

the rhodes and kos guide



Explore the wonders of Rhodes and Kos with Avis...

The Greek islands of **Rhodes and Kos** are part of the Dodecanese Islands lying close to the west coast of Turkey in the Aegean Sea. With both enjoying nearly 300 days of sunshine a year – each possesses its own unique qualities and attributes just waiting to be discovered.

Rhodes is the largest of the islands in the Dodecanese with its east coast of virtually uninterrupted sandy beaches and un-spoilt villages tucked away in the foothills of the mountains. The landscape varies from arid and rocky around the coast to lush and forested inland.

Kos is the third largest island in the Dodecanese and has a large selection of beaches to choose from, pretty mountain villages and lots of space for the visitor to find an idyllic spot. The various charms and beauties of Kos are not visible at the first sight but, after a while, the picturesque villages and the fine beaches amaze all the visitors.

Great spots to visit in an Avis car...

Rhodes

- Take a drive to the ancient **Old Town** of Rhodes enclosed with its massive medieval walls. The Knights Quarter, or the Kollakio to the locals, contains most of the medieval historical sights.
- Escape the crowds and head to the picturesque white walls of the village of **Lindos**. Go early or late, or better still stay for a night or two and savour the quieter evening ambience.
- Pay a visit to the idyllic sandy beach of **Agathi**, which lies 38 kilometers southeast of Rhodes city with Lindos being the nearest village. The golden sands, along with the emerald waters, create a wonderful and attractive picture.
- Make a round trip of the island in your car; it's 220kms in total and you can take in many of the sights of the island all at your own pace.

Kos

- **Kos's Asklepieion** should not be missed and is the island's most ancient site and has several temples and public baths. Built on a pine-covered hill 3 kilometers southwest of Kos town.
- **Tigaki Beach** is the nearest beach to the city of Kos lying 11 kilometers north of the town. It is one of the most beautiful and popular beaches on the island. It has a long sandy strip, which extends for over 10 kilometers.
- **Thermes Piges** is a natural spa where the water is therapeutic and many people visit for sightseeing and for its healing benefits.



The world heritage-listed Old Town of Rhodes is the largest inhabited medieval town in Europe.



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Getting the most out of Rhodes and Kos

Top selling tips

Always introduce car hire into every booking...

Q. What do you like to do on holiday?

"I hired a car in... and it was great for seeing / doing..."

Q. Have you been to the area before?

Yes *"So you know that there's a lot to do round there. Let me get some car hire prices for you"*

No *"Well there's lots to do in that area (such as) and the best way to see them is by hiring a car"*

Q. Do you normally hire a car on holiday?

Yes or No *"Let me get some prices for you, it usually works out cheaper to pre-book"*

Places to note...

Rhodes

Museum of Modern Art, Rhodes City - Drop in on the Museum of Modern Art it holds one of the most comprehensive collections of Greek Art of the 20th Century.

Rodini Park of Rhodes, Rhodes City - Take a stroll around the tranquil park. This beautifully landscaped park is the perfect antidote to a morning's sightseeing just out the town of Rhodes.

Kos

Kefalos Village, Kos - Despite its high popularity due to its beach and clear waters, the village still keeps its authenticity – with its whitewashed houses and narrow alleys.

Tomb of Harmylos, Kos - In the village of Pyli, make sure to set time aside to discover the wonder of the local hero of Harmylos who's ancient tomb lies here.

Top tips for Rhodes and Kos

- Minimum driving age of 21.
- **Speed limits:** Highway 120km/h
Minor roads 90km/h
Urban roads 50km/h
- The drivers and all passengers are required to wear **seat belts** at all times.
- Children under the age of 12 years of age are not allowed to sit in the front seat.
- A **right hand side** road system operates in Rhodes and Kos.

Benefits of renting a car...

- **Comfort** – choose an air conditioned car and travel in comfort.
- **Freedom** – explore those hidden treasures.
- **Value for money** – if you enjoy sightseeing, car hire can work out much better value for money than excursions.
- **Flexibility** – do what you want, when you want.
- **Reliability** – no need to wait around for buses.

Avis locations

Rhodes

- Rhodes International Airport (RHO): **A1**
- 50 Kim Leof.Rodou-Kallitheas (R8S): **A2**
- Iraklidon Avenue (RH7): **A3**
- Lofiarika (R1S): **A4**

- Pigon Ave.Shopping Centre (FA0): **A5**

Kos

- Kos (KGR): **A6**
62 Strat. Makrigianni Str

Join the festivities

January / February / March

Independence Day in Rhodes is celebrated by Military and school parades. **Epiphany** is celebrated throughout Greece and the Greek Islands when the Blessing of the Waters takes place. A cross is thrown into the sea, lakes or rivers and retrieved by swimmers who are then entitled to good luck.

April / May / June

Feast day of Saint Petros and Saint Pavlos is marked by special celebrations in the beautiful St Paul's Bay close to Lindos Village on the island of Rhodes.

July / August / September

Cultural Events organised by the municipality in the Town of Rhodes and Kos during summer (from July to September) consisting of various concerts, art exhibitions and theatrical performances.

On the island of **Kos** the **Hypocratia Festival** is held which includes, musical, dramatic and artistic performances and Athletic contests.

October / November / December

Ochi day. On this day in 1940 the Greek Government defied Mussolini's ultimatum demanding capitulation. This celebration is marked throughout Greece and the Greek Islands.

Savings to be made...

Do more with your holiday by hiring a car, You could save money at the same time as well! Here's an excursion cost to compare car hire against:

A full day island bus tour of Rhodes and Kos costs EUR 35.00 per person that's EUR 140.00 for a family of four!

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