

Rhodes at a glance



	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
TEMPERATURE (°C)	17	21	25	30	32	33	29	26	22
SUNSHINE (HOURS)	7	9	10	12	13	12	11	8	7
SEA TEMPERATURE (°C)	16	17	19	21	23	25	24	23	21

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Entertainment

Rhodes has a very active nightlife. In downtown Rhodes, and especially in the Old Town, there is a variety of discos, coffee-shops and bars suitable for any taste. In addition, action takes place at Faliraki beach. Quite different in character, but equally popular is Lindos, with stylish bars and clubs similar to Mykonos's.

Special events
March: carnival marked by partying, fancy dress, masked figures and processions of Carnival chariots.
May: flower parade.

Museums

9h00 - 18h00 (closed on Mondays)
Rhodes Old Town
 > Archaeological Museum
 > House of Folk Art

Public Transportation

Local busses run regularly between 8h00 - 22h30
Bus Terminal: Rhodes Centre
Bus Fare:
 Rhodes - Kolymbia: €2.70
 Rhodes - Ixia: €1.70

The island

Geography/Topography Rhodes, the biggest island of the Dodecanese is situated in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, surrounded by the Aegean Sea in the west and the Mediterranean in the east and is just 20 km away from the Turkish coast. One of the most popular and developed islands in the Mediterranean, Rhodes offers international-class hotels, varied nightlife and good sports facilities. It can boast of its shores that won many European Blue Flags, a distinction which awards beaches for their cleanliness and organized infrastructure. The west coast of Rhodes is subject to shore winds. Although it can be rough, it also is a windsurfer's paradise. The east coast is more sheltered, with moderate winds. This is where the long and sandy beaches of the island are located.

Climate Rhodes offers a warm Mediterranean climate and is officially the sunniest place in Europe. In the summer, dry hot days are often relieved by stiff breezes and winters are mild. The rainy season is from November to March.
Required clothing: Lightweight clothes during summer months and sweaters for evenings.

Facts and figures

Capital Rhodes Town: 40.000 inhabitants
Language Greek is the official language, English, German, French and other languages are spoken in the tourist-related areas.
Religion Greek Orthodox.
Currency and Banking The Euro is the official currency since January 2002. Foreign currency can be exchanged at all banks, saving banks and bureaux de change. Major credit cards are widely accepted, as well as Euro cheque cards. Traveller cheques can be exchanged easily at banks for an extra commission.
Opening hours:
 Banks: Monday - Friday: 8h00 - 14h00
 Bureaux de change:
 Daily: 9h00 - 21h00

Passports and Visas Greece is a signatory to the 1995 Schengen Agreement. For EU nationals a valid card of identity is required.

Vaccination No special immunisation is recommended.

Flights and Airports Rhodes International Diagoras Airport (RHO) is at the west part of the island, 16 km from the city. Bus and taxi services are available.

Boats & Ferries The harbour of Rhodes is connected by ferry boats, hydrofoils and smaller ships with the neighbouring islands of Symi, Kos and Karpathos. There are also ferry connections to Crete, Santorini, Samos and Piraeus, the harbour of Athens.

Local Time GMT +2 (GMT +3 from March to October).

Electricity 220 Volt. Two-pin plugs are used.



Infrastructure

Rhodes offers an excellent infrastructure with a road network that is well surfaced. The telecommunication system is advanced and Health and Safety regulations are in accordance with the European standards.

Towns
Lindos: 1.000 inhabitants

Holidays

Gastronomy Restaurant and taverna food tends to be very simple, rarely involving sauces, but with full use of local olive oil and charcoal grills. Dishes like dolmades, moussaka and gyros are local specialities. The Greek salad is famous. Menus typically include a selection of "Meze" (appetisers). The traditional spirit is ouzo, which is very similar to the French Pastis. Wine is popular as well, due to the two wineries of this island. Food is usually not hot, but warm.

Sports
 > Biking: bikes for rent available
 > Diving: scuba diving is very popular
 > Fishing
 > Golf
 > Hiking
 > Horse riding
 > Mini golf
 > Motor biking
 > Sailing
 > Tennis
 > Water skiing
 > Wind surfing

Shopping Special purchases include lace, jewellery, metalwork, pottery, garments and knitwear, furs, rugs, leather goods, local wines and spirits. Shopping hours differ depending on the season and type of shop, but shops are usually open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8h00 - 14h30 and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8h00 - 14h00 and from 17h30 - 20h30. Most holiday resort shops stay open in the evening until 23h00

General information

Driving Traffic drives on the right and signs are in Greek and English. When hiring a car, a national driving license is required for EU nationals and drivers must be 21 years old and having at least one year driving experience.

Safety Practically zero crime rate.

Health All health requirements are EU standard. Doctors visit the hotel upon request. The public hospital of Rhodes "Nossokomeio" and the private Rhodos Medical Care Center "Krito" are located in Rhodes Town. A new hospital has been built in Archangelos. Pharmacies can be found in all towns and tourist resorts.

Communication Rhodes is connected to the cellular network (GSM) and compatible mobile phones can be used. Internet access is widely available.

Churches Catholic and Protestant masses are available.

Economy Tourism is the most important service industry and has boomed since the 1980s.

