



# Mykonos

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The eclectic mosaic that is Mykonos is made up of pristine beaches, elegant boutiques, fine dining restaurants, rowdy bars and dazzling nightclubs all packed onto one tiny piece of land a mere 15km long at its widest point. Partying is a round-the-clock affair here, happening against the backdrop of scenic whitewashed houses crowding up the old town and iconic windmills perched atop the hills overlooking Little Venice.

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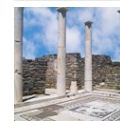
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## THE ISLAND



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The tiny Cycladic island of Mykonos sprung to blossom as a tourist destination in the 60s and 70s, when it was first discovered by global glitterati and often featured in magazines as the new hot place to be for the "it" crowd. The island today has kept little of its past exclusivity (although celebrities do make appearances at some of its fashion boutiques every now and then), and welcomes diverse crowds every summer season. July and August are the busiest, with late spring and early fall allowing visitors to discover a quieter, more tranquil side to the island.

During high season, avoid the narrow streets of Mykonos Town (also referred to as "Hora", or "Chora") during daytime to escape cruise ship crowds and venture out to one of the island's many beaches, or try scuba diving under careful supervision of professionals from the island's many dive centers.

The island, along with its tiny neighbor of Delos, featured prominently in Greek mythology and was first settled in 11th century BC. Excursus into the past may be made via the island's several tiny museums and the well-maintained Archaeological Site of Delos.

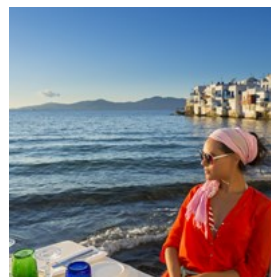
## DO & SEE



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The entire island of Mykonos is only 15 km at its widest point, which makes a thorough exploration of everything it has to offer a task not too daunting. Start off by strolling through Little Venice - the waterfront bar and restaurant strip of Mykonos Town, and make your way up into the maze of narrow streets dotted with shops and eateries. Take a photo against the backdrop of the island's iconic windmills, and make the most of its many splendid beaches. Diving opportunities abound for those willing to descend underwater.

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Photo: Anastasios71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mykonos Town

## Beaches



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Beach for some of the hottest waterside bars and clubs that never sleep (dancing is often in full swing in broad daylight!). For a more relaxed, quieter experience head to Elia, Platis Gialos, Ornos, Panormos, Paranga or Agios Sostis Beaches - the latter is a real hidden gem tucked away far from the frenzied crowd in the island's north.

Photo: Omar Haroun (image cropped)  
Address: Paradise Beach, Mykonos

## The Windmills

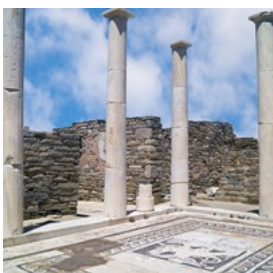


The island's iconic landmark - its whitewashed round windmills (or Kato Milli) make for some incredible postcard-ready

photographs. Take a short hike up the tiny hill in the town's south and enjoy a closer look at these (now) monuments formerly used for grain grinding.

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Address: Mykonos Town  
More Info: Between Alefkandra and Neochori

## Archaeological Site of Delos

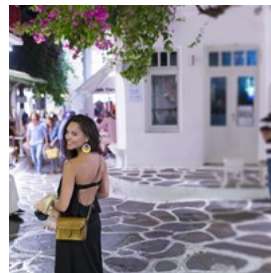


A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the island of Delos is a must-visit for the history-curious and archaeology enthusiasts. The site holds some

curios remains of ancient civilizations - a former amphitheater, historic houses with mosaics, temples and the famous Terrace of the Lions. Do not skip on the museum, either - it contains some artifacts as old as the 25th century BC.

Photo: Yiannis Papadimitriou/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Delos, Cyclades

## Matoyianni Street



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Mykonos Town's labyrinth of brilliant white-colored houses. The street is lined with designer boutiques, souvenir shops and enticing restaurants in tiny squares that seem to spring out at wanderers at every turn.

Photo: Anastasios71/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Matoyianni Street, Mykonos Town

## DINING



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The sheer number of eateries for an island as small as Mykonos is dazzling, with the majority of restaurants and tavernas concentrated in Mykonos Town and along the waterfront of Little Venice. Mykonian cuisine is defined by its pork and fried fish dishes (red mullet and skate are

most common), octopus meze (small tapa-style plate), and the use of goat's milk and onions in cooking. The Greek "classics" (such as moussaka, for example) are readily available to order throughout.

### M-eating



Tucked away in the windy maze of the town's streets is M-eating, an upscale dining establishment that serves top-notch Mediterranean cuisine.

It's hard to go wrong with your order at this award-winning restaurant, but opt for seabass or veal and you will surely not be disappointed.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kalogera 10, Mykonos Town  
Opening hours: 7pm-1am  
Phone: +30 2289 078550  
Internet: [www.m-eating.gr/en](http://www.m-eating.gr/en)  
Email: [info@m-eating.gr](mailto:info@m-eating.gr)

### Sakis Grill House



On an island where food tends to get a bit pricey, Sakis is a true hidden gem for travelers on a budget. The place serves

Greek fast food (pita, gyros, salads, fries and - of course- souvlaki) and is one recommended by locals who are frequent customers.

Photo: Christopher Meder/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kalogera 7, Mykonos Town  
Phone: +30 2289 024848  
Internet: [www.sakisgrillhouse.yolasite.com](http://www.sakisgrillhouse.yolasite.com)  
Email: [sakisgrillhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:sakisgrillhouse@hotmail.com)

### To Maereio



This Mykonian restaurant isn't much for vegetarians - the majority of dishes served are hearty and meat-based, guaranteed to satiate the wildest of

hungers. Expect a short wait to be seated - a small price to pay for the cosy atmosphere of this restaurant with a homely feel.

Photo: Valery121283/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kalogera 16, Mykonos Town  
Phone: +30 2289 028825

### Captain's



A unique find in the busy Mykonos harbor area, Captain's skimps on neither food quality nor attentive service. Enjoy a selection of "meze" (small

Greek tapas-style dishes) to share, or go for one of the many menu items. Seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes served.

Photo: Envyligh/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Waterfront, Mykonos Town  
Phone: +30 2289 023283  
Internet: [www.captainsmykonos.gr](http://www.captainsmykonos.gr)

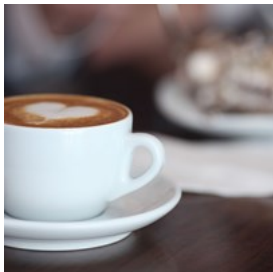
## CAFÉS



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Cafés dot the island, their numbers peaking in the old town area and along the beach front. Greek souvlaki enjoys special popularity among visitors looking to grab a quick bite with an authentic flair, and so do the sweet and savory pancakes. For dessert, do not miss a local almond-based treat called "amygdalota" - a bell-shaped cookie with a soft core that is crunchy on the outside.

### Alegro



The waterside location in the harbor and extensive menu are just some of Alegro's highlights - enjoy a restaurant-quality meal, small snack or simply opt

for a coffee and dessert (baklava seems to be stealing the show here) at this Greek tavern with a view.

Photo: Kichigin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gialos, Mykonos Town

Phone: +30 2289 025030

Internet: [www.alegro-mykonos.com](http://www.alegro-mykonos.com)

### Madoupas



Madoupas doesn't neatly fit into a single category - it's simultaneously a bar, café and restaurant that serves local Greek cuisine in generous portions.

Breakfasts are exemplary, and so is the location at the town's waterfront.

Photo: Sofia Andreevna/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yialos, Mykonos Town

Phone: +30 22890 22224

More Info: Old Port of Mykonos

### Yummy Mykonos



If a quick bite is what you're after, head to Yummy Mykonos and choose among multiple varieties of sweet and savory crepes and

min-waffles. Drinks served include coffee and fresh-squeezed orange juice. Free wifi for guests comes as a pleasant bonus.

Photo: leonori/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lakka, Mykonos Town

Phone: +30 2289028823

### Suisse Café



Known for its two very hospitable owners, the Suisse Café is a perfect spot to unwind and enjoy the cafés one-of-kind decor carefully crafted by

the hosts. Desserts, sweet crepes and ice creams are probably the most popular (but far not the only) items on the menu.

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Address: Matoyani Street, Mykonos

Phone: +30 2289 027462

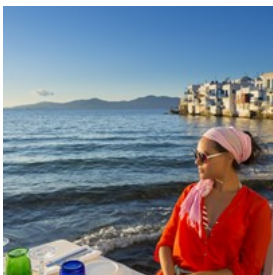
## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The party never dies in Mykonos, where day-time beach entertainment often precedes the "classic" nightclubbing experience. Some of the loudest, rowdiest beach venues are to be found at Psarrou Beach (popular with Greeks), and the Paradise/Super Paradise Beaches. In Mykonos Town, pre-sunset pastimes are much more tame, with relaxing waterfront bars of Little Venice getting packed with patrons savoring slightly overpriced cocktails in the evenings. At night, the island's many clubs open their doors to those still ready to paint the town red.

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Address: Mykonos Town

### Scarpa Bar



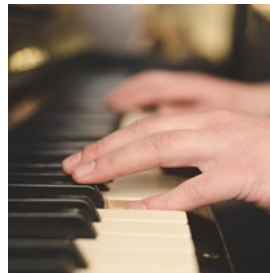
Cocktails at Scarpa might tend to get a bit pricey, but the unbeatable combination of quality and setting make this compact bar in the heart of Mykonos' Little Venice an offer worth every cent. Sit outside by the water and enjoy the sunset from what is possibly the best cocktail bar on the strip.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Little Venice, Mykonos Town

Phone: +30 2289 023294

### Montparnasse - The Piano Bar



This laid-back evening venue hosts daily live singing shows with a piano accompaniment. Shows usually start at around 10pm and go late into the night. The waterfront location makes for a very pleasant atmosphere, and the iconic windmills are visible from here, too.

Photo: march.photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24, Agion Anargyron Street, Mykonos Town

Phone: +22890 23719

Internet: [www.thepianobar.com](http://www.thepianobar.com)

More Info: Little Venice

### Cine Manto



Cine Manto is, perhaps, Mykonos' best-kept secret when it comes to nightlife. Essentially an open-air movie theater, Cine Manto is practically hidden in plain sight in the heart of Mykonos Town. Movie schedules vary by week, and an on-site restaurant serves mouthwatering food

and drinks.

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Address: Mykonos Town

Phone: +30 2289 026165

Internet: [www.cinemanto.gr](http://www.cinemanto.gr)

### Cavo Paradiso



Arguably the best and certainly the most grandiose club on the island, Cavo Paradiso regularly host top-notch international DJs and is

nightly packed to capacity with party-goers.

Those who make it to sunrise will be duly rewarded with stunning views down below.

Photo: sad444/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paradise Bay, Mykonos

Opening hours: From mid June to mid September, nightly during the summer

Phone: +30 22890 26124

Internet: [www.cavoparadiso.gr](http://www.cavoparadiso.gr)

More Info: Left side of the hill

## SHOPPING

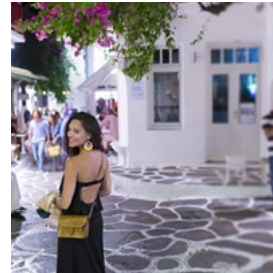


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Shopping in Mykonos is (perhaps, a bit surprisingly) a high-end affair, with multiple upscale boutiques selling all manner of items from brand-name clothing to jewelry to Swarovsky-encrusted shoes dotting the historic town. Art-lovers will surely enjoy the galleries

and design stores displaying (and often selling) works by Greek artists. Local crafts to shop for include hand-woven items such as rugs, scarves and tablecloths. Not to be missed are Mykonian treats (almond cookies), organic produce and natural cosmetics.

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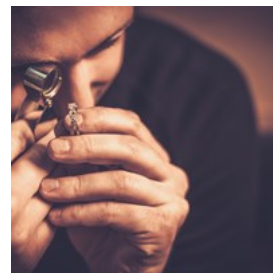
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Address: Matoyianni Street, Mykonos Town

### LALAOUNIS



The Mykonos instalment of this nation-wide chain sells high-class, superb quality jewellery inspired by Byzantine motifs.

Designs clearly ring back to ancient times, and some are actual replicas of originals discovered during archaeological exploration of the area.

Photo: Nejrion Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Polikandrioti Street, Mykonos

Phone: +30 22890 22444

Internet: [www.iliaslalaounis.eu](http://www.iliaslalaounis.eu)

Email: [lalaounismykonos@lalaounis.gr](mailto:lalaounismykonos@lalaounis.gr)

## Soho-Soho



This boutique's fame has long extended far beyond the tiny Greek island thanks to the many celebrities who have been spotted making an

appearance here at different points in time.

Consultants are readily available to guide customers through the shopping process. Expect upper-range pricing.

46 Matogianni Str. (women's), +30 22890 26760

51 Matogianni Str., (men's), +30 22890 27670

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 46 Matogianni Str., Mykonos

Phone: +30 22890 26760

Internet: [www.sohosoho.gr](http://www.sohosoho.gr)

## Skaropoulos



Confections have a long tradition here at Skaropoulos, a shop frequented by figures as prominent as Winston Churchill ever since its

establishment nearly a century ago in 1921. The sweets to try here are the almond cookies and their specialty - "amygdalota" (another almond-based treat).

Photo: Juice Team/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ano Mera, Mykonos

Phone: +30 22890 24 983

More Info: About 1km on the road to Ano Mera

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Mykonos Island National Airport



Mykonos has its own airport, direct flights are available from multiple European destinations. To travel the 4km to town, use one of the taxis for

hire right outside the airport terminal, or a pre-arranged transfer (some hotels pick up guests directly at the airport). Bus service to the city (southern bus station) is also available, but is infrequent and runs on no definitive schedule.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Mykonos, Greece

Internet: [www.mykonos-airport.org](http://www.mykonos-airport.org)

### Ferry



Most ferries run between the months of April and October. Direct connections to Mykonos via high speed ferries and boats are available from

Piraeus and Rafina (check in advance whether your ferry arrives at the old or new port, this may vary by company). Ferries also run to and from other nearby islands in the Cyclades.



## Public Transport



There are two bus stations at the opposite ends of Mykonos Town (these are a 20 minute walk away from one another). Use the main station (Fabrika) to catch a bus to Paraga, Platys Gialos, Paradise, Agios Ioannis and Ornos. The northern station serves Elia, Ano Mera, Panormos and Kalafatis. Bus frequencies may vary depending on the time of year (more buses run during high season); intervals are usually somewhere between 30 min and an hour. Tickets may be purchased from the driver directly or in advance at ticket machines and tourist shops.

Small fishing boats are an alternative means of transport - these circulate between the main beaches of the island.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Address: Southern Bus Station, Mykonos

## Taxi



Taxis in Mykonos are in high demand, and getting one in high season might require some patience. Taxis can be hired in Manto Square (also referred to as the Taxi Square). There are usually fixed prices displayed inside the cabs for main destinations around the island, meters are normally not used. Ordering a taxi often comes at an extra charge.

Radio Taxi Mykonos  
+302289023700

VIP Transfer Services  
+30 6945 597854

## Post Office



Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: Mykonos Town  
Opening hours: 7.30am-2pm  
Phone: +30 2289022238  
Internet: [www.elta.gr](http://www.elta.gr)  
More Info: Next to the Police Station

## Pharmacy



Michail Dachtylidis 57  
Agiou Artemiou Street,  
Fabrika, Mykonos Town  
Ioannis Theocharis 31  
Andronikou Street,  
Matogiannia, Mykonos

Town  
+30 2289 023770

Kimon Koukouzelis  
Agia Kiriaki Square, Mykonos Town

Photo: Gemma Garner  
Address: 57 Agiou Artemiou Street, Fabrika, Mykonos Town

## Telephone



+30 - Greece country  
code 289 - Mykonos city  
code

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity

220 V, 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

10.134 (2011)

## Currency

Euro

## Opening hours

Shops and restaurants start operating in the morning and are open well into the night (often until midnight or later, some close for mid-day break). Museums and tourist attractions often close during low season, and work half day between April and October (some in the morning, others in the afternoon).

## Newspapers

Athens News (English)

Ekathimerini (English)

## Emergency numbers

Police: 100

Fire: 199

Medical Emergency: 112

Ambulance: 166

Tourist Police: 171

Coast guard: 108

## Tourist information

Mykonos Accommodations Center

(corner of Enoplou Dhinameon and Malamatenias)

+30 22890 23 160

[www.mykonos-accommodation.com](http://www.mykonos-accommodation.com)