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North Dodecanese Islands



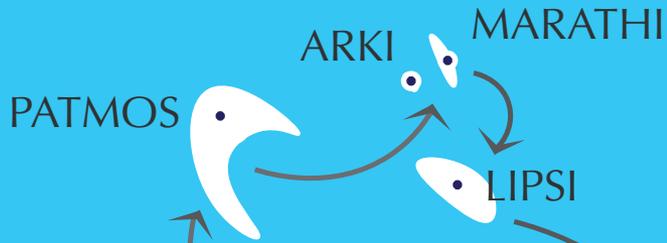
The beauty of a yachting vacation is the freedom to stay longer or leave earlier - this is your expedition. Here are some of our favorite destinations to stop at on this journey of the North Dodecanese Islands. So, join us in 2023 as we board the Virtuoso Luxury Gulet for an exceptional sailing in the Greek and Turkish waters.

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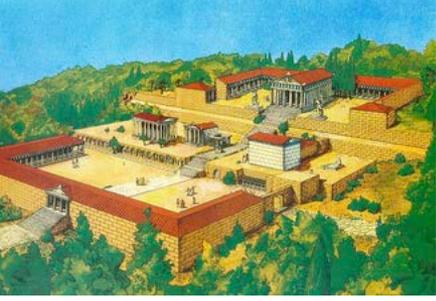


Kos

Kos, an island of very mild climate and fertile lands, is especially **well known for the Asclepion** and as the famed **birthplace of Hippocrates, “the Father of Medical Sciences”**. Throughout the eastern Mediterranean, all the people with health ailments used to be treated in Kos, **the 2nd largest island of the 12 Dodecanese Islands**.

Kos is home to **a 560-year old tree**, under which Hippocrates is believed to have taught his students during hot summer days, **a 211-year old fountain** and **a 14th century fortress**. Meander along the narrow cobbled paths and past the whitewashed stone houses with the bright colored shutters and flat roofs and you are bound to come across distinctive features of Ottoman architecture like Muslim mosques and marble fountains, as well as several Venetian buildings. Indulge in the nightlife this island has to offer. **NaSlirou**, a street full of bars, is always crowded, colorful and full of life.





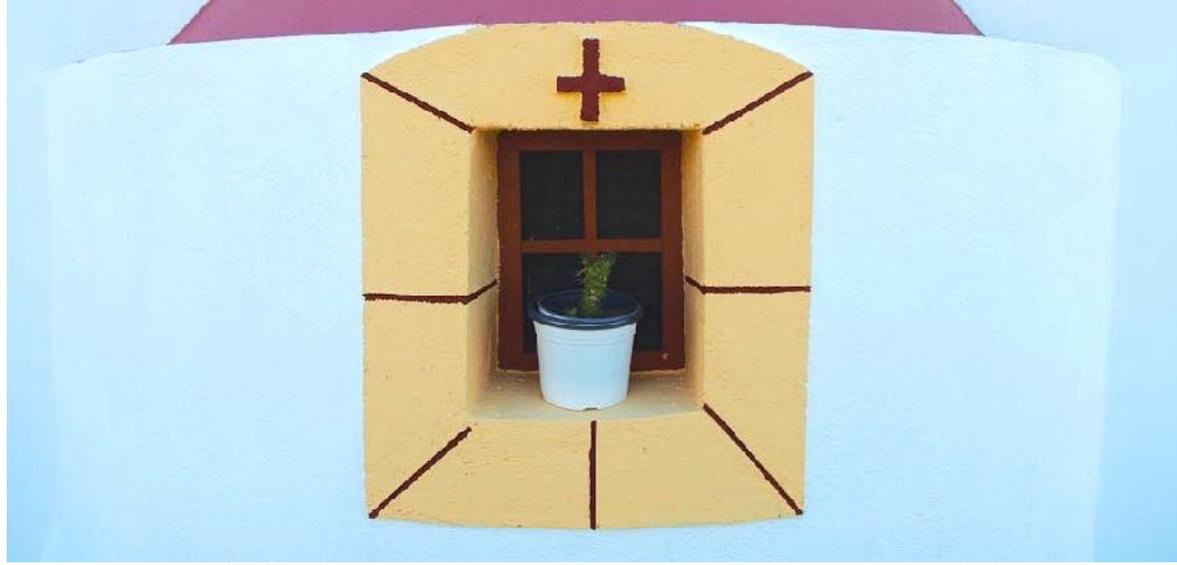
Kos Asclepeion

Kos's most important ancient site Asclepeion which was founded in the 3rd century BC is a religious sanctuary devoted to the healing god Asclepius. For centuries people came from far and wide to Asclepeion for treatment at its **healing center** and **school of medicine**.



LEROS

The main port of Leros is **Aghia Marina**, or **Pandeli**, an attractive port dominated by a **huge crusader castle** and **six windmills** gracing the hilltop. Spreading upwards from the port is the area known as **Platanos**, the social hub of the island, which sits astride the saddle of the hill and merges with the picturesque fishing harbor of Pandeli on the other side. White homes dot the bay and create a charming setting. Leros has many beaches and secluded coves.





LEROS

Takis

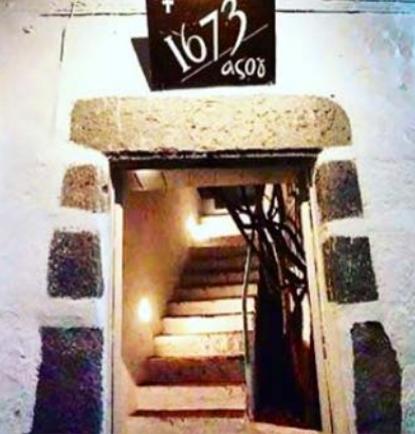
To the south of Aghia Marina you will see a windmill submerging from the waters and behind it a blue building. Well that's it, you have found Takis! **Eventhough it's official name is Mylos, locals know it as Taki's by the owner's name.** Don't miss out on the **seafood linguini, it might be the best in the Aegean.**



PATMOS

Patmos is not a large island, but is one of the best known. It was here that St. John completed the last part of The Apocalypse of John, and this is why Patmos is sometimes called "*The Jerusalem of the Aegean.*" The **Monastery of St. John's** towers above the capital, **Chora**, and actually the island seems to breathe faith and devotion. **According to mythology, Patmos was a gift from Zeus to his daughter Artemis**, the goddess of hunting and young women. In antiquity, she was worshipped here, and the monastery of St. John was built upon her temple. If you wish, visit these monasteries and walk around the island of Patmos at your leisure.





PATMOS

Astivi 1673

For the past 30 years, **located in a 400-year old house in Chora**, on the beautiful terraces overflowing with blooming bougainvillea, **Astivi** serves food and cocktails at its impressive wooden bar.





PATMOS

Monastery of St. John

Another lovely site is the *Monastery of St. John*, an **immense 11th-century monastery-cum-fortress** which has remained active, of which a section is open to visitors. The entrance courtyard leads into a sumptuously frescoed chapel, fronted by marble columns removed from an ancient temple. Don't expect to attend a service, daily worship is at 3am! Upstairs, the museum housing church treasures displays the original edict establishing the monastery, signed by the Byzantine emperor in 1088.

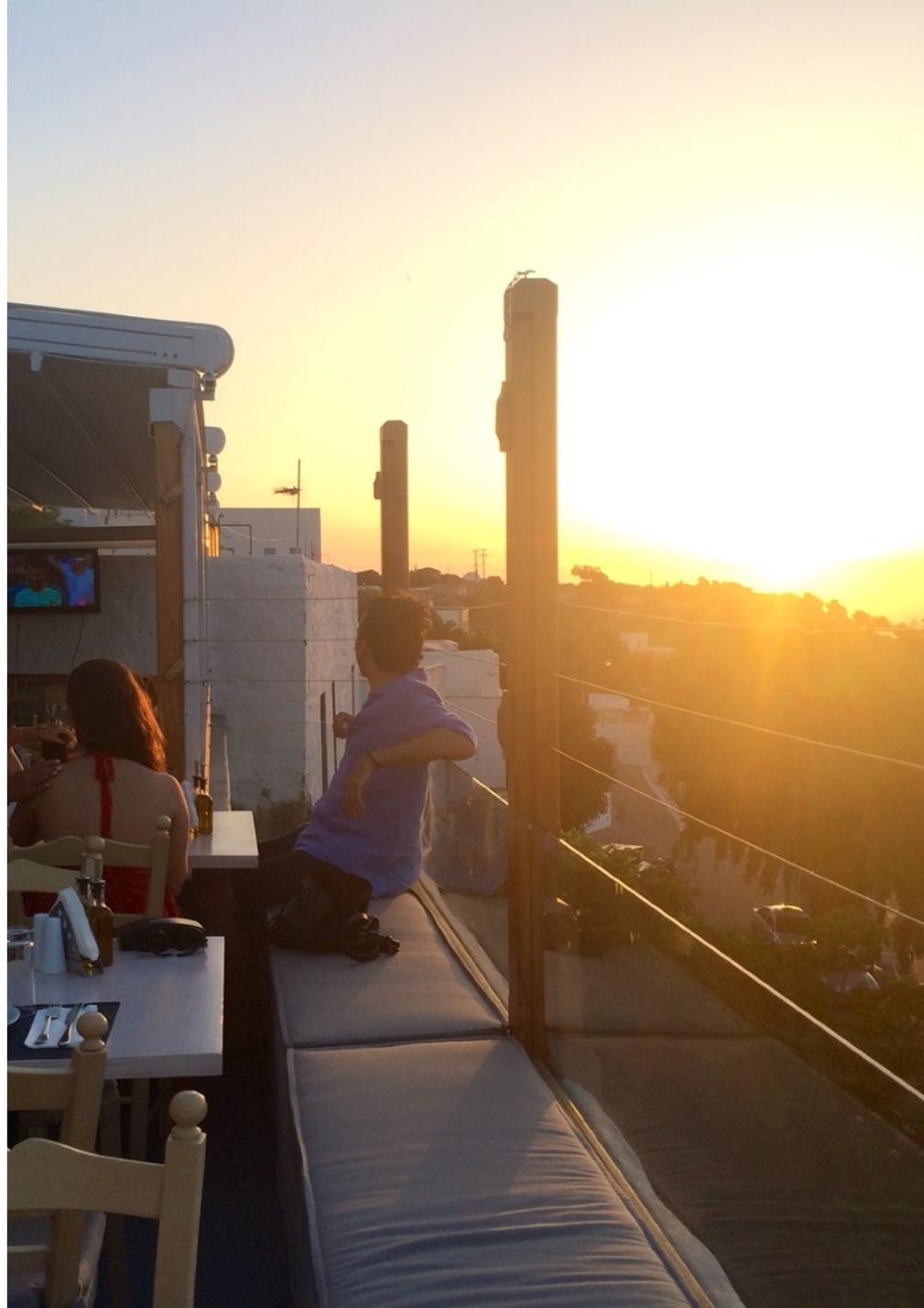




PATMOS

Jimmy's Balcony

After visiting the monastery of St. John you should **stop by Jimmy's Balcony to watch the sunset.** You will be welcomed by an incredible view and even better cocktails.





PATMOS Benetos

Benetos is a boutique, dinner-only restaurant with impeccable dishes. The menu offers a **modern approach to classic Mediterranean cooking**, while also including **some Asian-influenced dishes**. Emphasis is placed on utilizing the freshest ingredients including local fish, and fresh vegetables and herbs from their own organic garden, located in front of the restaurant.



ARKI

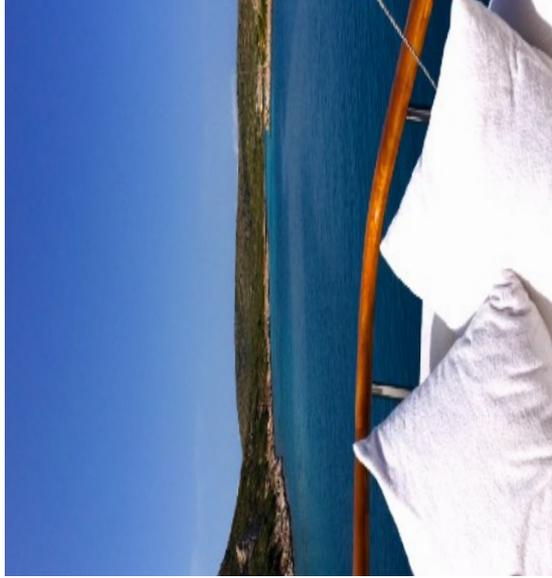
Arki and Marathi, just north of Patmos and Lipsi, are **the most peaceful islets** in the Dodecanese chain. Arki is probably one of the least visited islands in Greece, with a **permanent population of only 40 people** who make a living from farming, goat breeding and fishing. With its beautiful and very picturesque harbor, Arki constitutes **a paradise for yachts in the summer.**

As the size of Arki is tiny, there are just a few monuments to visit. The **castle of Arki** is located on a low hill on the west side of the village. The castle was constructed from a **colony of Miletus in the 4th century BC** while it was reconstructed by the **Byzantines.** On the northernmost tip of the island, one will have the opportunity to discover the traces of a building from the time of the Italian occupation. Other monuments include the **cave of Votsi** located in the area of Halaro. In 1943 the inhabitants of Arki **found refuge in this very cave** from the bombs of the Germans. The church of Panagia Pantanassa is the most important religious monument of Arki. The **biggest traditional festival** is held at the church **honoring the Virgin Mary, on August 23rd.** The most beautiful beach on the island is **Tiganakia**, a sandy and pebbled beach with turquoise waters.



MARATHI

Nearby Marathi is another **isolated paradise island inhabited by two families only**. In addition to the two tavernas, there is a tiny church sitting atop a hill, a lovely vantage point from which to enjoy the breathtaking sunsets. Expect an eclectic mix of sailors, artists and the occasional backpacker. Here, **there are neither cars nor motorbikes** – just a feeling of calm. Bring along books and bathing suits, and leave chaos well behind.



LIPSI

Lipsi (known locally as Lipsos) is a small group of islets near Patmos, offering a number of anchorages or a berth in the harbor of the capital (also called Lipsi). There are plenty of tavernas, cafés and shops in the village. Small churches and monasteries are scattered around the island, so many in fact that locals claim there is one for every family residing there. The beaches of **Platis** or **Giolos** are glorious with crystal green waters. On the island, the **Church of the Catopanaghia**, constructed in the 7th century, deserves a visit, along with the **Church of Panopanaghia** dating from the 15th century.



KALYMNOS

Kalymnos is known as “**The Sponge Fishers’ Island**”. The scenery is wild and dramatic with **high rocky-mountains** plunging down to the sea making it a **terrific spot for those who like to mountain-climb**. Although it is only 13 miles long and about 8 miles wide, there are several lovely un-crowded beaches and bays. **Vathi town** lies at the end of the deep fjord of Vathi and is a charming little anchorage for a day or two. On the western side of the island lie the villages of **Myrties** and **Massouri** and the much quieter hamlets of **Arginondas**, **Skalia** and **Emporios**. On the northeast coast is the wild and beautiful bay of **Palionisou** where it feels as if life has stood still for a very long time. If you walk the track to the 5-6 houses which constitute the village, you will come upon *Nicholas’s House*, where you can have the enchanting experience of enjoying a delicious meal in the tiny garden right in the middle of nowhere.



Kos

At the end of your blue cruise we will make our way back to the island of Kos.

If you didn't get a chance to explore this island before, start by discovering the **Kos Town** where you will see the it's **history reflected in architecture**. The whitewashed stone houses with the bright coloured shutters and the flat roofs which connect with the narrow cobbled paths lead to distinctive features from the Ottoman architecture like Muslim mosques and marble fountains, as well as several Venetian buildings.

Make sure to visit the 560 years old tree where **Hippocrates** is believed to have thought his students during hot summer days to hide from the sun.



A scenic view of a rocky coastline with clear turquoise water. The rocks are dark and jagged, with some patches of light-colored lichen or moss. The water is a vibrant, clear turquoise color, reflecting the sky and the rocks. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

We look forward to hosting you on board soon. Please do let us know if you have any questions about the islands you will be discovering.