



# Chios

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Like most Greek islands, Chios really comes to life in summer – but unlike many of its neighbours, most of its summer visitors are Greeks from Athens and the mainland. This gives the island an authentically Greek flavour and ensures an animated nightlife and some excellent Greek cooking. There’s plenty of sightseeing to be done, and enough active pursuits to keep any visitor happy for a full fortnight.



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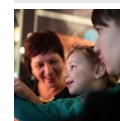
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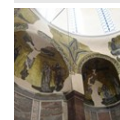
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## THE ISLAND



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Lying within sight of the Turkish mainland, Chios is (by Aegean standards) a big and prosperous island. Its rolling hillsides are covered with olive groves, vineyards and mastic plantations which made the island wealthy during the Ottoman era.

Chios is also the ancestral home of several of Greece's leading ship-owning dynasties, many of whom maintain holiday villas on the island, and its main port bustles with merchant shipping and, in summer, a scattering of opulent yachts. There is little to remind you of the ancient world, but Chios has more than a few relics of its years as a fief of the Giustiniani, a medieval Genoese trading clan who controlled many of the North Aegean islands, and as part of the Ottoman Empire (the island was liberated and became part of Greece only in 1913).

## DO & SEE



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Chios Town (also referred to as 'Chora') is a surprisingly modern city. With a crescent harbour overlooked by office blocks, warehouses and workshops; it is dominated by the forbidding walls of the Kastro. This Genoese castle partially encloses an old quarter of narrow streets, tall stone houses with wrought iron balconies and shuttered windows, and drinking fountains bearing Koranic inscriptions that hint at their Turkish ancestry. There is plenty to do on and around the island - from active pursuits to sightseeing and relaxing beach time.

### Chios Cooking Lessons



An enjoyable activity to be done with a group of friends, the cooking lessons organized by a Chios native will grant you insight into the intricacies of local cuisine, and give you the chance to try a hand at creating an edible masterpiece with some of the freshest local ingredients.

Photo: RealChios

Address: Kambos, Greece

Phone: +30 6947315709

Internet:

[www.cookinglessons.realchios.gr/chios-cooking-lessons](http://www.cookinglessons.realchios.gr/chios-cooking-lessons)

Email: [info@realchios.gr](mailto:info@realchios.gr)

## Yacht Tours



A number of companies offer all-day yacht tours around Chios and to neighboring islands - an experience guaranteed to leave visitors with lasting impressions. Most tours include a BBQ lunch on board and stops for swimming out in the open sea and/or lesser known, secluded beaches.

### Chios Yachting:

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Address: Karfas, Greece

Phone: +30 6937077414

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

## Citrus Estate



Citrus reigns king here in the heart of Kambos, a picturesque area south of Chios Town. A tiny citrus plantation and museum devoted to the sour fruit will give you an insight into its processing stages, and the adjacent gift shop - an opportunity to stock up on some unique citrusy souvenirs.

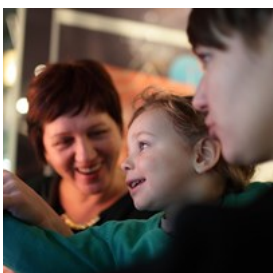
Photo: Chamille White/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9-11 Argenti, Chios

Phone: +30 22710 31513

Internet: [www.citrus-chios.gr](http://www.citrus-chios.gr)

## Byzantine Museum



The most interesting aspect of this museum is the building itself - a mosque with the only intact minaret in the Aegean Islands. The

museum contains a clutter of Hellenistic statuary, Roman slabs and a collection of Turkish, Jewish and Armenian tombstones that hint at the island's multi-ethnic past.

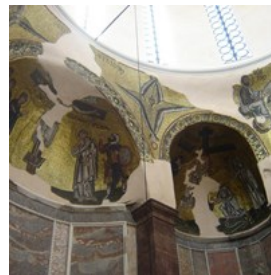
Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vounaki Square, Chios

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8.30am-1pm, Monday closed

Phone: +30 22710 81337

## Nea Moni



"New Monastery" is a misnomer - this imposing religious institution was founded in the 11th century by the Byzantine Emperor Constantine IX

Monomachos. It is, perhaps, the finest religious building in the Aegean islands, with mosaics that date back to the golden age of Byzantine religious art.

Photo: John Karakatsanis/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Nea Moni, Homeroupolis, Chios

Public Transport: green bus line (route 90) connects the city and monastery

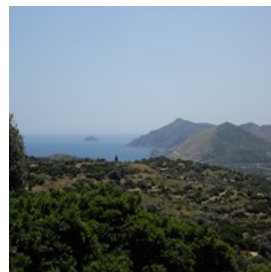
Opening hours: 8am-1pm & 4-8pm

Phone: +30 22 710 79391

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

More Info: Near Avgonyma village, 15 km west of Chios Town

## Kambos



Inland from the town lies the fertile plain known as the Kambos, an area of olive groves, lemon and orange orchards, almond trees and patchwork

fields divided by stone walls and country lanes.

Under the Giustiniani, this rich hinterland was the domain of wealthy Genoese landowners and many of their substantial stone mansions can still

be seen - some have been turned into holiday homes by wealthy Athenians, while a few have been converted into comfortable guesthouses.

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### The Mastic Villages



Further inland, in the southern part of the island, lie the so-called masticochoria (mastic villages). These well-preserved, fortified villages date from the 14th-16th centuries and were centres for the cultivation of mastic. Mastic is the sweet-tasting gum of the lentisk bush, which was exported all over the Mediterranean - and the area still produces around 300 tonnes of mastic every year.

The most picturesque villages are Pyrgi, with its houses decorated in black and white geometric patterns called xysta Mesta, where towers and walls surround a baffling labyrinth of village streets as well as Olympoi and Vessa are all a worth a visit.

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### Anavatos



This ghostly but picturesque hill village has been abandoned since 1822, when its 400 inhabitants chose to throw themselves from its 300 meter high cliff rather than fall into Turkish hands during the genocide following the revolt against Ottoman rule.

Photo: mits dros/Shutterstock.com

Address: Anavatos, Omiroupolis, Chios

More Info: 4 km from Avgonyma village

### Inousses (Oinousses)



This tiny island cluster in the narrow strait between Chios and Turkey is said to be one of the wealthiest spots in Greece - several millionaire ship owners have their roots and family homes here. They prize their peace and quiet, so the islands are pleasantly unspoiled and there are good (but tiny) beaches next to the main island's small port village. There is also a Maritime Museum which celebrates the island's seafaring traditions.

Photo: kokixx/Shutterstock.com

Address: Inousses, Greece

Public Transport: By sea from Chios

### Trips to Samos and Mytilini



There are several ferries and (in summer) hydrofoils between Chios and the neighbouring islands of Samos (4 hrs south of Chios) and Mytilini (also called Lesvos, 3 hrs north). Try the local Muscat wine in the former and ouzo in the latter.

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Public Transport: ferries run from Chios port

Phone: +30 22710 55222

### Medieval City of Mesta



The tiny castle village of Mesta dates back to the Byzantine period, when its residents hid from marauder attacks behind the thick city walls. Today

this unique historical monument welcomes visitors and invites you to taste its local wine called "Mestousiko".

Photo: Steliost/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mesta, Chios

Public Transport: Daily green buses from Chios Town's waterfront long-distance bus station

### Pyrgi



This tiny village is known for the intricate black and white geometric patterns covering most facades. A true piece of folk art, Pyrgi is a Chios must-see

and photographers' haunt - the curvy village streets are very photogenic.

Photo: fivepointsix/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pyrgi, Chios

Public Transport: Daily green buses from Chios Town's waterfront long-distance bus station

### Vroulidia



Tucked away in a secluded location, this tiny bay is a hidden gem on the island of Chios. The pristine turquoise waters and idyllic

landscape of the untamed nature are a true find if you're looking for a few hours of peaceful bliss. The beach itself is mostly sandy with a few pebbles mixed in.

Photo: sarikosta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vroulidia, Chios

More Info: Located on the way to Emporiois and down a narrow paved road, then down a footpath to the beach

### Olympi



Nowhere else on the island is the scenery more reminiscent of the middle ages than in the tiny village of Olympi, where many of the

narrow windy streets aren't lit up at night, which helps create an eerie medieval feel. Make sure to check out the nearby caves as well.

Photo: Kayla A/Shutterstock.com

Address: Olympi, Chios

### Chios Castle



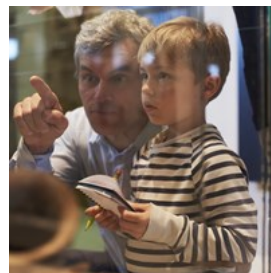
If you have some time to spare in Chios, check out the town's old historic castle located right next to the town's port. The castle walls encircle a

tiny village as well as hide some architectural treasures, such as a restored Ottoman era bath house and an abandoned mosque.

Photo: Nejdet Duzen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Castle of Chios, Chios

### Archaeological Museum



Even if archaeology doesn't particularly excite you, this Chios museum certainly will - the skillfully arranged exposition tells a

fascinating story of the island's glory days and boasts a striking collection of ancient jewelry. Exhibits date back to the 8th and 9th centuries.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Michalon, Chios

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8.30am - 2.45pm, Monday closed

Phone: +30 22710 44239

### Polychoros Agio Galas



Tucked away in the northwestern part of the island (about 60 km from Chios town) is a tiny mountain village of Agio Galas. Take a tour to the cave and visit the local church, and don't forget to ask about the story behind the place's name (Agio Galas means "Holy milk").

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agios Galas, Chios

Phone: +30 2274 022004

More Info: Check whether caves are open on the planned day of your visit

### Chios Beer Microbrewery



Tucked away in one of the back roads, this off-the-beaten path sight is definitely worth a visit - especially if you're a beer-lover. There are no organised tours, but the brewers are extremely friendly and will most probably offer you a sample or two of the wonderful Chios beer.

Photo: Roman Rybaleov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 78 Agiou Mina, Chios Town

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Phone: +30 2271 033107

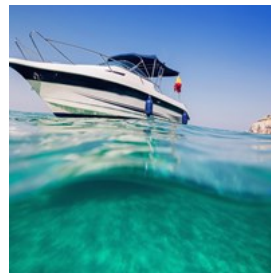
## BEACHES



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Chios has more than a dozen good beaches, ranging from stretches of white and black pebbles to bays of coarse sand. The busiest are those closest to Chios Town, and most have a range of places to stay and eat.

### Karfas

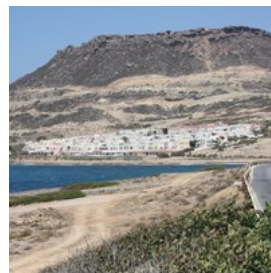


This big beach is probably the best - and certainly the most popular - on the island. Only 8 km from Chios Town, it has fine sand and a full range of beach facilities including loungers, umbrellas, beach sports, showers and a good choice of water sports, along with places to stay, eat and drink.

Photo: Kuznetcov\_Konstantin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Karfas, Chios

### Agia Fotia



Brilliant blue water and clean white and black pebbles are the hallmarks of this beach at Neohori, 11 km south of Chios Town. Agia Fotia has a reasonable choice of places to stay and eat and is one of the most conveniently located beaches on

Chios, with easy access to the town and the airport.

Photo: Shadowgate/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Agia Fotia, Chios

### Agia Markella



Between wooded headlands, this curve of pebbly beach is overlooked by the historic convent of Agia Markella, so the beach has been

preserved from over-development (and nude bathing is frowned upon). There are a couple of small summer tavernas which operate from late May until September.

Photo: sarikosta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Markella, Chios

### Daskalopetra (Vrondados)



Also known as Vrondados in some brochures, Daskalopetra lies 7 km north of Chios Town and owes its popularity mainly to its location. The

water is clean, but the beach is mainly pebbly. Good choice of places to eat with accommodation nearby, and conveniently close to town and airport.

Photo: Steliost/Shutterstock.com

Address: Daskalopetra, Chios

### Elinda



This calm blue bay on the west coast, near Anavatos, has sand and clear water that is great for snorkeling. It is an excellent place for a swim

or a picnic lunch if visiting Anavatos by car - but this is very much a place for true beachcombers, as there are no facilities of any kind.

Photo: Pascal Mages/Flickr

Address: Elinda, Chios

### Komi



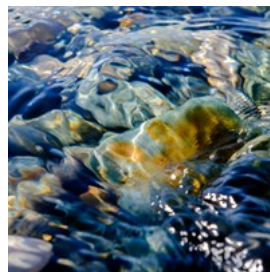
Komi beach is one of the best beaches on the island for families with lifeguards (high season only), loungers and beach umbrellas (not available

on many Chios beaches), bars, restaurants and cafés. The sand is a mixture of coarse sand and pebbles. This beach may get crowded in July and August.

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Address: Komi, Chios

### Lefkadhia



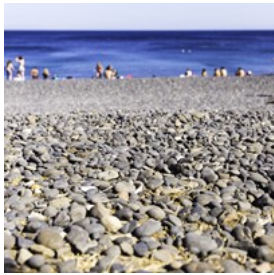
Next to Volissos village on the island's north coast, this is the most popular beach in the northern part of the island, with soft white

sand and deep, very clear water. Busy with locals at weekends, it also has a choice of basic places to stay and a couple of small bars and taverns.

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Address: Lefkadhia, Chios

### Mavra Volia (Emborios)



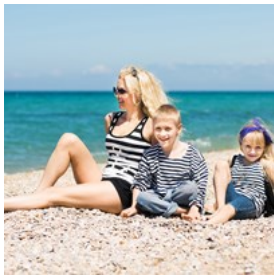
Three black-pebble beaches extend along the coast near the village of Emborios, which has grown into a small and friendly resort. Very clear

water adds to their appeal, and this is an excellent spot for a swim when visiting the masticochoria villages, which are nearby.

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Address: Mavra Volia, Chios

### Megas Limnionas



Located 9 km south of Chios Town, Megas Limnionas is popular with locals as well as with longer-staying holidaymakers. Next to

Thimiana village, the beach is a mix of coarse sand and shingle and is lined with hotels, guesthouses and tavernas.

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Address: Megas Limnionas, Chios

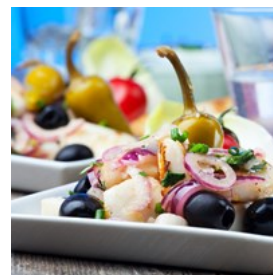
### DINING



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With its strong culinary tradition and an equally strong Greek clientele, Chios is one of the best islands on which to sample authentic Greek cooking, and has an excellent assortment of tavernas and restaurants. A meal usually begins with an assortment of cold starters, or "meze", before proceeding to the more substantial main courses. The best tavernas are located in Chios Town, with a number of summer-season beach tavernas catering to those staying at the island's scattering of beach resorts.

### To Apomero



Undoubtedly among Chios' best, To Apomero serves traditional Greek cuisine in a scenic setting. One of the restaurant's main draws

is the unbeatable skyline uncovering from the dining hall - Chios Town and the sea are clearly visible from the elevated location. Do not skip on the delicious meze.

Photo: [Bernd Juergens/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Spiladia, Kampos

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-1am

Phone: +30 22710 29675

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

More Info: English name - "Secluded"



## Pirgos



This family-owned tavern first opened its doors in 1987, and has been serving home-made Greek food ever since.

The restaurant is located in the central square of Avgonyma village. Here you can enjoy home-made spaghetti, chicken, grilled goat and pork, as well as traditional Greek specialties.

Photo: Jiri Hera/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avgonyma, Chios

Phone: +30 22710 42175

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

## Roussiko Thymiana



One of the finest in Chios, Roussiko restaurant has recently relocated closer to the sea shore and brought the authentic flavors it has long been

known for along with it. Try the grilled sardines or squid, stuffed grape leaves or aubergines, and the hand-made pasta.

Photo: 54613/Shutterstock.com

Address: Agia Ermioni, Chios

Phone: +30 22710 33352

## Hotzas



Hotzas is a traditional Greek garden restaurant located on a quiet street.

It is a popular place among locals, which is as good a testament to the

quality of this place as any. Food served is delicious local fare prepared with fresh ingredients. Prices are very reasonable.

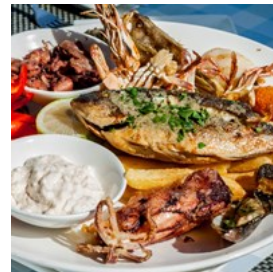
Photo: Karl Allgaeuer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Georgiou Kondyli, Chios Town

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7pm-12am

Phone: +30 2271 042787

## Meltemaki Fish Tavern



Meltemaki is a casual eatery popular with diners from Chios and beyond. The unbeatable setting right by the water draws patrons in, and the fresh seafood cooked to perfection keeps them coming back for more, year after year. Located several kilometers south of Chios Town.

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Address: Katarraktes, Chios

Phone: +30 2271 062105

## To Kechrimpari



The family-owned restaurant is a reputable local establishment, offering fish or meat menus served as meze (vegetarians will be served several meat-free meze dishes). Food here is a real steal for the quality, and a welcome shot of ouzo is included.

Photo: Prometheus72/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Ag. Anargiron, Chios Town

## Agyra Restaurant



Those traveling to or staying in Megas Limionas should by no means skip on Agyra - a traditional tavern serving some beloved Greek classics. Live music is played on Fridays and Saturdays. Service is incredibly friendly - the

owner and staff greet diners like old friends.

Photo: Seqoya/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Megas Limionas, Chios  
Phone: +30 2271 032178

### To Tsikoudo



One of the best eateries in the harbour area, To Tsikoudo tends to get crowded during peak lunch and dinner hours, so arrive slightly early to ensure being seated. The tavern is most known for its direct view of the water (the reason prices are higher than usual), and food quality is very decent.

Photo: Lilyana Vynogradova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 40-42 Leoforos Egeou, Chios Town  
Phone: +30 2271040111

### The Pastards



If Greek flavors are getting overbearing, change it up with a visit to this playfully named establishment. The Pastards serves the beloved Italian classics - pasta and pizza, in many delicious varieties. The restaurant is run by young, dynamic and innovative staff.

Photo: PhotoEd/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 13 Livanou Mich., Chios Town  
Opening hours: Daily 2pm-1am  
Phone: +30 2271081466

### Foodlab



One would be hard-pressed to find burgers quite as decadent-looking elsewhere on the island. Try one of the incredibly appetizing specialties held together by a steak knife, or opt for a pizza or any other of the American-inspired menu items. Most diners enjoy unobstructed views of the water.

Photo: Olga Miltsova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 74 Leoforos Egeou, Chios Town  
Phone: +30 2271 023700

### Taverna Galera



Located right by the beautiful Lithi Beach, Taverna Galera is an excellent quality traditional Greek eatery. Food served includes Greek specialties with a heavy emphasis on seafood. Diners will most likely be able to use the tavern's sunbeds free of charge.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Lithi Beach, Chios  
Phone: +30 2271 073285  
Internet: [www.galeratavern.com](http://www.galeratavern.com)

### Taverna Fabrika



Fabrika is a tavern in the most traditional sense, with a restaurant and several rooms for hire. The tavern occupies the building of an old olive and flour mill, with some of the equipment still available for visitors to see. Dine on grilled meat and seafood, and have loukoumadhes for dessert.

Photo: JoannaTkaczuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Volissos, Chios

Phone: +30 22740 22045

More Info: Northern Chios

### Taverna Mouria



This beautiful Vrontados taverna is constantly teeming with diners, and for good reason - food here is superb, and the menu rather varied, with

seafood selection ranging from fish to lobster and urchin. Enjoy the unbeatable views over the water to the sounds of live music (shows hosted frequently).

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Velonas, Vrontados, Chios

Phone: +30 22710 93444

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

### CAFES



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Cafes are abundant on the island, many serving food and coffee during the daytime and slowly transforming into lounge bar-type evening venues as the sun begins to descend. There are quite a few stylish cafes in and around Chios Town dotting the waterfront and harbor area.

### Iliastra



Much more than a cosy café, Iliastra turns into a live entertainment venue by night. There are regular live music and movie shows, for which

reservations in advance are recommended.

Serves fresh juice, specialty coffees, a multitude of beers, savory foods, pies and pastries.

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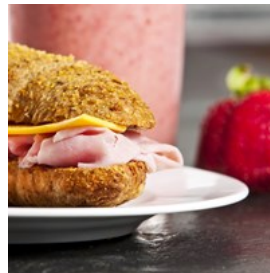
Address: Frouriou Square, Chios Town

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +30 22710 27322

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

### Kafekouti Lounge



Kafekouti lounge café, 7 km from Chios town, is located on a rocky hill in the Daskalopetra fishing port. It offers beautiful (and rather unique) views

over Daskalopetra, Vrontados and Chios town.

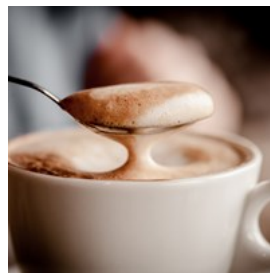
Serves food from a rather extensive menu and a variety of decadent desserts.

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Address: Daskalopetra, Chios

Phone: +30 22710 92680

### Mycafé



Mycafé is located just before the airport. It's a cosy café/restaurant, with elegantly prepared food (a variety of breakfast foods and salads on

offer), as well as a whole range of specialty coffees. Having a coffee or a snack here enables you to use their free Wi-Fi.

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 96 Leof. Enoseos, Chios  
 Phone: +30 22710 43521  
 Internet: www.mycafechios.gr

### Flocafe



Flocafe is the biggest coffee shop chain in Greece. The cosy Chios installment serves light snacks, more substantial lunch and dinner foods, a wide array of various specialty coffees, and some very tasty patisserie. Internet access available to customers.

Photo: Coffee Lover/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 78 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios  
 Phone: +30 22710 25508  
 Internet: www.flocafe.gr/en

### Ice Cream Kronos



A celebrated ice cream shop, Kronos uses locally sourced ingredients (fresh milk and even Chian specialties such as masticha) to produce some of the best ice cream on the island. Serves ice cream by the cone and ice cream cakes for special occasions.

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 Address: 2 Filippou Argenti, Chios Town  
 Phone: +30 22710 22311

### Kanellos Loukoumades



There is hardly a better place on the island to try the "loukoumades" - a variety of traditional local donuts, that come in a number of flavors. Stick

to the classic chocolate, or try the unique, exclusively Chian mastic-flavored ones. The cafe is located in the town of Mesta.

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 Address: Kri Kri, Mesta  
 Phone: +30 2271076186

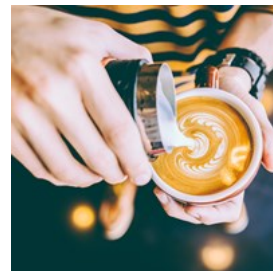
### Blender



A Chian hidden gem, this café holds an air reminiscent of hip establishments popping up in large European capitals. It specializes in fresh juices - explore the menu to see all possible delicious combinations on offer. The menu also features specialty coffees and (iced) teas.

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 Address: 7 Choremi Georgiou, Chios Town  
 Phone: +30 2271 105046  
 Internet: www.theblender.gr

### 44 Cafe Bar



One of the newest additions to the Chian café scene, 44 is a stylish bar and coffee shop located right by the Chios Town harbour. Stop by for a relaxing cup of specialty coffee by day, and drop in to join one of their regular cocktail parties after sundown.

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 Address: 44 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios Town  
 Phone: +30 2271 028211

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Like most Greek islands, Chios has a short summer season. Its discos and music clubs really flourish from mid-June until the end of August and there is no guarantee that all of last summer's hot spots will reopen the following year under the same name and the same management - or even reopen at all.

For a real Greek evening, visit an "exoxiko kentro". These countryside venues combine open-air dining with live music, singing and traditional dancing (by patrons as well as professional performers).

### Chios Town



Chios Town has a good array of dance clubs and music bars, many of which are firmly established and open most of the year. Walk

down the waterfront stretch by the port, where most of the cafés-by-day, bars/dance clubs by night are located. Many host guest DJs, and some have weekly themed parties.

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Address: Chios Town, Chios

### Karfas



The island's other nightlife epicentre is Karfas, which rocks from mid-June until the end of August, but where the scene is likely to change from one summer to the next. It is located just a few kilometers south of Chios Town - just a short, easy drive away.

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Address: Karfas, Chios

### Metropolis Lounge Bar Café



This superb café, bar and music venue located in a grand neo-classical building on the waterfront offers all-round entertainment almost around the clock (in summer, from 8.00 until around 3.00 the following day!) with live music and DJ's, meals, drinks and snacks.

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Address: 92 Leof. Aegeou, Chios Town

Phone: +30 22710 41190

Internet: [www.metropolis-cafe.com](http://www.metropolis-cafe.com)

### Carpe Diem



Lively beach club with water sports, activities, restaurant and bar that metamorphoses into a rocking music club later in the evening. Greek and international DJ's and bands playing metal and house. Perfect for both day and night entertainment. Hosts the island's most popular color party.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viri Beach, Chios

Opening hours: Summer only – opens mid-June

Phone: +30 697 643 9795

More Info: Near Kopi village

### Oz Cocktail Bar



Tucked away in one of the tiny alleys of Chios Town, this all-around great bar plays good music and serves well-crafted cocktails. The atmosphere is inviting and the interior decor artsy and cool. Serves food and caters to individual preferences upon request.

Photo: Nykonchuk Oleksii/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aplotarias, Chios Town

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-3am, Sun 6pm-3am

Phone: +30 2271080326

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

### Reina Coffee Music Bar



At night, this beach-side bar transforms into a lively nightlife spot popping with locals and tourists. The dance floor really comes alive once the guest DJs start spinning some of the hottest tunes. Serves quality coffees with a view by day.

Photo: Aleksandar Mijatovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: 38 Aegean Avenue, Chios Town

Phone: +30 2271 042402

### Pura Vida



Pura Vida stands out among competitors on many levels. The venue boasts an extensive selection of wine and beer, a variety hardly

paralleled elsewhere on the island. Non-alcoholic drinks include specialty coffee and bubble tea. Good music is played at night till the early hours of the morning.

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Address: 3 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios Town

Phone: +30 2271 042353

### Sueno



Much like many other Chios Town waterside establishments, Sueno functions as a café by day and a bar/club/lounge after sundown. This particular venue is very popular with locals, and the regularly hosted "Greek parties" are a testament to that like no other.

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Address: 46 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios Town

Phone: +30 694 643 1308

### After Club



For those in the Pyrgi area, there is hardly a better place to party the night away. The venue comes alive before sundown, and slowly turns into a night club as the evening goes on. After Club is located slightly outside of town, but is easily accessible by car.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pyrgi, Chios

### Ammos Beach Bar Komi



The Ammos Beach Bar in Komi (the island's south) enjoys a good reputation as a day- and nighttime hang out venue. During the day, it serves light

foods, snacks, coffee, and a selection of beers; guests are welcome to make use of sunbeds. Party beats start sounding louder as the night progresses.

Photo: Cor Meenderinck/Shutterstock.com

Address: Komi, Chios

Opening hours: Daily 10.30am-1am

Phone: +30 2271 071501

### Odyssey Wine Bar



A top-notch wine bar in Chios Town, Odyssey boasts an extensive selection of various wines and hosts live music sessions on the regular.

Ask for a recommendation if unsure - the staff are very helpful and willing to provide assistance. Do not skip on the cheese and meat plates.

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Address: 102 Aigeao, Chios Town

Phone: +30 2271 020585

### Remezzo



Remezzo is a three-storey restaurant and bar located directly by the waterfront. By day it serves international cuisine (burgers, wraps,

salads, and more) and decent non-alcoholic drinks (including a selection of specialty coffees). By night, the venue transforms into a lively

cocktail bar.

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Address: 48 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios

Phone: +30 2271 042848

### Kubrick



A bar known for its quality music and unpretentious atmosphere, Kubrick is a venue frequented by locals. It serves a

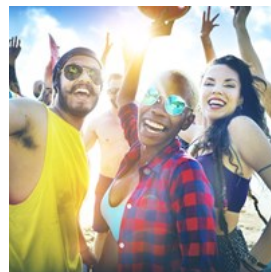
selection of beers (including locally produced Chian ones) and well-crafted cocktails. For non-alcoholic drinks, try their home-made lemonade.

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Address: 11 Agelastou, Chios Town

Phone: +30 2271 102744

### Yoso Beach Bar



A fabulous venue in the island's north, Yoso Beach Bar is a the place to be both during the day and at night. Guests are welcome to make use of

the bar's sunbeds and join one of the frequently hosted parties. Drinks served from a re-purposed van add to the place's hip charm.

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Address: Paralia Giosonas, Kardamila, Chios

Phone: +30 698 512 6416

Internet: [https://www.facebook.com/Yoso-Beach-Bar-332927513452463/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Yoso-Beach-Bar-332927513452463/?ref=page_internal)

## Spiti



This well-managed waterfront establishment is great choice for an evening out in Chios Town. They host game nights, and even have world cuisine-themed evenings (Chinese and Mexican buffets have been arranged in the past). By day serves food and coffee.

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Address: 94 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios

Phone: +30 2271 082180

## SHOPPING



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Chios is famous for its mastic products, including pure mastic gum and loukoumi sweets, all of which are sold in shops all over the island. It is also known for the best ouzo in Greece, and this high-octane, fennel-flavoured liquor is also on sale everywhere. Pistachio nuts and almonds are also plentiful. In several of the masticochoria villages, including Thimaina, Amolia and Notiochori, local Women's Associations run folk art shops which sell traditional pottery, embroidery and woven fabrics.

## Chios Town



Perhaps unsurprisingly, most shopping on Chios is done in the island's Chora, or Chios Town. Its windy streets are packed with shops and boutiques selling an array of traditional souvenirs, from edible delights (containing the local specialties - citrus and mastic) to cosmetics and local ceramics.

Photo: TravnikovStudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Chios Town, Chios

## Citrus



Visit this tiny citrus plantation and museum devoted to sour fruit (primarily lemons and tangerines), and stop by the adjacent gift shop to stock up on some unique citrus souvenirs - a variety of edible delights like home-made jams, dried fruit and nuts, and oils.

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Address: 9-11 Argenti, Chios

Phone: +30 22710 31513

Internet: [www.citrus-chios.gr](http://www.citrus-chios.gr)

## Mastihashop



Conveniently located in the Chios Town harbour, Mastihashop is the place to go for uniquely Chian souvenirs. Discover a whole range of products containing the island's masticha - foods and sweets to cosmetics and body care products (down to masticha-containing tooth paste!).

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Address: 36 Leoforos Egeou, Chios Town  
Phone: +30 2271081600  
Internet: [www.mastihashop.com](http://www.mastihashop.com)

### Vinius Wine Gallery



The wine store is well-stocked with Greek (and international) wines. This one is a great find for those looking to bring some local wine back

home with them. If unsure, consult the knowledgeable staff who are there to make a timely recommendation. The store closes in the afternoon.

Photo: UMB-O/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Tsouri Stefanou, Chios Town  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-3pm & 7pm-11.30 pm  
Phone: +30 2271022400

### Xrysa Margounaki



An authentic ceramics shop may be difficult to locate even on an island like Chios with a longstanding tradition of ceramic product-making.

Xrysa Margounaki is one pottery shop where items are crafted and decorated directly on-site, and visitors are welcome to observe bits of the process.

Photo: aniad/Shutterstock.com

Address: Armolia, Chios  
Phone: +30 2271072685  
More Info: First shop on the left entering the village from Chora (Chios Town)

### Maris Natural Remedies



Named after Giorgos Maris, a local scientist who runs the shop, Maris Natural Remedies contains natural herbal remedies to various

health conditions, as well as cosmetic products, colognes, and more. Consult the staff and receive a personalized recommendation.

Photo: sarsmis/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Al. Pachnou, Chios Town  
Phone: +30 2271 022993  
Internet: [www.naturalremedies.gr](http://www.naturalremedies.gr)

### Hondos Center



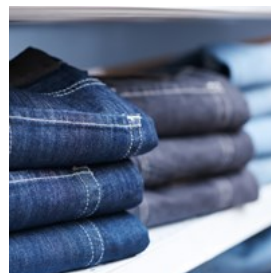
Hondos is a Greek department store that focuses heavily on cosmetics and women's wear. The array of make up and beauty products is

some of the best in Chios, and make-up artists offer complimentary services to customers. The store also sells accessories, such as bags and watches.

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Address: 38 Aplotarias, Chios  
Phone: +30 2271 028567  
Internet: [www.hondoscenter.gr](http://www.hondoscenter.gr)

### Thalassinou



Thalassinou is a clothing store that specializes in both men's and women's fashions. The shop regularly receives new arrivals (check the web

page to see the latest additions to the assortment). Clothing sold here is mostly urban casual wear for the younger demographic.

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 Address: 91 Venizelou, Chios  
 Phone: +30 2271 022687

### Technotropies by Vasilia



Technotropies by Vasilia is a small boutique containing unique designs in the form of jewellery and various accessories. Items are created using artisan techniques, which results in a rather curious display. Come here for a unique Chian souvenir - a necklace with an island-shaped pendant.

Photo: Robert Kneschke/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 12 Kaloplitou, Chios  
 Phone: +30 2271 103258

### Clio Souvenir



Conveniently located by the waterfront, Clio Souvenir is a one-stop location for all traveler needs - from hats and sunscreen to protect them from the blazing Greek sun, to souvenirs to be brought home as a memory of the hot summer days spent on the idyllic island.

Photo: Albert Nowicki/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 54 Leof. Aigaiou, Chios  
 Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm  
 Phone: +30 2271 028030

### Kokkos



This one is rustic shop guaranteed to plant a dozen unusual gift ideas in your mind. It sells treats made with natural ingredients, coffees and

teas, some in neatly put-together, present-perfect arrangements.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 32 November, Chios  
 Phone: +30 2271 022285

### Olas Collection



The compact boutique specializes in women's fashion. Items on sale include a selection of seasonally renewed clothing pieces (with an accent on light dresses and summer wear), shoes, accessories (bags and hats) and jewellery. New arrivals are often advertised on the store's webpage.

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 Address: 39 Aplotarias, Chios  
 Phone: +30 2271 029673

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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## Airport



Chios Airport is located 4 km south of Chios town.

The fastest way to get to town is by taxi (pre-order or hire one directly at the airport). There is a bus

service to town as well (KTEL Bus Chios:+30 2271022079).

In addition to summer charter flights, there are several daily flights to Athens and a twice-weekly service to Thessaloniki via Lesvos.

Photo: Juan Garces

Phone: +30 22710 23998

## Public Transport



Urban buses operated by Chios City Lines serve Chios Town and outlying suburbs (local buses are blue, those serving the suburbs are green). The

city bus station is located next to the City Hall. Long-distance buses stop behind the Homerion Cultural Centre, next to the central square.  
+30 22710 23086

Chios Intercity Lines links Chios Town with villages all over the island, but services are timed to meet local needs and on many routes operate only once or twice daily.  
+30 22710 27507

Scooters and motorcycles may also be hired, but inexperienced riders should take great care.

Car rental is widely available and affordable, as is fuel.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

## Taxi



Taxis are plentiful, cheap and professional. Most drivers speak English and many also speak some German. Taxis carry up to four passengers. The

main taxi station is in the central square of Chios Town.

ChiosTaxi OMIROS  
+30 2271 200000

Chios Airport Transfer  
+30 2810228220

Phone: +30 22710 41111

## Post



Post Office Of Chios:  
Omirou 2, Chios +30  
8011138000 Mon-Fri  
7.30am - 8.30pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs

## Pharmacy



There are several pharmacies in Chios Town and at least one in most large villages. If you require medicines after midnight, a doctor must

contact the pharmacy first. For the location of the nearest pharmacy, ask at your hotel or call.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Phone: +30 22710 44000

## Telephone



Country code: +30 Chios  
code: 22710

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



230 v 50 Hz; two-pin  
(southern European)  
plug.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

55,000

## Currency

Euro. €1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

In summer, normally 8.00-12.00 and 16.00-20.00 daily for most shops. Government offices and businesses normally 08.00-12.00 and 16.00-20.00 Monday-Friday.

## Newspapers

Alithia  
Chios News

## Emergency numbers

General emergencies: 100  
Fire: 199  
Health emergencies: 166

## Tourist information

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