Kos is one of the most popular islands in the Dodecanese. The island has a well-established tourist industry, which benefits visitors because the island is very organized. The locals are very friendly people and they have realized just how important tourism is for the island. Kos offers plenty of action in the summer, but goes rather quiet in the wintertime.

Top 5

**The Ancient Agora**
Walking around the Ancient Agora gives you an experience and imagination of...

**The Castle of the Knights**
One main attraction to keep on your list while sightseeing in Kos is The Cas...

**Western Archaeological Zone**
One notable archaeological site, where magnificent Roman ruins can be found,...

**Asklepieion**
In ancient Greece an asclepieion was a healing temple, sacred to the god Ascl...

**Wine Tasting**
Wine tasting is a traditional tourist activity that you must try when in Kos...
**THE ISLAND**

Kos has immense selection of superb beaches, which are usually found on the south coast. Naturally, most of activities on the island are based around the water. The swimming possibilities are plenty and it is a great place for diving or snorkelling as well. Moreover, Kos is an excellent place for windsurfing, jet-skiing or even sailing in your own yacht. There are plenty of day-tripper boats which can take you to other nearby islands, as well as to Turkey if you wish.

The mountain villages on the island possess a remarkable beauty and it can easily be visited either by car, bus or bicycle. Kos is also a place for some of the world’s most fascinating historical sites that are all worth a visit. Many of the structures were built somewhere between 3rd to 4th century B.C.

**DO & SEE**

There are plenty of sightseeing to do while you are visiting Kos. The island has beautiful ancient sites to offer including castles, museums, amusement, and a lot more. Touring around the island lets you discover unique and stunning landscapes as well.

**The Ancient Agora**

Walking around the Ancient Agora gives you an experience and imagination of how a Greek market looked like in the early times. The archaeological site no longer functions as a marketplace today. However, visiting here lets you uncover a series of historical ruins including the Shrines of Aphrodite and Hercules, and many other remarkable remains.

Photo: imagIN.gr photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plátía Eleftherías, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 8326
The Castle of the Knights
One main attraction to keep on your list while sightseeing in Kos is The Castle of the Knights. This is a 14th century castle, which stands as a secure fortress against the attacks of the Ottomans in the early times. In June 2017, an earthquake unfortunately damaged the castle and for now, it’s closed for visitors, however you can walk around it.

Photo: Gimas/Shutterstock.com
Address: Leoforos Foinikon, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 7927

Western Archaeological Zone
One notable archaeological site, where magnificent Roman ruins can be found, is The Western Excavation. Amidst the monuments of the 4th and 3rd century B.C. in this area, you will find the important remains of the ancient gymnastic ground called Xystos and the western public baths. The Roman Odeon amphitheatre is also close to this place.

Photo: Nejdet Duzen/Shutterstock.com
Address: Leoforos Grigoriou V, Kos

Asklepieion
In ancient Greece an asclepieion was a healing temple, sacred to the god Asclepius. According to ancient Greek mythology Asclepius was the god of medicine and healing. Asklepieion is considered an important site on the island of Kos. A legend says that Hippocrates received his training there. It is also settled on the top of a hill and it lets you enjoy a panoramic view of Kos Town.

Photo: Maciej Czekajewski/Shutterstock.com
Address: Platini, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 8763

Wine Tasting
Wine tasting is a traditional tourist activity that you must try when in Kos. Upon visiting vineyards, you will discover how the Greeks make their wines. The three must visit wine productions on the island are Chantziemmanouil, Mores and Triantafyllopoulos.

Photo: Bojan i Jelena/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kos Town

Casa Romana
Casa Romana, also referred to as the Roman House, is a beautifully decorated mansion which was built out of the ruins of another house during the Hellenistic period. It has an impressive appearance that is based on the 3rd century type of architecture. Along with its interesting ornaments and statues, you can find that on its mosaic floor, there is a depiction of a panther tearing a deer apart.

Photo: George Papapostolou/Shutterstock.com
Address: Leoforos Patriarchou Grigoriou Pemptou, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 3234
More Info: Free entrance
Nisyros

Nisyros is a famous tourist island located in the Aegean Sea. According to mythology, during the period of the Gigantomachy (war of the Giants) Poseidon (the god of the sea) plucked a rock from Kos and in anger threw it at the giant Polyvotis with the intention of killing him. This rock, which crushed the giant, became Nisyros, and the half-dead giant shakes the earth every now and then with his groans, thus awakening the volcano. The sight of it is quite impressive and a truly must visit for everyone.

Photo: Michail Patakos/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nisyros
Phone: +30 69 7623 7664
Internet: www.nisyros.de
Email: tobiasschorr@methana.de

Agios Theologos

Agios Theologos is one of the beautiful beaches on Kos. It owes its name to a nearby church of St. John the Theologian. It is also referred to as Wave Beach and it is a great place for water surfing or flying a kite. During afternoons, when it is not too hot, you may walk around the area to view other charming sights.

Photo: George Papapostolou/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kefalos, Kos

Hippocrates Garden Cultural Centre

Hippocrates Garden Cultural Centre was built to portray the ancient way of life of the Greeks through their culture and history. Every year, hundreds of children and tourists visit this place. The settlement is a two-storey house that is made of stone. Inside it, you can find handmade furniture and some artefacts.

Photo: imagIN.gr photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Antimachia, Mastichari, Kos
Phone: +30 69 0776 1521
Internet: www.hippocratesgarden.gr
Email: info@hippocratesgarden.gr

Plaka Forest

When wanting to go on a picnic, let Plaka Forest be on top of your list. This place is a familiar destination, for both residents and tourists, during Easter and summertime. The sight of the imperious wild peacocks and the reinvigorating serenity of nature will surely calm your mind.

Photo: Laila Stern/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kefalos Road, Kos

The Roman Odeon

The Roman Odeon is an ancient open-air theatre that you should explore during your visit in Kos. It is a living fragment of history portraying the sight of the 2nd and 3rd centuries. Today, its floor, wings, and orchestra pit are still in very good condition. Seeing the place would bring you to thoughts that its purpose was to host music.
and fight competitions in the early years.

Lido Waterpark

Besides going to the beach during summer, Lido Waterpark is a great hangout for family and friends in Kos. They do not only have huge, inviting pools and exciting slides but the cost of their facilities are also very reasonable. It will definitely be an awesome day out for everyone.

The Archaeological Museum of Kos

Famous Greek monuments and splendid artworks from different historical periods are exhibited at The Archaeological Museum of Kos. The most extraordinary displays here include beautiful mosaics, statues from the ancient site of Asklepeion, an extensive collection of prehistoric pottery and metallic objects, exhibits from a tomb of a young athlete dating back to the 3rd century B.C, coins, anaglyphs with various representations and many other items.

Tree of Hippocrates

One known tourist attraction in Kos is the oriental plane tree called the Tree of Hippocrates. This perennial plant is regarded as the largest in Europe. According to the mythology this is where the said Greek physician mentored his students about medicine.

Dolphin Fountain

The Dolphin Fountain is a popular tourist spot on Kos. It is situated on a small square along the harbour. This place is often noted as the Dolphin Square. It is best to tour here during early mornings and late afternoons.

Xerokambos Beach

Xerokambos or also called "Exotic Beach" is a beautiful beach in Kos that you should not fail to visit. It is one of the most peaceful beaches on the island. This place is actually a part of the long beach of Kefalos Bay. Its great water sports and nice view should provide you a tranquil feeling.
**Embros Therme**

For an enlivening dip, Embros Therme (also called The Therma) is an excellent spot to check aside from the beach. It is a popular tourist attraction and could also be quite crowded at times. This place is known for its fair thermal springs, which are surrounded by circling rocks that are forming an enormous pool in the sea.

Photo: RAndrei/Shutterstock.com
Address: Aghios Focas, Kos
More Info: The beach of Thermes is situated at a distance of 10 kilometers southern to the town of Kos and 2 kilometers western to the beach of Aghios Focas.

**Castle of Antimachia**

This fortress castle sits perfectly on top of a small hill in the village of Antimachia. Inside you will find two Venetian churches known as Agios Nikolaos and Agia Paraskevi, which are respectively built in the 16th and 18th century. Take your time to enjoy the amazing sea view.

Photo: George Papapostolou/Shutterstock.com
Address: Antimachia, Kos

---

**DINING**

The trendy looking restaurants at the waterfront in Kos town are very touristic as a rule of thumb. However, the small backstreets in Kos have plenty of really good restaurants serving excellent food as well. The choice of dishes varies from typical Greek to a more sophisticated French cuisines.

**Caravan Restaurant**

Caravan Restaurant is a popular family-owned restaurant located on the Amerika Street in Kos Town. They offer excellent traditional Greek dishes with quick and efficient service from breakfast to late night dining. The atmosphere is friendly and ideal for families and large groups. You do not need to worry about rushing to move on when you have finished your meal. What is more? Try their steak - it is amazing!

Photo: Christopher Meder/Shutterstock.com
Address: Amerikis 52, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 7064
Internet: www.tonyainsworth.co.uk/caravan.htm
Karnagio is probably the best fish restaurant on the island. The owner of the place goes fishing every day to ensure their customers get the best fish available. Their stuffed squid, pot-baked prawns and fish soup are among the favourites of many locals and tourists. The delightful sea breeze near the setting is enticing as well.

Photo: Joerg Beuge/Shutterstock.com
Address: Karnagio Beach, Kos
Opening hours: Open only during specific seasons
Phone: +30 69 5658 2685
More Info: About 10 minutes up the beach from Tigaki towards Kos town

Pote tin Kiriaki (Never on Sunday), the most genuine and picturesque ouzeri on the island, is well known for its traditional Greek cuisine. They serve exciting delights such as fried mussels, grilled chops and pancetta. The place is popular among the local population.

Photo: Olha Afanasieva/Shutterstock.com
Address: Fisandrou 9, Kos Town
Phone: +30 693 035 2099

Broadway is one of the most popular restaurants located at the heart of Kos Town. They are known for their inviting and sweet-smelling home-cooked American, Mediterranean and Greek cuisine. You will surely enjoy your food with a glass of the restaurant’s own wine and great service. You would definitely want to visit the place again.

Photo: Oscar Carrascosa Martinez/Shutterstock.com
Address: Megalou Alexandrou 36, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 4202 7052

Cuvee Restaurant is not only known for its delicious food and gorgeous ambience, but also for its elite blends of grapes and wines. Their scrumptious dishes include Caprese salad, baby lamb plate and Halva. We suggest you choose a table near the window to watch the gorgeous sunset over Bodrum.

Photo: Dean Drobot/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lambi Beach, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 2440
Internet: www.aquabluhotel.gr
Email: info@aquabluhotel.gr

Delon Pub Restaurant
If you are looking for a venue where the atmosphere is cosy, come to Delon Pub. They offer the best English cuisine in town from early morning to late night. Kostas, the funny waiter at the place, teams up with his lovely wife as they make certain for every customer to be served excellently. Also serving pizza.

Photo: chin797/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ethelonton Polemiston, Lambi, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 2824
Taverna Mike

Taverna Mike serves fresh Greek cuisine and seafood. Mike, the owner of the place, always offers lovely advice on what appropriate wine to pair up with his dishes. You can expect that everything here is absolutely a great value for your money.

Photo: Gts/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ethelonton Paleon Polemiston, Lambi, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 2865

Elia

This place is known to be one of the great family restaurants in town. At Elia, you can enjoy an authentic Greek way of dining from their uniquely decorated ambience to their fantastic selection of many small dishes. Their prices are very reasonable paired up by an excellent service.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com
Address: Apellou 27, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 2133
Internet: www.elia-kos.gr
Email: sotiris@elia-kos.gr
More Info: Old Town

Far East

If you feel as if you need a change of food then Far East invites you to a delicious Chinese dinner. They offer an extensive menu of high quality food with reasonable price and great service. This place is definitely a perfect break from the Greek food.

Photo: Foto2rich/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bouboulinas 3, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 4202 0969
Internet: www.fareastkos.gr
Email: fariskos@gmail.com

Caravelle

Caravelle offers an extensive menu of different mezze, supplemented with Turkish starters. Occasionally they have a live band playing both Turkish and Greek music. If you are not in the mood for different meze then their sea food comes highly recommended.

Photo: Nfoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 24 Averof, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 4202 2129

Jackson's Beach Bar

Jackson's Beach Bar has a wooden setting that functions both as a bar and restaurant along the beach. It serves excellent snacks and meals during the day and fantastic bar experience during the night. You will definitely have a good time with its warm and friendly service.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Averof 36, Kos
Opening hours: Open during July - October, Closed during winter
Phone: +30 22420 30371
Internet: www.jacksons-kos.com
Email: info@jacksonskos.com
Lofaki Cafe Restaurant

Lofaki is the right place to enjoy a romantic supper while watching the magnificent sunset behind Kalymnos. With great International meals and lovely staff, it has been voted TripAdvisor’s best restaurant in Kos for the past couple of years.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Agios Nektarios, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 1982
Internet: www.lofaki.gr
Email: lofaki@gmail.com

Taverna Oromedon

Taverna Oromedon overlooks, from the small town of Zia, the marvellous panorama of the archipelago emerging from the sea. Choosing the business policy of the best quality, best price and best service, they offer well-known local specialties as the pligouri and the red cheese.

Photo: GRIGORY GALANTNYY/Shutterstock.com
Address: Epar.Od. Zipariou-Asfendiou, Zia, Kos
Phone: +30 22 2069 983
Internet: www.oromedon.com
Email: nkpapacosta@gmail.com

Aegli

Aegli is situated in the main square of Kos and is run by women on low or no income to help support themselves and their families. The cafe/restaurant is donated to them by the town of Kos. They serve very good traditional Greek meals. The place is perfect for a late evening coffee.

Photo: minadezhda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plateia Eleftherias, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 4203 0016
Internet: www.aiglikos.gr
Email: info@aiglikos.gr

H2O

Lounge cafe during the day, gourmet restaurant during the evening and a bar during the night. The talented staff perfectly combines a charming combination of Greek cuisine with international dishes. The wave-front tables make the experience unforgettable.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vasileos Georgiou 7, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 420 4720
Internet: www.kosaktis.gr
Email: sales@kosaktis.gr

CAFES

The island offers several very nice and cozy cafes. They are the traditional meeting places for many of the locals when taking a break, having a snack or just relaxing.

Photo: Anna Jedynak/Shutterstock.com
Zero Cafe-Bar

Zero Cafe is a modern and colourful little coffee bar in town. They offer delicious milkshakes and strong coffee as well as craft beer. For book lovers, they have a mini bookstand for you to check out. A live gig adds up to its fun and relaxed ambience.

Photo: O n E studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Irodotou 1 and Meg. Alexandrou 2, Kos Town
Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 9.00 am - 1.30 am, Friday: 9.00 am - 2.30 am, Saturday: 9.00 am - 3.30 am, Sunday: 10.00 am - 1.00 am
Phone: +30 22 4202 0182
Internet: www.zerocafebar.gr
Email: zero_kos@hotmail.com

Ciao Cafe Bistro

Ciao Cafe is not only known to be the best coffee bar in town but also for extending excellent cocktail drinks, meals and snacks. They have a wood-fired oven for cooking pizza, which is quite traditional and amusing.

Photo: Peter Cho/Shutterstock.com
Address: 12 Filita, Kos Town
Opening hours: Open April - October
Phone: +30 22 4202 7718

Lofaki Cafe Restaurant

Lofaki is the right place to enjoy a romantic supper while watching the magnificent sunset behind Kalymnos. With great meals and lovely staff, it has been voted Tripadvisor’s best restaurant in Kos for the past couple of years.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Agios Nektarios, Kos
Phone: +302242021982
Internet: www.lofaki.gr
Email: lofaki@gmail.com

Rendezvous

Rendezvous is situated in the small village of Tigaki. They offer great snacks, coffees and cocktails. If you are a sport enthusiast the place is great for you. The staff is friendly and kind.

Photo: NOBUHIRO ASADA/Shutterstock.com
Address: Tigaki, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4206 9094
Internet: www.rendezvouskos.com

Aegli

Aegli is situated in the main square of Kos and is run by women on low or no income to help support themselves and their families. The cafe/restaurant is donated to them by the the town of Kos. They serve very good traditional Greek meals. The place is perfect for a late evening coffee.

Photo: minadezhda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plateia Eleftherias, Kos Town, Kos
Phone: +30 22420 30016
Internet: www.aiglikos.gr
**Da Luz**

Enjoy a delightful coffee during the day or a beverage during the night, while listening to live DJ sets with sounds from today and the past.

Situated in the center of Kos Town and with very friendly staff.

Photo: StudioByTheSea/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Lordou Virona 12, Kos  
Phone: +30 22 4202 8290  
Internet: www.daluzcafe.gr  
Email: sir75@otenet.gr

**Marina Cafe**

Marina cafe is the only cafe in the beautiful marina of Kos. Enjoy coffee, snacks and cocktails in a luxurious environment next to the yachts. It is open every morning until late in the evening.

Photo: Ann Haritonenko/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Leoforos Papandreou Georgiou, Kos Town  
Phone: +30 22 4204 8480  
Email: internetyachtcafe@kosmarina.gr

**porto eye cafe bar**

Portoeye is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee while listening to the waves. Modern, unique and with very enjoyable music that makes you dream. During the night, it is a lively bar with great atmosphere and colourful cocktails.

Photo: Wikamol D/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kardamena, Kos  
Phone: +30 22 4209 2360  
Email: gerasklis@gmail.com

**Gossip Cafe Bar**

Situated on Eleftherias Square it is the perfect place to enjoy a great variety of coffees, drinks and snacks. With its friendly staff and low prices it is a great starting point of a day packed with exploring.

Photo: Farknot Architect/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Plateia Eleftherias, Kos Town  
Phone: +30 22 4202 2304  
Email: gossipkos@hotmail.com

**Senses Café - Bistro**

The Senses Cafe is friendly and elegant place where everybody can enjoy coffee, drinks, salads and desserts. Excellent service and great location, it is a great place for a break after a long day of exploring.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Vasileos Pavlou 33, Kos Town  
Phone: +30 22 4202 4154

**H2O**

Lounge cafe during the day, gourmet restaurant during the evening and a bar during the night. The talented staff perfectly combines a charming combination of Greek cuisine with international dishes. The wave-front tables make the experience unforgettable.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Vasileos Georgiou 7, Kos Town, Kos
Agios Fokas Beach Bar

Situated in Agios Fokas around 7 km south of Kos Town, the bar/cafe is a little tropical paradise next to the sea with shades from palm and native trees. The perfect destination to enjoy the Mediterranean with its relaxing atmosphere.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Agios Fokas, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4204 8208
Internet: www.fokasbeachbar.com
Email: agiosfokas@hotmail.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

The nightlife in Kos town is based around two streets, Diakon and Nafklirou, and it is where you will find most of the bars and nightclubs. Summertime action is guaranteed! Naturally, there are also several nightclubs outside Kos town and many of the resorts have their own nightclubs for their guests as well.

Zero Cafe-Bar

Zero Cafe is a modern and colourful little coffee bar in town. They offer delicious milkshakes and good coffee. For book lovers, they have a mini book stand for you to check out. A live gig adds up to its fun and relaxed ambiance during the night.

Photo: O n E studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Irodotou 1 and Meg. Alexandrou 2, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 4202 0182

Harem Beach Bar

Harem Beach Bar is located between Lambi and Kos town and is decorated to resemble a harem. It has colourful drapes, velvet cushions, atmospheric lightning and plays good music. You can choose between a cushion on the floor or the more traditional seating in chairs. This bar also has an outdoor area by the beach.

Photo: Parilov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Averof 32, Kos
Phone: +30 69 5048 3943
Internet: www.haremshisha.gr
Email: houliaros@hotmail.com

West Bar

West Bar is considered ahead compared to other nightclubs on the island. It offers an awesome atmosphere of lights, music and people. The place is packed, especially during weekends, but you will surely enjoy the dancing and music throbbing throughout the night.
The Camel Bar

The Camel Bar is a fun bar at the harbour packed with many party people. This place is visited by thousands of visitors every year. The best thing is that you can come in the morning for breakfast, stay for lunch in the middle of the day, have dinner and ultimately start your evening right after.

Stone Roses Bar

Stone Roses Bar is an extensive hangout with classic music playing in the background. It is considered a quality bar where good tunes, fine beers and cocktails are being served as you wait and chill the night away.

Jackson's Beach Bar

Jackson's Beach Bar has a wooden setting that functions both as a bar and restaurant along the beach. It serves excellent snacks and meals during the day and a fantastic bar experience during the night. You will definitely have a good time with its warm and friendly service.

Mylos

Mylos is a fantastic bar, with an open-air disco, by the beach. You can anticipate a comfortable atmosphere of sea breeze while good music is playing in the background. This place is a centre of attraction for hundreds of locals and tourists every night and day.

King Size

The King Size beach bar is a private beach and bar in Tigaki. It is a buzzing place of fun and activities during summer as locals and tourists enjoy the site of the beach and the sun. At night, its sunny
ambience transforms into a mixed neon lights of yellow and green as people enjoy sipping their fresh drinks, superb cocktails and delicious snacks.

Photo: Thoom/Shutterstock.com
Address: Beach Road, Tigaki, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4206 8075
Email: stathis_g@hotmail.com

**Sitar**

Sitar is a cozy and sedating cocktail and dive bar near the port of Kos. The bar is known for its distinctive style of presenting its cocktails. Moreover, the place is perfect for a night cap while enjoying the scenery of the harbour.

Photo: Emituu/Shutterstock.com
Address: Riga Fereou 15, Kos Town
Phone: +30 22 4202 7942

**Artemis Heaven Beach-Bar**

Artemis Heaven Beach-Bar, a modern and cool bar where to relax both day and night. Enjoy the beautiful beach surrounding and Aegean Sea while sipping a cocktail, served by the friendly and attentive staff. If you are feeling hungry, do not worry, they serve food too.

Free sunbeds are provided by the beach.

Photo: djile/Shutterstock.com
Address: Antigonis, Lambi, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 8200
Internet: www.hotelartemis.com
Email: info@hotelartemis.com
More Info: Located at hotel Artemis

**Da Luz**

Enjoy a delightful coffee during the day or a beverage during the night, while listening to live DJ sets with sounds from today and the past.

Situated in the center of Kos Town and with very friendly staff.

Photo: StudioByTheSea/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lordou Virona 12, Kos
Phone: +30 22420 28290
Internet: www.daluzcafe.gr

**porto eye cafe bar**

Portoeye is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee while listening to the waves. Modern, unique and with very enjoyable music that makes you dream. During the night it is a lively bar with great atmosphere.

Photo: Wikamol D/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kardamena, Kos
Email: gerasklis@gmail.com

**Avra Lounge Cafe**

Avra is one of the most luxurious and elegant cafe in Kos. Even the most demanding customers are going to be more then pleased by the excellent staff. They offer a great variety of coffees, snacks, soft drinks, wines, champagnes, spirits and many more. A place for the day or the night.

Photo: Aleksandra Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vasilis Georgiou 5, Kos Town
H2O

Lounge cafe during the day, gourmet restaurant during the evening and a bar during the night. The talented staff perfectly combines a charming combination of Greek cuisine with international dishes. The wave-front tables make the experience unforgettable.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vasileos Georgiou 7, Kos Town, Kos
Phone: +30 22420 4720
Internet: www.kosaktis.gr
Email: sales@kosaktis.gr

SHOPPING

Mila Supinskaya Glaschenko/Shutterstock.com

Kos offers a proud heritage of traditional Greek products together with what you will normally find at popular tourist destinations. A stroll through the old town of Kos offers you everything from olive oil soap and a jar of locally produced honey to the latest game console for kids.

Kos is also an exciting place to shop for jewellery, leather goods, perfumes and souvenirs—there are plenty of good deals to be found. The more traditional artwork and craft items are also widely available throughout the island. The supermarkets have an array of traditional products. However, if you are looking for a fresh local produce of fruits and vegetables, you can find it at the main square in town.

The bakeries in Kos fill the morning air with an unmistakable aroma of freshly baked breads. They are definitely worth a visit as there are several delicious cookies and pastries available. The more fashionable shops and all big brands are located in the modern part of the island, where you will find the latest designer accessories. Many of the mountain villages offer lovely handmade ceramics as well as exquisite hand-woven fabrics and embroideries.

The village of Pili is known for its fantastic selection of top-notch cheese products. The ‘red cheese’ - a cheese baked in red wine - comes highly recommended.

Olive Wood

For wooden utilities, visit Olive Wood. They feature handmade wooden items from artistic decorations and jewellery to traditional games.

Besides that, they also sell cosmetics that are made of organic olive oil like soap, lotion, and shampoo.

Photo: Ilga Lasmane/Shutterstock.com
Address: Apellou 13, Kos Town
Phone: +30 69 4280 4801
Internet: www.woodenland.com.gr
Email: woodenlandkos@yahoo.gr
More Info: Located in Old Town
Hippocrates House

If you are looking for traditional confectionery to bring home, come to Hippocrates House. It is a souvenir and gift shop of pastries, featuring handmade products such as classic Greek sweets, olives, various treats, and spices. If you have a sweet tooth you will definitely find something here.

Photo: HQuality/Shutterstock.com
Address: Asfendiou, Zia, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4206 8839
Email: isidwros@hotmail.com

Silver Vision

Silver Vision is a fashion shop located in the heart of the Old Town. They offer assortment of female products such as handbags, jewellery, shoes and other accessories. Their wide collections are from Italian and Greek designer labels including Axel, Elefterious Jewellery, Anatomic Collection and a lot more. This shop is definitely a dream for every woman.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Apellou 10, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 7962
Email: silver-vision@live.com

Diakogiannis Leonidas

Diakogiannis Leonidas is a famous family-run jewellery shop on the island. Since 1885, it has offered beautiful handcrafted jewels made through a high quality of meticulous workmanship. This shop promotes precious pieces from inspired Greek jewellery designers such as Katerina Ioannidis, Margarita Meitani, and Dolly Boukoyiannis. You also find an extensive collection of exclusive watch labels, including Swatch, Seiko and Dolce & Gabbana.

Photo: AlikeYou/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ippokratous 2, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 3392
Email: leonidasdiakogiannis@gmail.com

Leather House

Do not forget to make a stop at the Leather House. This shop has the finest quality of leather accessories, shoes, clutch bags, and handbags. They opened their first shop back in 1979 on Rhodes Island, and eventually they also opened a store in the Old Town of Kos. Today, they continue to establish an undisputed reputation of authentic leather goods.

Photo: Laborant/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ifaistou 26, Kos
Phone: +30 22 4202 1330
Internet: www.leather-house.blogspot.gr
Email: leatherhouse@yahoo.gr
More Info: Old Town

Keramos

Probably the most original gift shop in Kos. Situated next to the tree of Hypocrates and the Police station, it offers handmade decorations, local products and many special gifts.

Photo: Eastern.Light.Photography/Shutterstock.com
Kos Market Hall

Situated on Eleftherias Square the Town Agora is a small indoor market. You can find traditional touristy gifts, fruits and vegetables, oils, herbs, honey and much more.

Photo: Isabella Pfenninger/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plateia Eleftherias, Kos Town

TOURIST INFORMATION

Passport / Visa

Greece can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Photo: Tuk Tuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Kos Island International Airport

Kos Island International Airport, also known as Hippocrates Airport, is located near Andimachia village and lies about 26 km from Kos Town. The easiest way to get to the city is to catch a taxi, which is available from the airport arrival gate. The journey from the Airport to Kos takes about 30-35 minutes.

If you prefer the local transport, then head over to the big roundabout outside the airport gate and catch the orange and cream coloured KTEL bus. The bus service is offered between the Airport and the city of Kos, Mastichari, Kardamena and Kefalos. The tickets have very reasonable prices and available on board. It usually takes about 25 minutes for the bus to travel between city centre and the airport. (www.ktel-kos.gr)

There are many reliable car rental companies at the airport such as Hertz, Budget and Sixt. The car rental companies are located in the Arrivals Hall.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Kos Island International Airport
Phone: +30 22 4205 6000
Internet: www.kgs-airport.gr/en
**Best time to visit**

There are two main seasons in Kos, the cold and warm season; here you will experience dry hot summers and mild winters. The summer in Kos is from May to October and the high tourist season on the island is from June to August. If you want to avoid the crowd and travel cheaper then May and September is good months to visit. The cold season starts in the beginning of December and ends in March. During these months, the average temperature stays below 15°C.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

**Public Transport**

The bus service on Kos is very well organized and the ticket price is inexpensive. The public transport KTEL travel between cities and their tickets are available on-board on the bus or at the station. You can find the main bus station on Kleopatras Street in Kos Town.

The island can easily be explored by mountain bike, as it is relatively flat. If the weather is too hot or you don't like biking, there are several places to hire either a scooter or a car.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Address: Kleopatras 7, Kos  
Phone: +30 2420 22292  
Internet: www.ktel-kos.gr  
Email: info@ktel-kos.gr

**Taxi**

Taxis are all metered and available at nearby offices and on the road. You can also call out a taxi through phone, but they might charge you with an additional fee. One of the taxi companies on the island is Kos Taxi.

Photo: ArrivalGuides  
Phone: +30 22 4205 1160  
Internet: www.kostaxi.eu  
Email: info@kostaxi.eu

**Post**

Mailboxes are yellow in colour and are usually found near bus stops. You can purchase stamps in tourist shops selling postcards and in most hotels. There are a few post offices around the island and in Kos Town.

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Internet: www.elta.gr

**Pharmacy**

There are several pharmacies in Kos Town and generally they can also be found in the resorts. A green cross emblem signifies these medicine shops.

Photo: Gemma Garner
Country code: +30 Area code: 22420

220 volt, two pronged round plugs

Population
33,400

Currency
Euro, € 1 = 100 cent

Opening hours
Shops here open from 8.00 am - 2.30 pm. It closes for siesta and re-opens again from 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm from Monday to Saturday. Many shops are closed on Sunday, but it depends which season and where on the island you are visiting. There are exceptions noted in specific listings.

Newspapers
Kathimerini (National daily)
Eleftherotypia (National daily)
To Vima (National daily)

Do not be distressed if you cannot read Greek as day-old English newspapers are commonly available from various newsstands in Kos.

Emergency numbers
Ambulance: 166
Police: 100
Fire brigade: 199

Tourist information
Municipal Tourist Organization of Kos Island
1, Vas. Georgiou Street, Kos
+30 242 28724 24460