

## Koufonisia

Koufonisia is a **small group** of two islands, Pano Koufonisi (Upper Koufoníssi) and Kato Koufonisi (Lower Koufonisi), that are separated by a narrow strait. They are located southeast of **Naxos** and west of **Amorgos**; Pano Koufonisi is inhabited, with a land area of 5.5 sq. km and a population of 366 residents. Their name comes from the **numerous caves** the waves have shaped along their shores, which, when seen by pirates, gave them the impression that the islands (in Greek "nissia") were hollow (in Greek "koufio") – therefore Koufonisia and later Koufonisia.



The deserted island of Keros lies next to Koufonisia and is a protected archaeological site as major finds of Cycladic art have been unearthed here , such as the figure of Big Mother (1.40 m. tall), and the famous statuettes "the Piper" and "the Harpist", now exhibited at the National Archaeological Museum of Athens.

Koufonisia islands are a **beloved destination** for those seeking to enjoy the **original laid-back Greek lifestyle**: peaceful and relaxed atmosphere, sun-drenched beaches with azure waters and...plenty of tavernas with fresh fish!

**Website:** [www.koufonisia.gr](http://www.koufonisia.gr)