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Rhodes

Rhodes is an island in the Aegean Sea. It is in Greece. Over 100,000 people live on Rhodes.

Rhodes is sometimes called Ródos in English. In Greek it is spelled Ρόδος.

The City of Rhodes has a long history going back 2,400 years.

The old city of Rhodes is one of the best medieval walled cities in Europe.

Medieval means the period of time in history from about the 5th century to the 15th century. This is from the end of the Roman period.
A **walled city** is an old city that had a big wall all around it. This was to defend the city from attack.

Walled cities were usually built in the **Medieval** period.

The old city is a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site. This means that the United Nations says that it is a very important place. It must be looked after properly.

**UNESCO** is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. It is part of the **United Nations**. The **United Nations** is where all the countries in the world work together.
Rhodes is a popular place for holidays. It is the sunniest Greek city and one of the sunniest cities in the world.

**Accessibility**

The medieval city of Rhodes is mostly good for people in wheelchairs.

There are lots of accessible places to stay on Rhodes.
Guide dogs are allowed in most places

Beaches: in most of the beaches there are steps or ramps or footpaths to get there.

Public Toilets are available at some places in the town. There are male, female and wheelchair accessible toilets.
Things to see

The Acropolis of Rhodes
This is the ancient site of some temples, a theatre and a stadium.
It is about 2,400 years old.

You can see:

The Temple of Apollo.

Apollo was one of the many gods of the ancient Greeks, the god of sun, light and music.

The Odeon - which was the ancient Greek open air theatre

The remains of the ancient Greek Stadium. They used this for games and sports
The Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes

This is a medieval castle in the City of Rhodes.

It was first built about 1,400 years ago.

It then became the palace of the grand master about 700 years ago.

In 1940 it was reconstructed as the holiday home of the King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy.

Today it functions as a museum.
Church of our Lady of the Burgum
These ruins are of a church that was originally built about 700 years ago.

St Nicholas Tower
This tower was built about 600 years ago to protect the Mandraki port.

New Market of Mandraki
The fabulous “new market” was built in 1926 when Italy ruled Rhodes.

Columns of the Deer
The columns of the Deer are in the entrance of Mandraki port.

The columns bear the statues of a male and a female deer, where, according to the myth, Colossus once stood.
Filerimos Hill
On the top of Filerimos hill there are a medieval church and a monastery. The view is magnificent.

Kallithea Thermal Springs
Kallithea Thermal springs complex was built in 1930. It is open for swimming, relaxation and cultural events.

Lindos
Lindos is one of the three ancient cities of the island. Visit the beautiful village and the ancient acropolis with the temple of Athina.

Butterflies Valley
The valley, home to the red and black butterfly of Rhodes is a protected natural site.

Prassonisi
Prassonisi is on the southern edge of Rhodes. It is a paradise for surfers from all around the world.
Map of the City of Rhodes

- The Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes
- Church of the Anunciation
- St Nicholas Tower
- Market of Mandraki
- Church of Our Lady of the Burgum
- Temple of Apollo
- Ancient Acropolis
Walk around Rhodes
This is a walk through the streets of the medieval city

Start at the Best Western Plaza Hotel.
Walk down Amerikis street.

Cross the main road and go down Ethnarchou Makariou street towards D’Amboise Gate.

Go through the D’Amboise Gate.

Walk round to the Palace of the Grand Master.

Go down the street opposite the main gateway called Panetiou street.

You go past Suleimans’ Mosque and turn down Sokratous street.

Walk past Sissitio café.

Go right down Sakratous street, past lots of lovely old shops to the Ippocratous Square.
Turn right into Aristotelous street.
Walk down Aristotelous street and Evreon Martiron square. You will see buildings that are over 1000 years old.

Walk past the church of Our Lady of the Burgum.

Go out of the medieval city through Virgin Gate.

Turn left and follow the wooden pathway along the sea front.

At the end of the wooden pathway go through Arsenal (Tarsana) Gate.

Follow the road to your left through Symis square to the Auverne inn and the Auverne café.
Where to stay

There are lots of accessible places to stay on Rhodes. You could find some options on these websites:

**Disabled Access Holidays**

**Trip Advisor**
Go to https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk
Click Wheelchair access under ‘Amenities’ and search for Rhodes

**Sage Travelling**
www.sagetraveling.com/rhodes-accessible-shore-excursions
Where to stay

**Mediterranean Hotel**
35-37, Kos Str, Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 24661
E-mail: info@mediterranean.gr
Web: www.mediterranean.gr

**Grand Albergo delle Rose - Hotel & Casino**
4, Georgiou Papanicolaou Str, Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 97400
e-mail: info@gadr.gr

**Best Western Plaza Hotel**
7, Ierou Lochou Str, PO Box 246, Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 22501
E-mail: info@rhodesplazahotel.com
Web: www.rhodesplazahotel.com
Where to eat

Rodon Place Restaurant - Casino
Situated at the basement of the Grand Albergo delle Rose - Hotel & Casino

Meltemi Restaurant
Kountourioti Sq., Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 30480

Actaion Café
7th March Av., Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 29282

Yachting Club Café
3, Neorion Sq., Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 75723

Sissitio Café -Restaurant
Ippodamou 179 & Socratous str., Medieval city, Rhodes 85131,
Tel: +30 22410 35773

Auverne Café -Restaurant
Great Alexander Sq., Medieval city, Rhodes 85131
Tel: +30 22410 76100
More information

You can find more information about accessible tourism on Rhodes and in Greece from:

- **Asklipiades**
  a) Accessible tourism services in Rhodes
  b) Information on how easy it is to get to places and businesses on the island
  Web: [www.pwdservices.gr](http://www.pwdservices.gr)

- **Tourism Office - Rhodes**
  Web: [www.rhodes.gr](http://www.rhodes.gr)
  (Click the 🇬🇷 to get the webpage in English)

- **Rodos Tourism Promotion Organisation**
  Web: [www.rodosisland.gr](http://www.rodosisland.gr)

- **Greece4all - directory**
  Web: [greece4all.eu/en/destinations/rhodes](http://greece4all.eu/en/destinations/rhodes)

- **Prosvasis** – information about accessibility in Greece
  Web: [www.prosvasis.co](http://www.prosvasis.co) and type in Rhodes to get information about Rhodes
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