

KOS

Island Tour

It's a full day excursion, Kos measures 40km long by 8km wide and is only 4km from the coast of Bodrum, Turkey. The island has both fertile plains and infertile highlands.



After breakfast, we start with a visit to "Asklepion" the most famous of all temples of Asklepios and hospital of ancient times. The next visit is the most charming village Zia which is 15,5 km from Kos town and a very popular tourist destination as it is high up in the mountain offering spectacular views of the island. There are many taverns and tourist shops which offer a variety of traditional products. In the next line and 15.5km away from the town is the picturesque village of Pili. In the village clients will see the ruins of the tomb of Charmylos, one of the kings of Kos in antiquity. An early Christian Basilica founded by Saint Christodoulos and the castle of Pyli are to be found in Old Pyli. The next trip of the journey locates 25km from the town of Kos and 3km from the seaside the castle of Antimachia still stands tall and proud. Inside the castle there are two churches one of which is dedicated to Saint Paraskevi where a celebration is held in her honor on the 26th of July each year. Antimachia also boasts the only working windmill in Kos (optional). Later continue to the village of Kefalos, which lies 45km away from Kos town and is the most isolated village on the island although it has developed tremendously in recent years. Kefalos probably has the most beautiful beaches on the entire island and different windmills up in the village, before going down to the beautiful bay of Kamari, there is enough time to have a typical lunch in the restaurant otherwise to swim and relax. The last stop of this journey is the fishing village called "Kardamena", to the north there is a castle on the hillside which used to be inhabited by early Christians. The foundations of an ancient theatre and a tomb were found as well as the foundations of a Christian basilica. Kardamena is dotted with pubs, bars,

cafes and clubs and has gained the reputation of a clubbers haven, where you will have time to stroll around for souvenirs or have a drink. Return to the hotel late in the afternoon.

Boat trip to Nisyros

Nisyros, with an area of 41.6 square kms and a coastline of 28kms, is situated at the centre of the Dodecanese island complex. It lies between the islands of Kos and Tilos and the promontory of Knidou of Asia Minor. Nisyros has an almost circular shape and therefore its coastline is not rich in geophysical formations. It is comprised of mountains which have originated from volcanic activity while the huge volcanic caldera, of length 2400m and width 950m, situated at the centre of the island attests to its volcanic past. The visitor to the area may marvel from up close at the impressive craters the largest of which has a diameter of 260m and a depth of 30m. Thermal springs are found in many points on the island, the most well known of which are located a short distance from Mandraki. A few idyllic beaches contrasting their red and yellow coloring with the green of the rich vegetation interrupt the usually precipitous coastline. The capital and port of the island is Mandraki which boasts, white-washed houses, colorful narrow lanes and the beautiful square "Hlikiomeni"-Aged, which is shaded by large trees. The town has a small folkloric museum with interesting exhibitions. The small mountainous town of Emporios is found 8 kms south east from the capital and just a short distance from it is the monastery of Our Virgin Lady which is built on a hill of 500m elevation and offers a panoramic view. To the south is Nikia in which is found the remarkable monastery of St. John. The beautiful beach side settlement of Pali is situated some 4 kms north east of the capital. Departure from Kos at 08:30 hrs and departure from Nissyros at 15:00 hrs