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Welcome to

RHODES



Dear guests,

On behalf of DELTANET TRAVEL and your tour – operator, we'd like to warmly welcome you on the island of Rhodes.

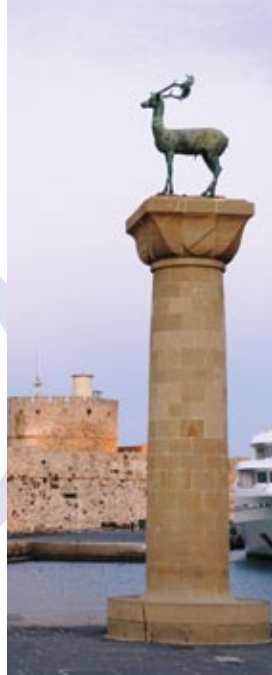
Our common target is to make your stay here as enjoyable and interesting as possible and ensure that you leave the island with the best memories and impressions.

Rhodes, home to one of the seven wonders of the ancient world as well as the crusading Knights of St John. It is also known as The Island of the Sun- enjoying a mild climate and an average of 300 days of sunshine per year. It is the biggest island of the Dodecanese archipelago and has much more than beautiful beaches and comfortable hotels to offer you.

In the next pages, you'll have the chance to obtain some general information about the island, the every day life, its main cities and villages as well as some suggestions about the activities that can make your holiday here more interesting and exciting. The excursions and activities suggested are carefully selected in order to satisfy every interest and holiday lifestyle (culture, history, tradition, natural beauty, sport activities, etc...) They are organized in a most professional and efficient way, operated in luxury air-conditioned buses, guided by skilled, experienced guides of your language.

Further information you can obtain from our representative in your hotel during the information cocktail, shortly after your arrival, as well as in the information book, located in your hotel reception or lobby. KALOS IRTHATE STIN RODO !!! (Welcome on Rhodes)

DELTANET team



☼ Rhodes General

According to Greek mythology, the island rose out of sea as a gift from Zeus to the sun god Helios, who clothed it with sunlight. Rhodes still enjoys more hours of sunshine and the longest summer than any other Greek island. It is situated in the south east Aegean, just off the coast of Asia Minor. Rhodes has a total area of 1398 square kilometres and is 79, 9 km long and 38 km kilometres wide. The island has a rich and varied landscape. The western coast is more fertile and forested than the eastern but also has rocky beaches. The inland is rather hilly and wooded, offering a lush and flowered landscape.



The island is divided into 10 different municipalities (Rhodes town, Ialysos, Petaloudes, Kamiros, Kalithea, Attavyros, Afandou, Archangelos, Southern Rhodes and Lindos. Rhodes is a top holiday destination worldwide, offering a unique landscape full of surprises: beautiful sandy beaches, rocky or fertile soil with olive groves; heavenly lagoons, green peninsulas, and several scattered fishing villages.

Except the people who keep a warm hospitality to strangers, the sea and the most breathtaking mountains, there is also Rhodes' glorious past that is, the order of the Knights of Saint John, Byzantine churches & monasteries, many archaeological treasures and a wonderful medieval town still inhabited nowadays. Regular direct flights and ferry boats connect the island to many European and Greek cities. The local tradition and hospitality, the mild climate, the historic heritage, the exciting nightlife, attract a considerable number of visitors every year and guarantee the ultimate holiday pleasure.

Come and explore this Mediterranean gem with us!!!

RHODES TOWN

Throughout its long tumultuous history the different people (Romans, Byzantines, Crusader knights, Turks and Italians) who settled on Rhodes left their mark in all aspects of the island's culture: art, language, architecture. Its strategic position brought to the island great wealth and made the city of Rhodes one of the leading cities of the ancient Greek world. Nowadays the population is about 98.000 inhabitants.

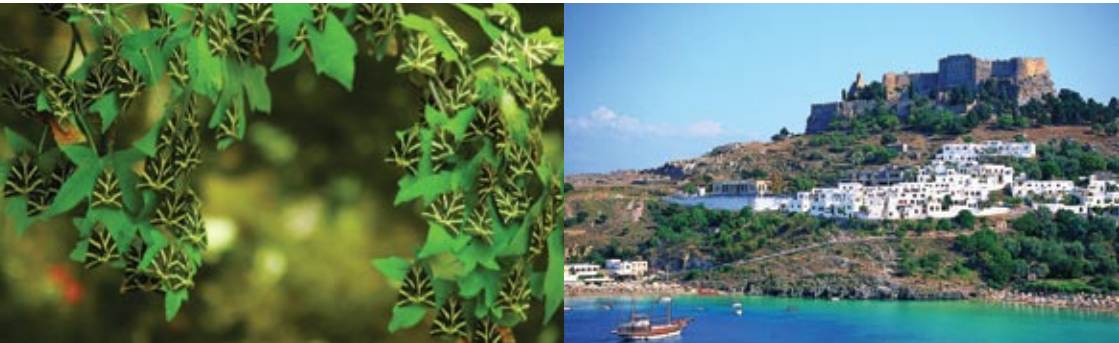
Rhodes town located at the northern tip of the island and surrounded by sea from east to west, is the capital of the Prefecture with the Medieval Town in its centre. The famous medieval city, or the Old Town as locals call it, is the largest of its kind in Europe, characterized by UNESCO as a monument of world cultural heritage. It offers a unique experience to visitors with its talent to combine yesterday and today. Here one can walk the paved alleyways, next to gigantic walls, under gateways and colonnades, through squares with fountains and obscure courtyards that lead through the street of the Knights and the Archaeological museum to the impressive Palace of the Grand Master. At the same time a big variety of shops selling handmade jewellery, fine quality leather, handcrafted ceramics and carpets, wooden handcrafts and casual clothing can be found.

To the east of the contemporary town lies the ancient harbour of Mandraki. The statues of deer and their fawns at the harbour's entrance are a well-known sight. It is believed that the Colossus once stood here (one of the seven wonders of the ancient world). Other highlights of the town are the three windmills nearby St Nicolas Fort, the New Market, the Public Administration buildings, the underwater Aquarium and little further up to Monte Smith (Aghios Stephanos) hill, one can enjoy unique picturesque views of the town and the seashore, but also visit the ruins of the Temple of Apollo, and the impressive open-air ancient Stadium and the Odeon.



LINDOS

Lindos, a powerful maritime city in antiquity, was one of the three ancient cities forming the Rhodian state. Today, the lively village is a unique monument of preservation, a combination of sky and blue sea, with the dazzling white colour of the traditional houses. The astonishing beauty of the castle, the Acropolis of Athena Lindia on the top of the hill enjoying spectacular views, with St. Paul's Bay (where the Apostle arrived in 58 AD) and the paved streets of the village captivate visitors in a stunning way. A walk through its narrow paved streets reveals the beauty of the traditional island architecture. Visiting the Acropolis is a must, either on foot or ...by using the "Lindos Taxi" donkeys to witness the troubled history of the place. Lindos is one of the most visited and photographed areas on the island



FALIRAKI

This resort used to be a small fishing village, just a few km south of Rhodes town, now being turned into Rhodes' most cosmopolitan resort. Here you can find the biggest and most organized beaches with crystal clear waters, a great variety of water sport facilities and water parks. The resort boasts many hotels and other accommodation, clubs, bars, cafes, restaurants and shops.

The nightlife goes on all night.... The volume of the music in the many bars and clubs rises with the moon and continues until daybreak.

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SOUTH RHODES

At the southern part of the island, under the same blue of the Rhodian sky, but different, untouched still, with its own atmosphere, South Rhodes lies in wait for visitors, to delight them with its own special charms and to remind them the authentic Greece they are aware of! In its hospitable small villages the people know how to enjoy life with simplicity and verve and how to keep alive their age-old traditions. Also the dialect is still the same as the one spoken by their ancestors. Low green mountains, cool valleys, shady woods and biotopes of rare species of animals and birds make up pictures, which calm the senses. Deserted chapels, monasteries, medieval castles and traditional villages add another dimension to the landscape. And in the end there is always the sea: little hidden and deserted coves alternate with boundless stretches of golden beach, from Kiotari, Gennadi and Lachania to Plimmyri and from Apolakkia to Prasonisi, a veritable paradise for windsurfers.



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CITY TOUR Half Day

Start your tour with a drive to Mount Smith, once the Acropolis of Ancient Rhodes. From the tumbled massive pillars of the temple of Athena, the view encompasses the Temple of Apollo, the stadium of Diagoras and the port.

Enter the fortified city through the Amboise Gate and walk to the Palace of the Grand Masters. You'll tour the interior of the palace as your guide points out the 14th century beginnings of the Central Courtyard and chambers decoratively built with colonnades and early Christian mosaics. You will continue down the Street of the Knights, its paths paved with colourful marble and superb mosaics, past medieval towers and emblazoned facades.

You will also have some time to do some shopping at the bazaar.

Should take: Camera, comfortable shoes,
 sun protection.



🌀 ISLAND TOUR Full day

A perfect opportunity to see the island with its interesting landscape and numerous villages. We begin the tour with a drive along the East Coast of the island bringing us to 7 Springs. This marvelous location is full of pine and plate trees, crystal – clear waters passing through a 150 meter tunnel that ends up in a beautiful lake created by a dam.

Continuing our drive we pass by the most beautiful beach of the island Tsambika, the villages of Malona, Masari, Kalathos and then we reach Lindos. You will be captivated by the Acropolis crowning the 400-foot rocky cliff and the white washed town surrounded by the azure sea. There is a 20-minute climb through the narrow streets of the town, and 250 steps up to the Temple. Explore the ancient site of the last conquerors including the 4th century B.C. Doric temple of Athena and the double-winged portico.

Our next stop crossing the internal of south Rhodos is Monolithos. Here we will stop to take photos of the Venetian castle and the magnificent view that is visible from this point. We continue to the village of Embona that combines folklore, a lively atmosphere, great wine and good food. We will make our way to one of the meat tavernas and enjoy a lunch filled with typical Greek delicacies. We will also visit the largest winery in the village, Emery, and sample the local wines. Departing from Embona we will visit Agios Nikolaos Foundoukli, the fourteenth- century Byzantine church with its interesting wall murals. Still enchanted from these impressive paintings we continue our trip passing by Eleousa, Dimilia, Soroni before we start our return to the hotels from the west side of the island. The most beautiful highlights of the island in just one day!

Should take: Camera, comfortable shoes, sun protection.



SYMI ISLAND Full Day

This boat trip takes you to Symi harbor (Yalos) where you have free time to walk through the narrow streets, shop for local handicraft & sponges, eat fresh seafood in a local taverna or soak up some sun in an open air café. In the south of the island along the inlet stands the massive building of Panormitis monastery. This monastery is dedicated to the Archangel Michael and has a charming bell tower and a beautiful 12th century church. It is a well-known spot of great interest and attracts many visitors and worshippers who come to see the Byzantine frescoes and engraved temple full of golden offerings. Here you can take a dive in the crystal clear water and relax on the long stretch of beach before sailing back to Rhodes.

Should take: Camera, comfortable shoes, sun protection, swimming suit.



🌀 KAMIROS FILERIMOS Half Day

From Ixia it's a short but scenic drive to the hilltop monastery of Filerimos, built by the Byzantines in the 5th century AD on the ruins of ancient Ialysos. In front of the steps leading up to the monastery are the remains of a Greek temple, the cross-shaped baptistry of the first Christian basilica and the tiny underground chapel of St George, with, faded 15th century wall paintings. Roman Catholic as well as Greek Orthodox Christians worshipped the icon of the Virgin of Filerimos, in the hexagonal Church of the Knights, though at separate altars. To the rear of the monastery are the impressive remains of the Byzantine garrison.



Thirty kilometres west of the city of Rhodes is Ancient Kamiros one of the three powerful cities in Rhodes, in ancient times. It was rediscovered in 1929 and has been called the Greek Pompeii, as nobody knows why and how the city was deserted and buried.

The Monastery of the Virgin Mary sits on the ruins of the third century BC temple of Athena, which sits on top of an even older temple. Most of the ruins are from the Hellenistic Era and include the city market and a Doric temple and arches. Many of the findings have been taken to the Louvre and the British Museum but will hopefully be returned one day.

Should take: Camera, comfortable shoes, sun protection.

🌀 TURKEY- MARMARIS

Discover a foreign culture and a different continent.

After an hour trip with a hydrofoil you reach Marmaris, one of the most attractive tourist resorts on the West Turkish coast. The exploration starts at the port of Marmaris where you will have a city tour. You will enjoy a typical Turkish breakfast before your visit at a jewellery shop at the typical oriental bazaar of Marmaris. Here you'll have the chance to submerge yourself in the oriental atmosphere, revel in the local culture, experience the Turkish cuisine and enjoy the sweet delights of Turkey. Best buys are the beautiful handmade carpets, gold, gems, leather jackets, clothes & hand bags. Don't forget to bargain before you buy something, this is a must for this excursion.

Experience two different countries in one day!

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GREEK NIGHT

A fantastic night out for everyone, find out how Greeks have fun, join the Greek ballet and dance Zorba the Greek.

This is a great chance to feel the Greek hospitality in a family taverna in a traditional mountain village, with original Greek specialities (village bread, tzatziki, Greek salad, beans, meat balls and souvlaki) and free flowing local wine. You will experience an unforgettable party with folklore music & dances from all over Greece. Dancers in colourful costumes and musicians playing the “bouzouki” perform a live show in front of you. Do not hesitate to try some of the dance steps on the stage.

Feel and enjoy yourself as a real Greek.....

Should take: Camera, comfortable shoes.



SCUBA DIVING

Discover the fascinating underwater world of the Aegean Sea. It doesn't matter if you want to do only snorkelling or whether you are a beginner or professional diver. Our Scuba Team has what you need and is flexible at anytime. You depart from Mandraki harbour. On the way along the east coast to the thermal springs of Kalithea your diving teacher will give you the basic theoretical instructions. Diving is for everybody who has a normal physical condition (from 10 years old) and you will see how easy it is. Our Scuba Team offers you the maximum security with modern technique and experience.

Risk the jump in the deep sea and enjoy the magic of Poseidon's world.
Have unforgettable fun in the undersea world.

Should take: Swimming suit, sun protection.



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JEEP SAFARI

Do you want to discover the incredible Rhodian landscape away from all the tourist places?

GO ON JEEP SAFARI !

See Rhodes in a special way and marvel the “unknown side of the island “. Untouched green landscape, sleeping villages, fascinating impressions Discover Rhodes, feel the airstreams, FREEDOM ! Drive at unknown ways, “uphill and down dale”, forest and open fields, pass through wild romantic landscape at the bottom of Profitis Ilias. You will be surprised by the variety of Rhodes.



An absolute STOP of the jeep safari is the most wonderful swimming bay of this island – Tsambika beach ! A long sandy beach with crystal – clear waters. Experience with us the beauty of the nature and keep the impression of the typical, original Rhodes. An excursion you will never forget.

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Language:

The official language is Modern Greek. Of course, a variety of local dialects characterize each area. International languages (e.g. English, French e.t.c) are widely spoken in touristic resorts, making your communication easy !!!!

Time Zone:

Greek time is two hours ahead of GMT, an hour ahead of CET. The clock is advanced one hour during summer -from the end of March to the end of October.

Currency - Banks:

Euro is the currency of Greece since 1 January 2001, now in use in many European countries (European Monetary Union). One euro is subdivided into 100 euro cent.

Banks are open : Monday to Friday : 08:00 – 14:00

Electricity:

The standard in Greece is 220V AC (50Hz). In some cases an adapter may be necessary for some electronic devices (e.g. hair dryers, electric razors) and can be purchased at any electric shop.

Post and Telephone.

Signs indicating post offices are usually bright yellow, as are post – boxes. Post offices in main cities are open from Monday to Friday 08:00 – 20:00. Stamps can be also bought in many shops in touristic areas.

Telephone calls can be made at Greek Telecom Offices (OTE). However, in supermarkets and at kiosks you may obtain telephone cards for use in public telephone booths. Dial the country code first of all (e.g. 00 44) and leave off the “0” of the area code.



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Shopping:

Stores in main cities on the island are usually open:

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 9:00 - 14:30.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 - 14:30 and 17:30- 21:00.

However in touristic areas, shops are opened all day long (also weekends), till late in the night.

Taxi - Car Rental:

There are taxi stands on the main streets, usually near the bus stops. Ask for the exact rate of your itinerary in advance.

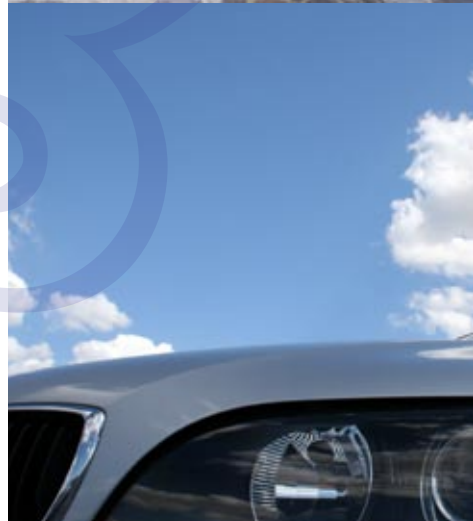
For those who prefer to discover Rhodes in an individual and independent way, we also offer the possibility to rent a car. All details (for rental terms and insurance) are specified from our reps during the welcome meetings in the hotels.

Sun Protection:

Avoid exposure under the hot sun in the middle of the day : use sun protection creams against sunburns and consume liquids (e.g. water) to avoid dehydration.

Illness:

In case of illness, contact the emergency number of the medical centre in your area, mentioned in this booklet, or at your hotel book, or in case of a minor complaint visit the local pharmacy. All medical staff in tourist resorts speak good English. Of course our reps are at your disposal any time!!!



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VOCABULARY

Good Morning.....	Kalimera
Good Evening.....	Kalispera
Good Night.....	Kalinichta
Good.....	Kala
Thank You.....	Efcharisto
Please.....	Parakalo
OK.....	Entaxi
Yes.....	Ne
No.....	Ochi
Hello.....	Yassou
Good Bye.....	Antio
Bank.....	Trapeza
Post.....	Tachidromio
Pharmacy.....	Farmakio

Before Departure:

Vacate your room at 12:00.

Make sure you emptied the safety box. Arrange the payment of your bill of extra services at the hotel reception. Check the departure time on the hotel board.

At the airport:

Check In: Give your luggage (weight limit 20kl) and get your boarding card.

Passport Control: Have your passport in hand for control.

Departure Gate: Find the number of the certain exit either on your boarding card or on the departure board.



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