

## Kastellorizo



At the south easternmost edge of Greek dominion, spreads out the calm and beauty of Kastellorizo island. Belying former grandeur of the island of Megisti, as it is officially known from ancient times. The island has a total surface of 9,2 km<sup>2</sup> and is located 72 miles east of Rhodes and only 2 kms from the Turkish coast. It is a mountainous and rocky island that combines beautiful scenery, ancient monuments, kind people, peaceful holidays and relaxation.

Kastellorizo, the only settlement of the island, is both the harbor and the capital of the island. It consists of the districts Pigadia, Horafia and lastly Mandraki (small picturesque port). The picturesqueness of the scenery upon arrival on the island, cannot be easily described. The painted in impressive colours two and three story renovated mansions with their wooden staircases and balconies, make it unrivalled in beauty amongst other islands. The town has been proclaimed preserved and it offers the visitor the beauty of an idyllic landscape and the nostalgia of a past glory. In past times the capital, which is also the port of the island, was Kastellorizo island: Kastellorizo information - Kastellorizo holidays - Dodecanese, Greece the most important geophysical gift of Kastellorizo, since due to its geophysical position it was a trade crossroad between Europe, the Middle East and Egypt. It was only natural that it generated an important amount of economic and nautical trade which explains the noble air about the island that reflects its past glory and prosperity. On the island there are no buses - just one taxi! Car and motorcycle circulation is prohibited and you will cover all distances on foot. The well-preserved foot paths are ideal for long walks. You will swim on Faros, Plakes, Mandraki and the beaches of the islets of Ro, Aghios Georgios and Strogilli.

## **Kastellorizo History**

Little is known concerning the island's ancient history due to the few written accounts referring to it and the fewer still systematic excavations carried out on Kastellorizo island. Neolithic tools, pre-historic walls, stone hewn tombs, a gold crown from the Mycenaean period, Doric inscriptions and other findings witness to the fact that the island has been inhabited continuously from very ancient times.

## **Kastellorizo Beaches**

Though there are no beaches as such on Kastellorizo island, you can take a little boat to the particularly beautiful blue cave of Parasta (Fokiali).



There is also excellent swimming from the rocks near the port.

## **Kastellorizo island useful information**

Area code: +30 22460

Harbourmaster: 4522

Police: 45213

Municipality: 45207

First Aid: 45206

## **Kastellorizo Sailing/Yachting information**

You can moor your boat in the port of Kastellorizo.

Refuelling stations for both water and fuel are available on the island.

## **Transportation on Kastellorizo island**

By bus (very frequent schedules), taxis, rented cars, motorcycles or little boats you will visit the villages and beaches of the island.