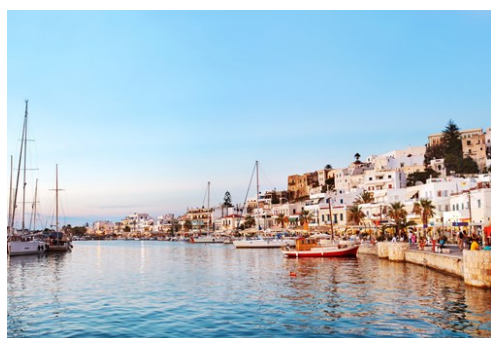




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Naxos stands out from the Cycladic competition with its unusually crisp, white beaches and an exceptionally lush, fertile terrain. With none of Mykonos' pretense or Ios' ferocious partying, the island is a destination for those who enjoy a good hike and low-key evening entertainment. Naxos is also home to its fare share of ancient sites, off-lying mountain villages, and excellent family-run taverns.

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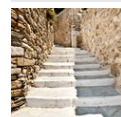
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THE ISLAND



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Life on Naxos centers around the Hora, or Naxos Town, where most of its taverns, restaurants and shopping spots are concentrated. Travelers will need to venture out south of town to find some of the finest Naxian beaches, however - settlements most revered by tourists include waterside Agios Prokopios and Agia Anna, as well as the long stretch of sandy Plaka Beach. The windy beaches of the northwest are reserved for water sports enthusiasts, while the inland mount Zas and tucked away village of Halki attracts adventure-seeking hikers. Naxos isn't one to rely solely on tourism, however - its fertile terrain produces ample olives, citrus, potatoes, and a variety of other fruit and vegetables, which allows for the existence of so many organic-only eateries. Most local businesses are family-run, passing on knowledge and experience to the younger generations - it is not unusual to see a cafe or small store managed by father and son only. The island is also home to its very own "Kitron" citrus liquor distillery and an old olive press manufactory - both open to visitors and offering guided tours.

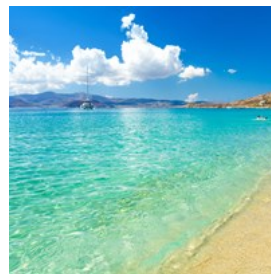
BEACHES



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Naxos is especially well-known for its uncharacteristically beautiful beaches, the most attractive of which are concentrated along the island's southwestern coast. During the summer months, the larger beaches truly come alive - holidaymakers rush to the seaside and seasonal taverns and beach bars come back into operation.

Plaka Beach



One of the finest on Naxos, Plaka is a long, attractive sandy beach which really comes alive in summer. Multiple taverns and cafes line the waterfront (most operate May to October), and holidaymakers swim in the turquoise waters and play beach games and water sports from dusk till dawn.

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Address: Plaka Beach, Naxos

Agios Prokopios



Boasting some of the best infrastructure on the island, the sandy beach of Agios Prokopios is well-connected to the Hora via public buses.

Water is clear, and (optional) sunbeds are available for hire in abundance. The beach teams with taverns and cafes, and is home to a reputable diving company.

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Address: Agios Prokopios, Naxos

More Info: Blue Fin Divers (www.bluefindivers.gr)

Agia Anna



A stone's throw away from the popular Agios Prokopios is Agia Anna, a sheltered, quiet sandy beach perfect for families. The shallow,

clear water makes it perfectly safe for children, and the general tranquil atmosphere attracts couples and older visitors. Sunbeds are available for hire.

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Address: Agia Anna, Naxos

Mikri Vigla Beach



A compact, sheltered cove where the tiny paradise beach of Mikri Vigla is located used to only be visited by a handful of travelers

in-the-know, but has become increasingly popular with holidaymakers over the past years. There is a single (very popular) tavern here, ideal for a refreshing retreat.

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Address: Mikri Vigla, Naxos

Saint George Beach



To stay close to the center of it all, Saint George would probably be the best pick when it comes to beaches on Naxos. Located in very

close proximity to the island's Hora, it is, perhaps, what one would refer to as the "city beach." Water here is shallow, which is perfect for families with children.

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Address: Saint George, Naxos

Kastraki Beach



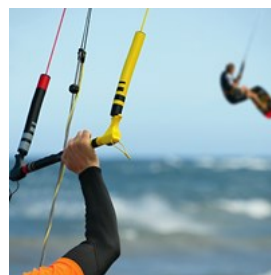
Those looking to experience the quieter side of Naxos will certainly appreciate the tranquility of Kastraki Beach - a long stretch of

sand perfectly fit for long walks along the water. The beach is less developed and never gets crowded, but several taverns do operate in the area.

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Address: Kastraki, Naxos

Amitis Beach



In the island's northwest, far from the tourist-favoured beaches of the western coast, lies Amitis - a beach exposed to all winds, which makes

it a perfect spot for water sports enthusiasts. The beach is best fit for surfers and kite-surfers,

rather than swimmers.

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Address: Amitis Beach, Naxos

DO & SEE



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Whether it is beach relaxation, active pursuits, ancient ruins, or even museums that you're looking for - Naxos has it all. Sites of particular interest include the gate-shaped Portara, Venetian Kastro, the beautiful hiking trails inland (towards the village of Halki, containing the historic Vallindras citrus distillery), and the island's sparse (yet present) archaeological sites.

Kastro



Take a turn up a narrow alley in the island's Hora and inevitably get lost in the maze of windy streets of what is, perhaps, Naxos' main attraction

aside from the splendid beaches. Explore the ancient, packed with authentic Venetian mansions Kastro district dating back to the 13th century.

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Address: Hora, Naxos

Portara



Perhaps the most scenic spot on the island, the Portara (also known as the Temple of Apollo) is where locals and visitors flock at sundown to take in the splendid golden sunsets. Walk along a causeway and up towards the ancient gate-like structure perched atop the hill for some of the best views.

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Address: Hora, Naxos

Della Rocca-Barozzi Venetian Museum



Housed inside a historic home of a Venetian family, the Della Rocca-Barozzi residence and museum (which the family still calls home a few months a year) is now open to the public, and hosts temporary exhibitions as well as the well-known locally Domus Cultural Festival. Guided tours available.

Photo: Christos Siatos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hora, Naxos

Opening hours: May-Oct daily 10am-2.45pm & 6.30-9.30pm

Phone: +30 22850 22387

More Info: Located at the Trani Porta gate, separating the ancient quarters of Kastro and Bourgos

Archaeological Museum



The Naxos Archaeological Museum contains an impressive collection of Cycladic art and sculpture, one that reportedly even rivals the compilation of artifacts in the Greek capital city of Athens. Visitors will get the chance to closely

examine some of the earliest Greek figurines and artwork.

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Address: Hora, Naxos

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8.30am-3pm

Phone: +30 2285 022725

Eggares Olive Press Museum



The Olive Press Museum is a curious local attraction, where visitors are granted insight into the behind-the-scenes makings of olive oil and

other olive-derived products. At the end of the tour, guests are invited to take part in a sampling of the high-quality items and foods on sale.

Photo: marco mayer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Eggares, Naxos

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm (1 Apr-30 Sept)

Phone: +30 22850 24180

Internet: www.olivemuseum.com

Temple of Demeter



One of the attractions best seen as a part of a guided tour, the remains of the ancient Temple of Demeter reportedly date back to as early as the

6th century BC. Little remains of the temple's former glory days, but some pillars and walls do stand as reminder of the island's historic heritage.

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Address: Sagriou, Naxos

Cedar Forest of Alyko



Alyko in the island's southwest is known for its lush cedar trees stretching along acres upon acres of land. The natural environment here

is rather unique and well-looked after - local authorities have even given plans of constructing dwelling buildings in favor of salvaging nature.

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Address: Alyko, Naxos

Sailing Tours



One of the experiences topping the "must-do" list when on Naxos is joining one of the many sail boat tours offered by local companies. Tour

programs vary, but very often include swimming in secluded coves, visiting nearby islands (such as the whitewashed Paros) and beaches, snorkeling, and stopping for lunch in a scenic waterside location somewhere in or around Naxos.

Captain Panos Sailing Day Tours

+30 697 353 7424

www.captainpanos.com

Naxos Sailing Tours

+30 694 435 5717

www.naxossailing.com

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Zas Mountain

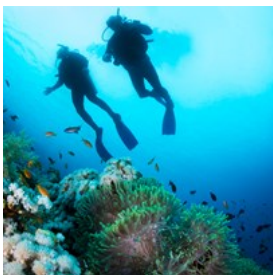


Climbing the Zas Mountain is best done in the early hours of the morning, when the sun is yet to release its burning midday rays. There are several departure points (starting from Filoti, for example) and route directions are displayed along the way. From the hilltop, stunning views over the valleys and sea below unfold.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zas Mountain, Naxos

Diving



Waters around Naxos hold a plethora of marine treasures - from eerie remains of sunken ships to colorful fish and curious underwater creatures swimming an arm's length away. Several companies offer professional training courses to beginners and necessary guidance through local waters to experienced divers.

Blue Fin Divers
+30 2285 042629

Agios Prokopios, Naxos Town
www.bluefindivers.gr

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Hiking



Naxos is a hikers' paradise - try the route leading towards the Tragea, an elevated land area in the heart of the island dominated by olive groves. Some of the best stops for a hiking

itinerary are the scenic settlements of Halki with its attractive town square, Aperathou (a village overlooking the island's southeastern coast), and the mountain-side village of Koronos.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com

Distillery Vallindras



The tiny distillery offers travelers to Naxos an opportunity to look behind the scenes of how the island's very own kind of liquor - "kitron" - is made. A tasting of citrus liquors is offered at the end of the tour, and visitors are welcome to purchase kitron-themed souvenirs at the adjacent shop.

Photo: MNStudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Main Road, Halki, Naxos

Opening hours: Jul-Aug 10am-10pm, May-Jun & Sep-Oct 10am-6pm

Phone: +30 22850 31220

Bazeos Tower



The Bazeos Tower is best-visited in July and August, when it serves host to the annual Naxos Festival and becomes the site for multiple musical and theatrical performances, readings, exhibitions, and more. The building itself dates back to the 17th century, and has been recently refurbished.

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Address: 2km west of Sangri Village, Naxos

Phone: +30 22850 31402

Internet: www.bazeostower.gr

DINING



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Perhaps surprisingly, Naxian cuisine is known more for its meat than seafood - grass-fed beef, lamb, goat meat and poultry often feature as primary dish ingredients on the island restaurants' menus. Try the Naxian specialty Easter dish called "patoudo" - stuffed lamb meat with herbs, often accompanied by the celebrated regional potatoes. Meals often start with a round of small plates called "meze" - these may contain seafood, meat, and vegetables. The island is also particularly known for its locally-produced wines and cheeses - do give those a try if the opportunity presents itself.

Delfinaki (Lionas)



Delfinaki offers a warm welcome and excellent local cuisine largely made with home-grown ingredients and fresh fish. A meal will be

normally followed by a complimentary drink and/or dessert, the hospitable owners often insisting that guests bring some house delights along with them upon departure.

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Address: Lionas, Naxos

Phone: +30 2285 051290

Internet: www.delfinaki.gr

Rotonda (Apeiranthos)



No establishment on Naxos is quite like Rotonda - a unique restaurant set on the hilltop, with panoramic (360-degree) views

unfolding before diners' very eyes. The view alone would be worth the trip, but the Restaurant has excellent contemporary Greek and Mediterranean cuisine to show for its fame.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agios Ioannis, Apeiranthos

Opening hours: Daily 10am-12.30am

Phone: +30 2285 061254

To Ariston (Naxos Town)



To Ariston offers a quintessential Greek dining experience in Naxos Town - the family-run tavern is where excellent value

local food (gyros pita, souvlaki, Greek salad, tzatziki, and others - prices for a meal start at as low as a couple of euros) is served by the personable son of the family.

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Address: Papavassiliou, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 2285026002

Internet: www.toariston.wordpress.com

Ostria (Moutsouna)



The on-site restaurant of Ostria Inn is one of Naxos' hidden gems. The establishment offers sea-view dining on a charming, airy outdoor

terrace. Some of the menu highlights include the

vegetable mille-feuille, octopus carpaccio and feta topped with honey and sesame seeds for dessert.

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Address: Moutsouna, Naxos

Opening hours: Daily 8.30am-12am

Phone: +30 2285068235

Internet: www.ostria.com

Antamoma Cuisine Deli Store (Naxos Town)



The longstanding family restaurant (now run and recently reinvented by the family's son) showcases local ingredients at their finest.

Meat, seafood and vegetables are all locally-sourced and cooked the Naxian way with an elegant modern twist. Dine with direct view of the majestic sunset.

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Address: City Hall, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-1am

Phone: +30 22850 24324

Nostimon Hellas (Naxos Town)



The concise menu of Nostimon Hellas offers substantial variety, with a selection of grilled meats, fish and seafood dishes, pasta and risotto, as well

as a rather extensive list of hot and cold appetizers. Ingredients are mostly locally-sourced. The house wine comes highly recommended.

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Address: Tripodon, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 8.30am-12.30am

Phone: +30 2285025811

Internet: www.nostimonhellas.gr

Sarris Tavern (Naxos Town)



The excellent value Greek tavern is located only a stone's throw away from the Naxos' waterfront, smack in the middle of a busy touristy street.

Despite the prime location, the tavern charges vary fair prices for the generous portions of authentic Greek food served.

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Address: Pantanassis, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 10am-12.30am

Phone: +30 2285 027086

Axiotissa (Kastraki)



Beyond any doubt one of the finest on the island, Axiotissa is known first and foremost for its organic dish ingredients and wines, all grown and

produced by the owners. Naxian fish, meat, and vegetables are all cooked to perfection (do try the daily specials). Booking essential for evening dining.

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Address: Aliko, Kastraki

Opening hours: Daily 2am-10.30pm

Phone: +30 2285 075107

Sto Ladoxarto (Naxos Town)



A carnivore's paradise, Sto Ladoxarto is a restaurant specializing in meats - primarily the grilled variety. Orders normally come with a side

of potato wedges and a salad, and meals are often followed by a complimentary chocolate

"kormos" dessert. Offers views over the harbour (among other perks).

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Address: Protopadaki, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 22850 22178

Giannis Tavern (Halki)



Take a seat in the shaded leafy square in the very heart of Naxos and tuck into an authentic Greek culinary creation. Meat and chicken are the focal points; these are accompanied by a variety of sides and traditional layered dough spinach and cheese pies.

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Address: Halki, Naxos
Phone: +30 22850 31214

Metaxi mas (Naxos Town)



Located in one of the tiny town alleys (do sit outside if the weather allows), Metaxi mas offers some of the best-value local meals in the old market area. Try one of the saganaki varieties, the melt-in-your-mouth veal with vegetables, or any of the dishes, with a complimentary dessert afterwards.

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Address: Old Town, Naxos
Phone: +30 2285026425
Internet: www.metaximas-naxos.gr

Platsa by Matina and Stayros (Kronos)



The family-run tavern's pleasant garden invites guests to a casual lunch or dinner. Select from the concise menu consisting primarily of varying dishes of the day (lamb is often on the menu), pairing your choice with a very decent house rose wine.

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Address: Kronos Village, Naxos
Phone: +30 22850 51243

O Giorgis (Melanes)



The standout establishment in east-of-the-Hora village of Melanes, O Giorgis serves very decent home-made Greek cuisine to those who happen to pass through the settlement on a hiking route. Try one of the pot stews, or - at the weekends - savour a piece of whole-roasted pig.

Photo: Liliya Kandrashovich/Shutterstock.com
Address: Melanes Village, Naxos
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am
Phone: +30228506 2180

Akrogiali (Agia Anna)



One of the go-to venues for dining and beach relaxation in Agia Anna, the Akrogiali grill tavern features a changing variety of spit-roasted meat on a daily basis. As the sun goes down, its waterfront sunbeds are replaced by exceptionally inviting dining tables.

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Address: Agia Anna, Naxos
Phone: +30 2285 042726
Internet: www.akrogiali-naxos.gr

Meze 2 (Naxos Town/Plaka)



Sea view doesn't come at the expense of quality at this waterside restaurant, serving delicious local meze. Seafood is the true star of the show - try

octopus, mussels, and, of course, fish caught that same day as part of small plates cooked Naxian- and Cretan-style.

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Address: Paralia Chora, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 2285 026401

More Info: Further location operates on Plaka Beach in summer

CAFES



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Cafes are omnipresent in Naxos, many doubling as bars in the after-hours. Quite a few beach bars offer complimentary use of sunbeds and umbrellas to customers. In the way of traditional desserts, Naxos is an island known for its walnut pie made with locally-produced citrus liquor. Do try the so-called "spoon sweets" as well - nuts, fruit pieces, and even some vegetables boiled in sugary syrup and served throughout the year.

Anna's Garden Cafe (Naxos Town)



The tiny cafe run by the industrious Anna is one the places to go for those looking to dine on dishes made with locally-sourced, organic

ingredients. Daily specials vary, at least one is normally vegan and/or vegetarian. Anna's is known for great set breakfasts, too.

Photo: JuJik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paparigopoulou Street, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2m & 6-11pm

Phone: +30 2285 026774

Internet: www.annasorganicnaxos.blogspot.se

More Info: By the Police Station

Pizzadelia (Naxos Town)



Have it your way at Pizzadelia, a Naxian eatery where pizzas are tailored to your liking - whether thin or thick crust, white or

wholewheat flour, regular or gluten-free - all guests' wishes are readily fulfilled. Salads and pasta are good alternatives.

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Address: Protodikeiou Square, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 2285022191

1739 Terrasse Cafe (Naxos Town)



The cafe's well-deserved pride is its beautiful terrace overlooking the water and offering a splendid panoramic view over the whitewashed

Naxos Town. Coffees are strong and enjoy a good reputation, but other drinks are available as well. The cafe is located at the top of the town

castle.

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Address: Kastro, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 2285 023160

More Info: Located on the Kastro of Naxos

Gyro Gyro Grill House (Naxos Town)



Gyro Gyro does fast food the Greek way, serving excellent value pita gyros at very reasonable prices. Grills are extremely appetizing - add fresh

vegetables and tzatziki to your liking. Seating available outdoors. The spot is great for those travelling on a budget.

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Address: Court Square, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 12.15pm-2am

Phone: +30 22850 24847

Internet: www.souvlakia-naxos.gr

Bossa Cafe (Naxos Town)



The elegant cafe with a rather sophisticated vibe offers front-row seating to the spectacular Naxian sunset, pairing the offer with a pleasant selection

of food and drink. Excellent for breakfasts on an airy outdoor terrace by the water, overlooking the town harbour.

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Address: Marina, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 6942444581

More Info: Southern end

Maya Pastry Lounge (Naxos Town)



Maya is known for its decadent-looking pancakes drenched in chocolate cream and syrup, which are its main draw. The cafe also

serves good breakfasts and a whole selection of desserts, such as Nutella cheesecakes, banoffee cakes, tiramisu, and fruit salads as a healthy alternative.

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Address: Paralia, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am

Phone: +30 2285 022226

Rendez Vous (Naxos Town)



Rendez Vous is the go-to place for dessert in Naxos Town. The selection of treats is extensive, with a whole variety of local and international desserts

present. Try the local "baklava" paired with a strong cup of traditional Greek coffee, or - for a more substantial snack - the Greek honey donuts.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Waterfront, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2.30am

Phone: +30 2285023858

Milkato Gelateria (Naxos Town)



At Milkato Gelateria, the chilling dessert comes in many delicious varieties (e.g. parfait) and flavours. Apart from plain ice cream, guests are

welcome to order freshly-made waffles topped with a selection of mouthwatering extras. Outdoor seating available overlooking the

waterfront promenade.

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Address: Protopappadaki Street, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 2285022548

Cafe Lotto (Naxos Town)



The port-side cafe offers a selection of scrumptious dishes (a typical meal includes a variety of meat of your choice served with a side of french fries

and vegetables), and breakfasts that are rumored to be some of the best value in town - food and drink refills are complimentary.

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Address: Paralia, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 2285023386

Flisvos Beach Cafe (St.George Beach)



The traditionally whitewashed yet very trendy beach cafe invites vacationers to an evening cocktail or even a full-blown meal in the

waterfront veranda - try the "surf and turf" mixed grill plate, or go with one of the lighter snacks abundant on the menu. In the evenings, various events are hosted.

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Address: St.George Beach, Naxos

Phone: +30 22850 22935

Internet: www.flisvos-sportclub.com

Del Mar Cafe (Agios Prokopios)



The pleasant cafe is simply not to be missed by those staying in Agios Prokopios - it offers sea-view seating and is run by a lovely Italian

couple, who have added distinct Italian flavor to the cafe's menu - from pizzas to high-quality Italian coffee.

Photo: Sara Winter/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agios Prokopios, Naxos

Phone: +30 2285 044142

Golden Beach Patisserie (Agios Prokopios)



The pleasant waterside cafe offers great value breakfasts, with international breakfast classics such as omelettes, fried eggs,

bacon, and freshly squeezed orange juice.

Multiple pastry varieties are on offer. Repeat customers are welcomed with exceptional warmth.

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Address: Beach Road, Agios Prokopios

Cafe Hide Away (Agios Prokopios)



The well-run cafe offers a truly international selection - breakfasts come in Greek, Continental, German, and English varieties - plus an

added bonus of a "healthy" and "hangover" options. Menu items range from burgers and pizza to desserts and a whole list of coffees.

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Address: Main Street, Agios Prokopios

Phone: +30 2285 041989

Cedar Cafe (Plaka Beach)



The beach bar's thatched roof provides much-needed shade on one of the island's most beloved beaches, inviting guests to stop by for a

relaxing break with seats offering direct views over the water. Select a dish from the cafe's extensive menu or enjoy one of the many refreshing drinks.

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Address: Plaka Beach, Naxos

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am

Phone: +30 2285041005

Banana Beach Bar (Agia Anna)



Attractive both day and night, the waterfront Banana Beach Bar is a great spot in Agia Anna that offers complimentary beach sunbeds to

customers. The food and drink menus are varied, with a wide selection of dishes and cocktail creations available.

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Address: Agia Anna Beach, Naxos

Phone: +30 6978733402

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife in Naxos is relatively low-key, with only a handful of dance venues in operation. Most establishments are concentrated in and around the island's Hora and along the "Paralia" (waterfront), with a couple bars present in the majority of larger Naxian coastal settlements. The most popular format for whiling away an evening is savouring a drink at one of the many bars with a view - whether up on the Kastro or down by the water. The island also serves host to two cultural festivals - the Naxos Festival (runs from the middle of July till September) and Domus Cultural Festival (from June to October), both featuring concerts, film screenings, and various art projects.

La Vigne Wine Bar (Naxos Town)



Apart from its broad collection of local and international wines (organic wines and French champagne imports, for example), the

La Vigne Wine Bar offers first-class dining on Greek, French, Asian, and Caribbean cuisine-inspired dishes in an intimate and welcoming atmosphere.

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Address: Old Town, Naxos

Opening hours: Daily 7.15pm-1am
Phone: +30 2285 027199

Citron Cafe Naxos (Naxos Town)



The waterside establishment with a view specializes in "kitron" - a citrus-derived drink produced at a nearby distillery (Valindras in

Halki). Guests are invited to sample multiple varieties of the island's signature drink and other citrus-based products crafted there, such as candy.

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Address: Beach, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 22850 27055

Naxos On The Rocks Bar (Naxos Town)

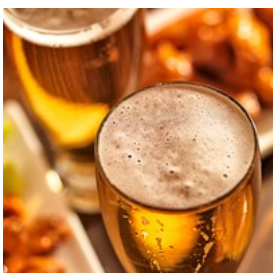


A lively venue with a massive display of liquor behind the bar, On The Rocks serves quality drinks and frequently hosts karaoke nights

where patrons sing their hearts out in multiple European languages. The bar is one of the rare spots on the island that offer shisha service. Broadcasts football.

Photo: thanosquest/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hora, Naxos Town
Opening hours: Sun-Thurs 6pm-3am, Fri-Sat 6pm-5am
Phone: +30 2285 029224

Ebeeria (Naxos Town)



It's all in the name at waterside Ebeeria, a bar and restaurant that specializes in local and imported beers. The beer menu features Greek

microbrews and larger, established national labels, along with quite a few imports ranging from peculiar white to fruity beers.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com
Address: Port Street, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 2285023834
Internet: www.ebeeria.com

The Ocean Club (Naxos Town)



One of the island's go-to nightlife venues, The Ocean Club boasts an airy outdoor terrace for low-key evening cocktails and an indoor dancing

area that comes alive every weekend during the high season. In the winter, the venue remains open hosting (less frequent) concerts and guest DJs.

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Address: Ariadnis, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 2285027034

DaCosta (Naxos Town)



A venue that frequently hosts DJs (often from the Greek mainland) and theme parties, DaCosta is a stylish bar with nightclub character - the

danceable tunes bring the floor alive, and quality drinks keep the party going well into the wee hours. Opens nightly May through September.

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Address: Old Town, Naxos
Phone: +30 697 593 9104
More Info: Behind the Port Police building

Jazz & Blues (Naxos Town)



Jazz & Blues caters to a mature audience, putting on regular live music performances in the evenings. Offers seating in an intimate, dimly-lit outdoor area. A selection of drinks is served (wines, beers, cocktails and spirits). Prices tend to be lower than in most waterfront bars.

Photo: Geoff Goldswain/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Town, Naxos

Phone: +30 22850 27394

520 Bar (Naxos Town)



Housed inside one of the delectable whitewashed Cycladic houses, the 520 Bar offers some of the best views among evening establishments in Naxos Town, its terrace directly overlooking the port sunset. Cocktails are artisan, containing some quintessentially Greek ingredients (e.g. mastiha liquor).

Photo: Yellowj/Shutterstock.com

Address: Waterfront, Naxos Town

Mojito Beach Bar (Agios Prokopios)



The bar delivers on the promise in its name - the Mojitos here are indeed of very good quality, along with other drink concoctions from the menu. At night, this is good spot to people-watch and even enjoy a live band performance very once in a while.

Photo: Ivan Mateev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agios Prokopios, Naxos

Phone: +302285042050

Banana Beach Bar (Agia Anna)



One of the standouts in Agia Anna, Banana Beach Bar is where sun-kissed vacationers come to while away an evening to the sound of waves rustling (or live music tunes - with relative frequency). Serves delightful cocktails and a wide array of meat and seafood dishes.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Anna Beach, Naxos

Phone: +30 6978733402

SHOPPING



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The place to go for some of the best shopping on Naxos is, of course, the island's Hora. Items typical of Naxos are olive-derived products, local sweets and candy, organic foods such as cheeses and herbs, wines, and "kitron" (citrus liquor). When it comes to souvenirs, explore the variety of Naxian handicrafts - from hand-woven fabrics to ceramic pieces to hand-made artisan jewellery.

The larger villages of Halki, Apiranthos, and Filoti offer further shopping opportunities. For everyday needs, several vendors' stalls and mini-markets are usually in operation on and around the large beaches.

Kastro (Naxos Town)



Hora's old quarter known as Kastro is the island's shopping hot spot - its windy streets are packed with tiny stores and boutiques selling all manner of things, from clothing and beach paraphernalia to local delicacies and souvenirs, including Naxian foods and ceramics.

Photo: Milan Gonda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kastro, Naxos Town

Anna's Organic Shop (Naxos Town)



The tiny shop run by one organic produce enthusiast doubles as a cafe (do try one of the breakfasts in the adjacent garden!), and sells a moderate selection of biological foods, fruit, vegetables, organic wines, and even a few baked goodies.

Photo: TravnikovStudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Papparigopoulou Street, Naxos Town

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2m & 6-11pm

Phone: +30 2285 026774

More Info: By the Police Station

Fish & Olive (Halki)



Those who venture out on a hike to the scenic Halki will be duly rewarded by a chance to marvel at the masterful ceramics and exquisite jewellery by the well-regarded local Fish & Olive brand. The boutique also stocks a fabled extra-virgin olive oil produced by the Mercouri family.

Photo: Arnon.PT/Shutterstock.com

Address: Platia Halki, Naxos

Phone: +30 2285 031771

Internet: www.fish-olive-creations.com

Naxia Sweet Home (Naxos Town)



The tiny family-run Naxian boutique specializes in artisan candy, made with quintessentially local flavors such as sage, citrus, mastic, and even ouzo. Candy is made directly before the eyes of the visitors, who are welcome to sample several varieties before taking a pick.

Photo: Ruth Black/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45 Exarxopoulou, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 22850 22529

Limpertas Manolis Pottery (Naxos Town)



This artisan pottery shop is where the talented host invites visitors to watch as the one-of-a-kind creations emerge from under his hands. The tucked away studio offers a selection of exquisite creations that make perfect souvenirs to bring home with you. Ask for directions to find your way.

Photo: v.s.anandhakrishna/Shutterstock.com

Address: Damalas, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 2285032820

Melissinos Jewellery (Naxos Town)



This family-run jewellery shop offers unbeatable, personal customer service and a selection of unique, artisan items designed locally as well

as by well-established Greek designers (Stella Deligianni, Margoni and Sarina, among others). Conveniently located in Naxos Town's Court Square.

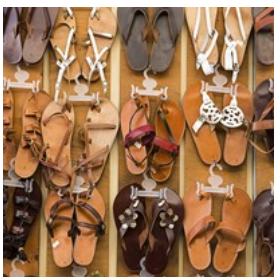
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Address: Court Square, Naxos Town

Phone: +30 22850 26613

Internet: www.melissinos-art.com

Pagonis Leather Center (Naxos Town)



The Pagonis leather store specializes in hand-made shoes and sandals, and sells all manner of natural leather goods from bags to belts - for men and

women. The family-run enterprise aims to represent local Greek producers, and has been in business since 1940.

Photo: Anastasios71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Post Street, Naxos

Phone: +30 2285 024501

Internet: www.greek-sandals.com

Papyrus (Naxos Town)



What once was a small used book shop has now turned into a store with a rather impressive selection of literature in a variety of European

languages - an estimate of 15 000 editions altogether. A special book-swap system is in place, allowing customers to exchange books at a

very moderate fee.

Photo: luminaimages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hora, Naxos

More Info: North of the port, behind Meze 2 restaurant

Tziblakis (Naxos Town)



Naxians themselves frequent Kiriakos Tziblakis - a longstanding local store, that packs an assortment of authentic cheeses (made by the managing family), wines and raki, honey, a variety of spices and so-called "spoon sweets", rare teas, and even a few ceramic pieces and handicrafts.

Photo: Cylonphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hora, Naxos

Phone: +30 22850 22230

Flisvos Sports Gear (Naxos Town)



For water sports enthusiasts (or those inspired by Naxian waters on-the-spot), Flisvos Sports Gear offers a ready-made solution, packing its small space to the brim with water sports attire and all sorts of equipment for wind- and kite-surfing.

Photo: Steve Heap/Shutterstock.com

Address: St.George Beach, Naxos

Phone: +30 22850 22935

Internet: www.flisvos-sportclub.com

More Info: South of St.George Beach

Promponas Wines and Liquors (Naxos Town)



The store is a good place to stock up on the citrus liquor ("kitron") indigenous to the island, as well as browse through a nice selection of locally produced wines and sweets ("spoon sweets" - fruit and vegetables preserved in a thick syrup without artificial additives).

Photo: Markus Mainka/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Dimitris Prombona, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 22850 22258

Techni (Naxos Town)



If you're in the market for some exquisite authentic embroidery, rugs, bed linens, and other home decor items made of fabric, look no further - Techni stocks an incredible selection of artisan pieces, both old and new, many being one-off examples of hand-made Naxian art.

Photo: Dimitrios/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Market, Naxos Town
Phone: +30 2285024767
Internet: www.naxos-art.gr
More Info: Located in the Old Market

Gallery El (Halki)



A Naxian local, who had spent a good three decades living abroad in New York, has returned home only to start this exquisite gallery-cum-art store, packed with artisan items inspired by the verdant island. Olive tree motives dominate the art work - from home decor pieces to jewellery.

Photo: ConstantinosZ/Shutterstock.com
Address: Halki, Naxos
Phone: +30 69860 83477

Fossil Contor (Naxos Town)



Run by a German expat, the store packs an excellent collection of jewellery containing some fine, exquisite necklaces, rings, bracelets, and more. The store is also authorized to recreate the original Nebra Sky Disk - a piece depicting star constellations dating back to the Bronze Age.

Photo: ne3p/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hora, Naxos Town
Internet: www.fossil-contor.at

Penelope (Halki)



The artisan crafts shop in Halki village is run by its talented namesake Penelope, who puts the knowledge passed down to her through generations to practice and creates unique traditional designs of bed linens, table cloths, items of clothing, and other souvenir-perfect pieces.

Photo: Orxan Rzayev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Halki, Naxos
Phone: +30 2285032988

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



The Naxos National Airport is located a mere couple of kilometers outside the town center. At the moment, the airport only serves the

capital city of Athens.

There is a bus service to the city - buses run at half-hour intervals from the bus stop just outside the airport. Further destination on the island may be reached from the main bus station in Naxos Town.

Taxis are available for hire at the airport's taxi stand.

Photo: Juan Garces

Ferry



Getting to Naxos is possible by ferry from Athens (Piraeus), passing through Santorini on the way - perfect for those looking to island-hop. In

the summer, multiple ferries connect Naxos to other islands in the area, such as Paros, Crete, Mykonos, and others.

Public Transport



There is a well-developed bus network on the island, so reaching nearly any settlement (especially during high season) shouldn't present much

difficulty. Tickets must be bought prior to boarding and are always sold at bus stations and/or ticket machines.

In Naxos Town, the bus station is located right by the port, not far from the Tourist Information Center.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



If travelling short distances, taxis may be a good option. Cabs are often concentrated around the port area and popular tourist spots.

Radiotaxi Naxos
+30 22850 22444

Post



Stamps may be purchased at many local vendors and small stores. Look out for yellow post boxes, which may be found in most settlements

around the island.

The main post office is located in Naxos Town, behind the City Hall.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7.30am-2.30pm

Phone: +30 8011138000

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are widely available throughout the Hora, and there is usually at least one on all major beaches and in various settlements. Ask around

to be guided to the nearest one.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Greece +30 Area code
22850

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 volts

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

18,904 (2011)

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Opening hours vary by season, with longer hours in the summer. Some business targeted primarily at tourists do not operate during low season.

Newspapers

Aegean News
Ekathimerini

Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112
Tourist police: 171

Tourist information

Naxos Tourist Information Center
Naxos Town (opposite the quay, by the central bus station)