

Milos

The volcanic activity in ancient years has endowed Milos island with an exciting variety of gorgeous landscapes, consequently offering the visitor a wide range of activities. The funny shapes of the rocks and their wonderful colours at the beautiful white sandy beaches are one expression of the volcanic features of **Mílos**; the economic activity is another: minerals such as obsidian are excavated here. What is more, one of the most ancient mines in the Mediterranean is on this island.

References had been made by Hippocrates to the peculiar morphology of **spectacular caves** (Papáfragkas and Sykiá) and a multitude of **thermal springs** (Kanáva, Alykí, Provatá, Pikropiyí). The diving enthusiasts will find a paradise in the underwater caves in the triangle formed by Mílos, Kimolos and Polýegos islands.

The island's villages are lovely too: the stately **Pláka** (the island's capital), the harbour of **Adámantas**, the beautiful **Hivadolímní**, the marvellous **Emporiós** with the little lagoon of Revary and the old iron mines.



As far as **archaeology** is concerned, Mílos is an ideal destination: the early Christian catacombs, a prehistoric settlement in Fylakopi and the mining museum (exhibiting 11,000 years of mining history) are definitely worth a visit.

Last but not least, there are local tastes offering a special **gastronomic experience**. Don't miss out on **watermelon pies**, **cream cheese pies** and **bonbons** with white pumpkin.

Why: enjoy **80 amazing beaches** with your better half; among them stands out Kléftiko with its turquoise waters and Sarakíniko with white sharp rocks cutting deep into a sheer cliff; add the unique lunar landscapes, the rocky secluded caves, the mysterious catacombs, the "sleeping" volcanoes and a picturesque Cycladic Chóra and experience a unique version of romance!

Must visit: As many beaches as you can! The white rocky landscape that embraces Sarakíniko forms an once-in-a-lifetime encountered lunar landscape while on Kléftiko, which can be reached only by boat, you can dive in secluded rocky caves with crystal clear waters. Add the wild beauty of Alogomántra, the open cave of Papáfragkas, the sheltered Ahivadolímní- the biggest beach on the island where also the island's camping site is situated- and the beaches of Fyripláka, Yérakas and Tsigrádos adorned with grayish-red rocks.



Only on Milos and its neighbour, **Kimolos**, will you encounter small colourful houses by the sea, the so-called "sýrmata", which the fishers used as shelter for their boats in winter. Other sites worth visiting are the Catacombs of Tripiti and the mystical Sulfur Mines. The whole area of Trypití is full of caves carved on the rock that were used as family tombs.

Another highlight is the white-washed Chóra adorned with beautiful churches, such as **Panayiá Korfiátissa** and the Catholic Church and well worth visiting Museums such as the Folk Art and the Archaeological Museum, where also a replica of the masterpiece of Aphrodite of Mílos is kept. Adámantas, built like an amphitheatre overlooking the Aegean, is the second biggest natural harbour in Greece and is quite famous for its frenetic nightlife. Don't forget to visit Apollonía, on the northwestern tip of the island; looking for an **unforgettable experience?** Rent a boat from its picturesque little harbour to guide you through the island's rugged beauties or to take you to the opposite situated island of Kimolos!

Activities: Milos boasts the biggest network of dirt roads on the Cyclades. Set off with your partner on a walking tour following ancient-old paths, which used to be the only "road network" until the previous century. Many of them lead to secluded beaches of pure wild beauty. Try easy routes like the one starting from Catacombs and ending at Profétis Elías (2,5 km, 35'); more difficult routes like the route Filakopí- Papáfragkas -Sarakíniko- Mandrákia (9km, 3hr) or a five-hour-route from Cape Vani to Áyia Marina boasting an astonishing landscape variety. The area of Ahivadolími is ideal for wind-surfing, whereas the dirt road network in the areas of Emporió and Trahilas is perfect for off-road adventures.

Taste: mouth-watering handmade pies, the so-called "ladeniés" (oil-made) and "tireniés" (with cheese filling).

Accommodation: On the island you will mostly find family-run guesthouses; the big and luxurious five-star hotels have only established their presence over the last years. You can also choose to stay in one of the traditional colourful houses by the sea, the so-called "sýrmata", mostly found on the settlements of Klýma, Madrákia, Mýtakas and Fyropótamos.

Hot tips for romantic couples: Wander around the castle district at dusk when the sun washes Chóra with its warm golden light... The Castle's top, the benches on the courtyard of Panayiá Korfiátissa church or Panayiá Thalassýtra are all ideal spots to enjoy this breathtaking scenery that will certainly weave a powerful spell on you... How about private dives on secluded beaches and well-hidden rocky caves? Rent a boat from Adamantas Port and you will find yourself on beaches that you have never thought of putting foot on in your life!

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- Municipality of Milos: 22870-21.249
- Tourist Information Office: 22870-22.445

- Police station: 22870-21.204
- Tourist Police: 22870-21.378
- Health Center: 22870-22.700
- Local Port Authority: 22870-23.360
- Airport: 22870-22.381
- Archaeological Museum: 22870-21.620
- Folklore Museum: 22870-21.292
- Mining Museum (Adamas): 22870-22.481
- Ecclesiastical Museum (Adamas): 22870-23.956
- Catacombs: 22870-21.625

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