (37.42264, 25.30683)

F Agia Anastasia

Small chapel situated in the countryside near the village of Ano Mera.

(Unnamed Road), Φτελιάς 84600, Greece (37.45854, 25.38153)

G 'Agios Artemes

Chapel dedicated to Saint Artemios, the patron saint of Mykonos.

Μυκόνου-Άνω Μεράς, Φτελιάς 84600, Greece (37.45490, 25.37860)

H Agios Nikolaos

Seaside chapel dedicated to the patron saint of sailors, located near Kalafati.

(Unnamed Road), 84600, Greece (37.47210, 25.43178)

I Agios Nikolaos

Small place of worship located on the island of Delos.

84600, Greece (37.42670, 25.22293)

J Agios Georgios

Religious structure located among the ancient ruins on Delos.

84600, Greece (37.41514, 25.22436)

K Agios Georgios

Traditional whitewashed Greek Orthodox chapel located near the coast.

84600, Greece (37.44346, 25.30515)

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