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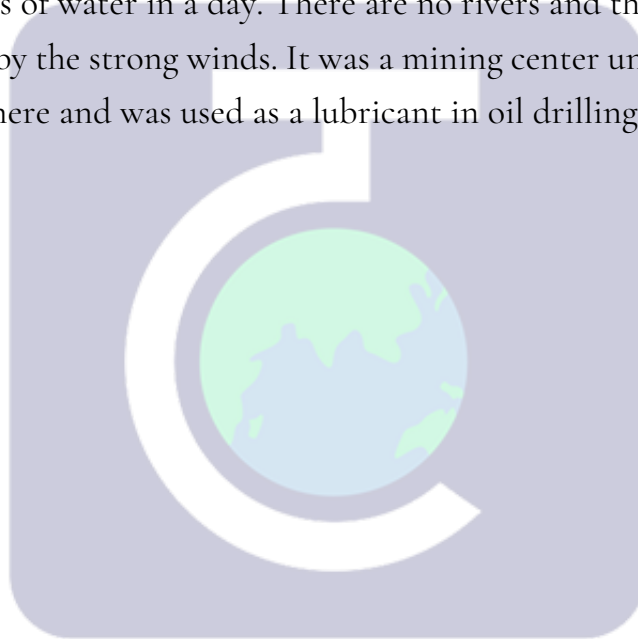
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### 1. Geographical location

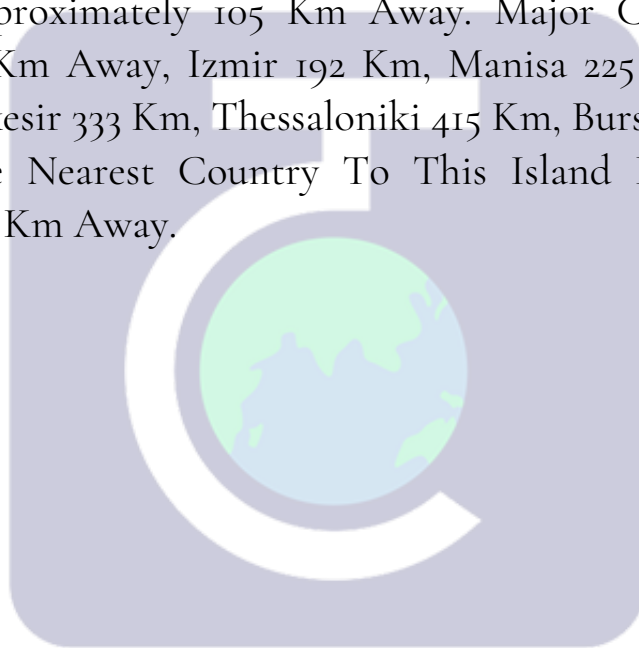
Mykonos is a Greek island that is located between Syros, Tinos, Naxos and Paros. It is also known as the island of the wind and Mykonos town is also known as Chora. It covers an area of 85km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of over 12,000. This island is located 150km away from Athens in the Aegean Sea. The highest point in this island has an elevation of 341 meters above sea level. This island is endowed with several streams and some have been made reservoirs which produce almost 4,500 cubic meters of water in a day. There are no rivers and the terrain is rocky as most places have been eroded by the strong winds. It was a mining center until 1900s and barite is the mineral that was mined here and was used as a lubricant in oil drilling.



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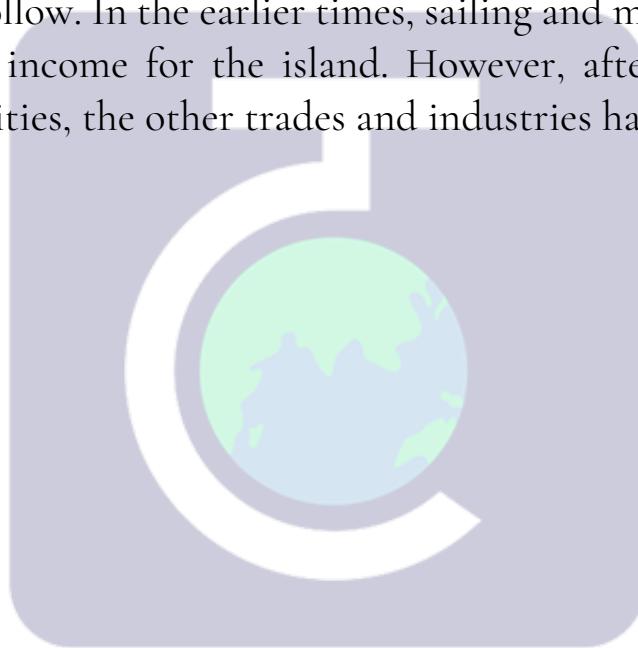
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Mykonos Is An Island In The Aegean Sea And Is Surrounded By Other Islands Which Include Delos Which Is 2 Km, Naxos Locate 48.5 Km Away, Paros Which Is 84 Km, Amorgos 144 Km, Santorini 150 Km Away, Sifnos 187 Km And Milos 199 Km Among Others. Neighboring Cities, Towns And Suburbs Include Andros, Ano Mera, Vari, Tinos, Filotion, Karistos, Apollonia And Many Others All Which Are Approximately 105 Km Away. Major Cities Near Mykonos Include Athens 155 Km Away, Izmir 192 Km, Manisa 225 Km, Patras 332 Km, Denizli 332 Km, Balikesir 333 Km, Thessaloniki 415 Km, Bursa 449 Km And Corlu 467 Km Away. The Nearest Country To This Island Is Turkey Which Is Approximately 1,900 Km Away.



### 3. Significance

‘The Island of the Winds’, as Mykonos is popularly known, is truly a tourist’s paradise. No wonder tourism has become a major industry in this picturesque Greek town in the South Aegean. The island has a cosmopolitan character due to the high number of foreign visitors arriving every day of the year. However, the island has not lost its traditional way of life and social customs which they expect even the visitors to follow. In the earlier times, sailing and merchant activity were the main sources of income for the island. However, after the domination of tourism related activities, the other trades and industries have taken a back seat.

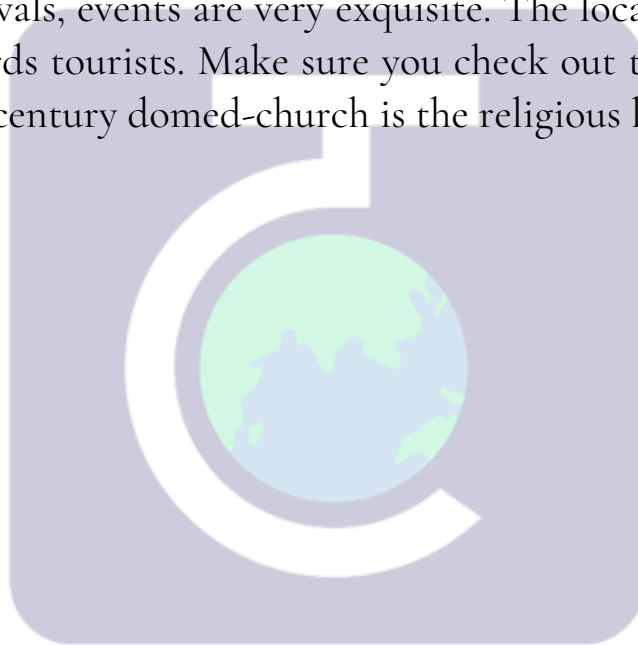


## 4. History

The first settlements which arrived on the Mykonos Island are believed to date back as long ago as 3000 BC, however the first actual settlers inhabited the island in the 11th century. Mykonos became a part-and-parcel of control of the Roman Empire and then became part of the Byzantine Empire until the 12th century. By the end of the 13th century, Mykonos was left in ruins by the Catalans, and the territory was later transferred to direct Venetian rule in 1390. Till the 18th century, Mykonos remained a strong trading lifeline which attracted immigrants from the neighboring islands. The island was a regular subject of pirate invasion back then. When the Greek Revolution occurred, Mykonos played a big role, spearheaded by the national icon Manto Mavrogenous, After independence, the Mykonos island saw a decline in population and trade activity. However prosperity returned in the 1930s after wealthy and influential aristocrats and Europeans began vacationing on the island and eventually Mykonos experienced a renaissance as an international hotspot.

## 5. Cultural identity

The highlights of Mykonos are its culture, calm, and cuisine. Although the island locale is already well-established for its nightlife romps, the truth is, Mykonos is much more than just a place where wine and crazed dancing are signatures. Step away from the fast-paced pleasures of social merrymaking and discover the culture of Mykonos. The people here are used to pretty high living standards, and their traditions, festivals, events are very exquisite. The locals are polite, friendly and hospitable towards tourists. Make sure you check out the Panagia Tourliani Monastery, the 18th-century domed-church is the religious lifeline of the island.



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### 6. Natural resources

It has a large reserve of natural resources which includes water, soil, lumber, iron ore, coal, wind, natural gas, petroleum, coal, silica, zinc, tin, iron ore, limestone, salt, gypsum, arable land, clay, rocks, slate, chalk, bauxite, uranium, lignite, manganese and coal. It has a dense forest cover that includes various types of trees, shrub, herbs, grasses in addition with oak, lime, beech and deciduous trees. It is a home to various species of animals and that includes hare, duck, heron, fox, deer and boar.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Delos

Labeled as one of the most historic and archaeological sites in Mykonos, Delos is an island at the center of Cyclades and has the most substantial trenches in the Mediterranean. It is one of the major tourist spots and is very prominent from a cultural and historical standpoint. Offering beautiful sceneries and places to walk around and explore, this island is also an abode to restaurants that serve plenty of new dishes to satisfy your hunger pangs.

Address : Island of Delos, Greece, 84100

Zipcode : 84100

Location : 37.3962623, 25.268941199999972

Contact : +30-2289022259

Entry Fee : Boat Trip:17 EUR Entrance Fee: 5 EUR Guided Tour: 40 EUR

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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## 7.2. Free

### 7.2.1. Little Venice

If you are on a lookout for a romantic getaway while in Mykonos, head straight to Little Venice with your better half and fall in love with this charming neighborhood and its magnetic appeal. The camouflaged edifices against the backdrop of the blue Aegean Sea is a marvelous setting for you to sit down with your favorite drink in the stereotypical wooden stairways with the waves gushing underneath.

Address : Mitropoleos Georgouli, Mykonos Town, Greece, 846 00

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 37.4466486, 25.32596669999998

Nearest Public Transport : Fabrika Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.2. Paradise Beach

Discovered as the nude beach of the 1960s and later transformed as a party beach, Paradise Beach has etched its name as a hub in Mykonos and is a favorite among locals as well as tourists. This beach has been recommended as a Greece party central and has numerous food, drinks and party options. Being one among the top 10 beaches in the world, come here to lift up your spirits.

Address : Paradise Beach, Mikonos, Greece, 846 00

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 37.410262, 25.3566600000000034

Contact : +30 2289 022852

Website : <http://www.paradisemykonos.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Paradise Beach Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Panormos Beach

An extension of the northern part of the beautiful island of Mykonos is the Panormos Beach. This beach has an alluring long stretch of white sand as well as a tiny taverna that opens in summer. A hidden paradise, it makes for a wonderful outing with your friends or loved ones. You can dance the night away as you visit the many clubs located here or settle for a cozy meal at the restaurants that serve delicious seafood.

Address : Paralia Panormos, 846 00, Greece

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 37.4763258, 25.359779600000024

Contact : +30 2289 077184

Website : <http://www.panormosmykonos.gr/>

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. Ano Mera

Known for being the most inhabited village on the island, Ano Mera is situated at a distance of 8 kilometers from Mykonos. Worth visiting here are the Cloister, the Panagia Tourliani Church, the Monastery of Paleokastro, all of which represent Cycladic architecture and stunning inscriptions. Don't forget to visit the tiny central square where you will find tavernas and pastry shops serving delicious sweets.

Address : Mykonos, Greece, 846 00

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 37.4475393, 25.391228100000035

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. The Windmills

An iconic mark of the island of Mykonos, the Windmills are visible from any spot on the island as they stand tall on a hill looking down at the beautiful town. Constructed by the Venetians in the 16th century, they all have an identical architecture with a round shape, pointed roof, small windows, and everything

whitewashed. Presently, there are 16 windmills out of which 7 are postured at the leading hill in Chora.

Address : Mikonos, Greece, 846 00

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 38.1034819, 23.459789900000033

Nearest Public Transport : Fabrika Bus Stop

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Paraportiani Church

Out of the 400 churches on the island, Paraportiani Church is the most frequented and snapshotted churches all across Mykonos. The noticeable feature is the asymmetrical fusion of 4 various architectural styles into one - traditional, vernacular, Byzantine and western style. The structure dates back to the 15th century and is structured near the main harbor entrance, being the central feature of the 'Kastro' area.

Address : Chora, Mykonos, 846 00

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 37.4470625, 25.32564990000003

Nearest Public Transport : Fabrika Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Mykonos Folklore Museum

Having its foot set in the Kastro area near the famous Paraportiani Church, Mykonos Folklore Museum is located in an ancient 2-storey captain's house. The museum has 6 main exhibition halls and antique collections on display ranging from furniture, decorative prints and gravures, fabrics, historical artefacts, and an exquisite collection of model boats. You can visit the library along with going through the import archives of manuscripts, photographs and maps here.

Address : Kastro, Mykonos Town, Greece, 846 00

Zipcode : 84600

Location : 37.4474647, 25.325884599999995

Contact : +302289-22591

Nearest Public Transport : Fabrika Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Daily 17:30hrs-20:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Being an island, most of the adventure activities in Mykonos are concentrated on the sea and the beach. A wide variety of water sports such as windsurfing, scuba diving, kite surfing, snorkelling, jet skiing, water skiing, beach golfing, etc. await the visitors in this pretty island. Horseback riding is another fun adventure offered in this island.

- **Camping -**

Address : Paraga Beach, Mikonou, Mykonos Island 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4086089,25.3507563

Contact No : +30 2289 025915

Website : <http://mycamp.gr/en/>

Entry Fees : 10 EUR to 25 EUR per person

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

- **Water Sports -**

Address : GoDive Mykonos Dive Resort, P.O. Box 875 Ano Mera, 84600, Lia Beach, Mykonos, Greece

Location : 37.4453004,25.435709999999999

Contact No : 0030 6946957732

Website : <http://www.godivemykonos.com/>

Entry Fees : 25 EUR to 600 EUR

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 5

- **Jet Skiing -**

Address : Agrari, Elia Beach 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4215122,25.3830594999999

Contact No : +30-2289023160

Website : <http://www.mykonos-accommodation.com/watersports-mykonos.htm>

Entry Fees : Jet skiing for 20 minutes - €50

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3



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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Along with a number of water sports and some of the most interesting sports adventures enjoyed in Mykonos, football is a popular sport in Mykonos. A.O. Mykonos is the most famous football club here.





## 10. Spas and relaxation

The spa centers in Mykonos includes different de-stress techniques with herbal treatments and spa massages.

- **Althea Spa Center Mykonos:**

Address : Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.420753,25.312532000000033

Contact No : +30 2289 025555

Website : <http://www.mykonosgrand.gr/>

- **Grace Mykonos Spa:**

Address : Agios Stefanos, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4702873,25.318600199999999

Contact No : +30 2289 020000

Website : <http://www.gracehotels.com/mykonos/facilities/spa/>

- **Spa Mosaic:**

Address : Ornos, Greece

Location : 37.42019700000001,25.320713999999953

Contact No : +30 2289 024094

Website : <http://www.kivotosmykonos.com/spa-leisure/spa/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**New Year's Day @ churches, Mykonos (1st)**

This is a day where the residents gather at homes or churches to celebrate and usher in the new year and they pray and hope that it will be a good year.

**Valentine's Day @ Mykonos (14th)**

This is an international day held to celebrate love where couples exchange gifts, flower and cards.

**Independence Day @ Mykonos (25th)**


A day established to celebrate the nations independence where military parades march in town.

**Orthodox Good Friday @ the churches (14th)**

This is a religious Christian holiday characterized by women singing lament songs at the churches about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**Labor day @ Mykonos (1st)**

**This is a day established to celebrate workers and appreciate their hard work. There are various parades and union events of labor hosted here.  
Holy Spirit Monday @ Mykonos (5th)**



**A Christian holiday that is celebrated after Pentecost and the dates always change the same way the Easter dates change.  
St. Paraskevi @ churches(26th)**

**This is a religious Christian festival held to honor the Christian martyr Saint Parasveki whose parents were of Greek origin.  
Gay Festival @ several clubs (23rd to 30th)**

**This Island is known for being gay friendly and that is why there is usually this annual festival where gay visitors from all over the world attend. There are pride parades, festivals, events and marches to support the LGBT culture.  
Harvest Festival @ Agriculture Museum (every second Sunday)**

**This is an annual traditional festival where grape farmers tread them at the wine press with musicians playing folk music.  
Ochi day @ Mykonos (28th)**

**This is a public holiday held to remember General Ioannis Metaxas' denial to the Italians' request for free passage into the country.**

**Athica's Second Annual Juried  
@ Athica: Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (1st to 19th)**

**This is an event that will be featuring juror Annette Cone-Skelton of MOCA GA. Various art forms of Italianate and Greek Revival styles are exhibited here.  
Christmas @ churches, Mykonos (25th)**

**This is a Christian holiday held to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ whom the Christians believe is their savior where children say carols.**

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

The beaches and the narrow lanes of the island provide plenty of sights and attractions for the visitors. Different kinds of tours are available to suit each person's interests. Catamaran tours are a specialty in Mykonos. The catamaran takes the tourists to the surrounding islands. Tour options include day, sunset, and full day tours. Private cruises to the nearby islands in traditional Greek sailing boats offer breathtaking views of the turquoise waters and the picturesque Greek islands. Some of the popular cruises include beach-to-beach cruises, sunset cruises, etc. Glass bottom boat tours provide stunning views of underwater life.



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### 13. Transportation hubs

Mykonos Island National Airport (37.435352, 25.347634) is located 4 km away from the downtown area. It takes only 10 minutes to reach the town from the airport. There is no public transport system operating between the airport and the city centre. Taxis are available at the taxi rank opposite the terminal. A ride from the airport to Mykonos town usually costs between 5-10 EUR. The rate may increase if there is more luggage. The two ports in the city are the Old Port (37.447688, 25.327411) and the New Port at Tourlos (37.465454, 25.322842). There are two bus stations in the town – Fabrika (37.442769, 25.328563) and the Northern Bus Station (37.446719, 25.328861).



**Index****14. Transportation cost**

Local transport in Mykonos is mainly by bus, taxi, car, scooter, ATV, or boat. Bus tickets cost around 2 EUR or less. Taxi rates are fixed to each destination and usually start from about 4 EUR. Radio taxis are also available. But they cost around 1.3 EUR more and there is also an appointment charge of about 5 EUR. Boat service is provided to the various beaches in Mykonos for 5-7 EUR. There are many bike rental services that provide bikes to tourists to explore the city. The daily rent starts at about 10 EUR during the low season, about 12 EUR during mid-season, and around 22 EUR during the high-season.



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### 15. Baggage allowance

Ferries and boats allow baggage that you can carry which is around 20kg because you will be responsible for off loading it. Ships might allow a bit larger luggage. Buses also allow luggage that you can carry and this is subject to whether there is available space as most of them usually have limited luggage space. If you have a lot of luggage you might consider hiring a taxi as they usually have enough space and ensure a stress free journey. You can alternatively rent a car or seek the delivery service companies.





**Index****16. Must try food and local savouries**

Some of the best dishes found here are with fish and octopus. They are served with excellent garnishing and complimentary food such as pepper or cheese spread and vegetables. Each of the dishes are served exotically with different ingredients.



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## 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **BAKALO Greek Eatery Mykonos:**

Address : Lakka, Mykonos Town 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.443824,25.3283963000000

Contact No : +30 2289 078121

Website : <http://www.bakalo.gr/index.php/en/>

Open / Close Time : Open everyday 18:30hrs-01:30hrs

- **Kiki's Tavern:**

Address : 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4858071,25.3603345000000

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-19:00hrs

- **Agrari beach Restaurant:**

Address : Agrari beach, Post box 511, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4215122,25.3830594999999

Contact No : +30 2289 071295

Website : <http://agraribeach.gr/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Restaurant Avli Tou Thodori:**

Address : Unnamed Rd Greece, Platis Gialos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4141439,25.3425843

Contact No : +30 2289 078100

Website : <http://www.avlitouthodori.gr/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Avra:**

Address : Kalogera 27, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4459263,25.32821730000000

Contact No : +30 2289 022298

Website : <http://www.avra-mykonos.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 19:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Nikos Gallop Restaurant:**

Address : Platys Gialos, on the way to Platys Gialos, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4167539,25.33930459999999

Contact No : +30 2289 024306

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-00:30hrs

- **Cavo Paradiso:**

Address : Paradise Beach, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4084454000000,25.3603285000000

Contact No : +30 2289 027205

Website : <http://www.cavoparadiso.gr/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 23:30hrs-07:30hrs

- **galleraki bar:**

Address : Skarpa, Mykonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4461168,25.3263852999999

Contact No : +30 2289 027188

Website : <http://galleraki.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

- **Skandinavian Bars - Disco Club:**

Address : Georgouli, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Location : 37.4469293,25.3269751000000

Contact No : +30 2289 022669

Website : <http://www.skandinavianbar.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 20:00hrs-06:00hrs

**Index****18. Average meal cost**

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 25.00 EUR. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 50.00 EUR. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 4.67 EUR. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 9.00 EUR. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 1.17 EUR.



## 19. Tourist benefits

Tourists who are not nationals of European Union (EU) countries can enjoy duty free prices when leaving the city at the Mykonos Airport. There is a duty free shop here that sells gift items, souvenirs, perfumes, spirits and tobacco, newspapers, and travel accessories. The VAT rate in this city is 24%. Nationals not from EU countries can also get the benefits of tax refund. You must also be 18 years old and above. For you to get a refund, you must have first purchased from a tax free store which always have a sign showing that they are tax free stores at their entrances. Secondly, you must have had a minimum purchase of 50 EUR. Thirdly, you have to ask for the tax free form from the store and fill it which you later present it to the customs desk at the airport for a stamp. After getting the stamp, you present the form to one of the refund booths and they give your money that is the VAT minus the service charge. You must also present the items and the payment receipt.

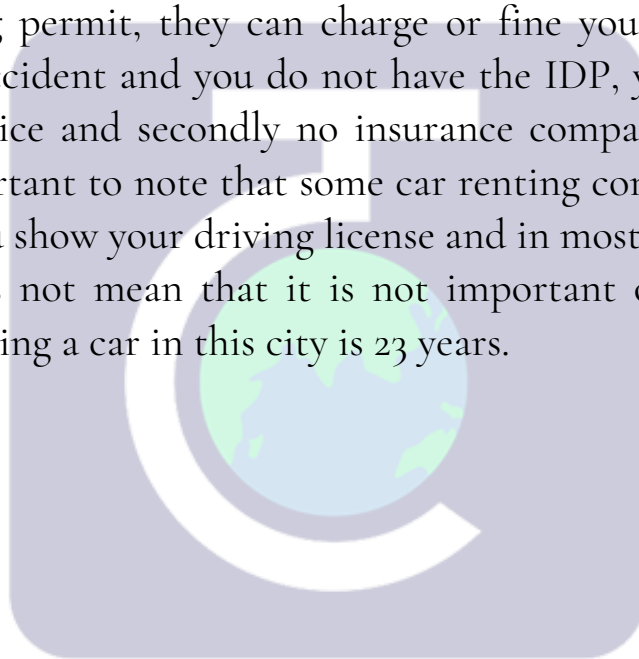
## 20. Essential local apps

The beautiful island of Mykonos is easy to navigate and explore with the help of some useful apps that provide information like the best places to eat, the nearest mode of transport, etc. Mykonos app is compatible with all devices and helps the user if getting information about the hotels, restaurants, taverns, fast food, food delivery, cafes, bars, clubs, etc. The app also offers details of tours, attractions, and the like. Mykonos Greece is an iPhone and Android app that gives detailed information about restaurants, cafes, travelling information, etc.



## 21. Driving

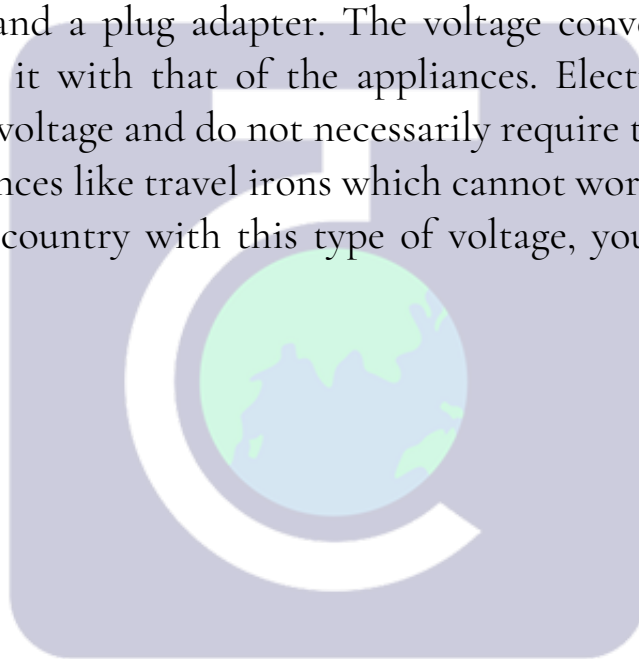
To legally drive in Mykonos, you must have a valid home driving license and an International Driving Permit (IDL). The International Driving Permit is only issued by the country that issued your driving license and usually has a validity of 1 year. It is basically a translation of your home driving license and acts as proof that your driving license is valid. If the police stop you and find you without the international driving permit, they can charge or fine you. Likewise if you get involved in a road accident and you do not have the IDP, you will be in serious trouble with the police and secondly no insurance company will be willing to cover you. It is important to note that some car renting companies will rent you the cars provided you show your driving license and in most cases will not ask for the IDL, which does not mean that it is not important or not required. The minimum age of renting a car in this city is 23 years.





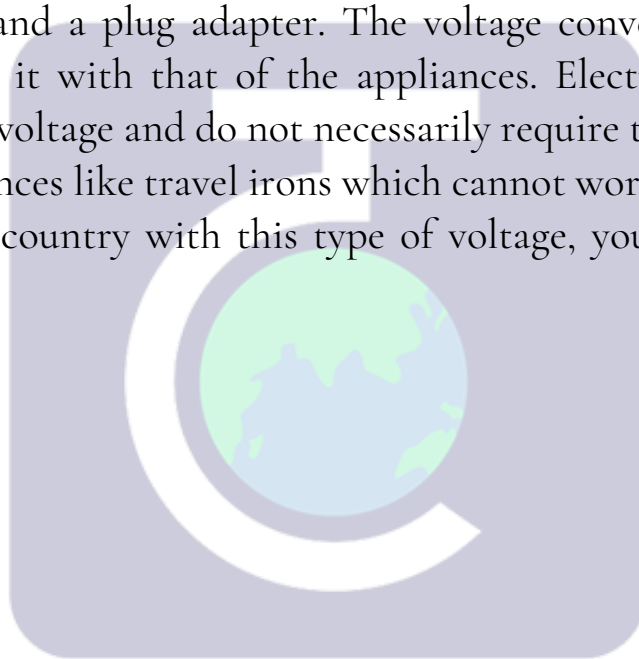
## 22. Travel essentials

Mykonos has a standard voltage of 230 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. Most sockets found in this city are type C which have two round pins and type F which are similar to type C only that they have two earth clips. Type C sockets work well with type E and F plug adapters and type F sockets work well with type C and E plug adapters. Visitors from countries with a different voltage will require a voltage converter and a plug adapter. The voltage converter steps down the voltage and matches it with that of the appliances. Electrical gadgets such as laptops have in built voltage and do not necessarily require the voltage converters unlike smaller appliances like travel irons which cannot work without the voltage converter. If from a country with this type of voltage, you only require a plug adapter.



## 23. Essential clothes

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**Index****24. Local currency**

Euro is the local currency of Mykonos. It is denoted as EUR. 1 USD = 0.92 EURO



**Index****25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Currency exchange services are available at the airport and at the main ports. Banks also offer exchange services. There are currency exchange offices in main tourist destinations as well. Banks and exchange offices charge a very high commission especially in the most popular tourist areas. There are plenty of ATMs in Mykonos that accept foreign cash cards. When using a debit card, currency conversion fees and foreign ATM transaction fees are applicable as per the card issuing bank's policies. The banks that own the ATM charge a usage fee for each transaction. The Greek bank ATMs have a daily withdrawal limit also.



## 26. Staying connected

Getting hold of a SIM card in Mykonos is fairly a simple and easy endeavor. Mobile SIM cards are gettable in mobile shops located close to the International Airport. The top three mobile networks are: Cosmote, Vodafone, and Wind. The best thing for any tourist to do is buy a SIM card from the airport itself. Just show your passport and valid Greek visa and the vendor will provide you with a SIM card which works all across Greece – including Mykonos. Prepaid Data cards are available too – if you're keen on just accessing the internet on your mobile phone device.



## 27. Time Zone

Mykonos follows Eastern European Time Zone with UTC + 02:00 hours.



**Index****28. Languages**

Majority of the people in Mykonos speak Greek. English is the following language.



**Index****29. Political Scenario**

Mykonos has a municipal which is an individual regional unit of the South Aegean region, and the sole municipality in the regional unit. All decisions pertaining to the welfare of the island – public and private – are helmed and handled by the municipal body.





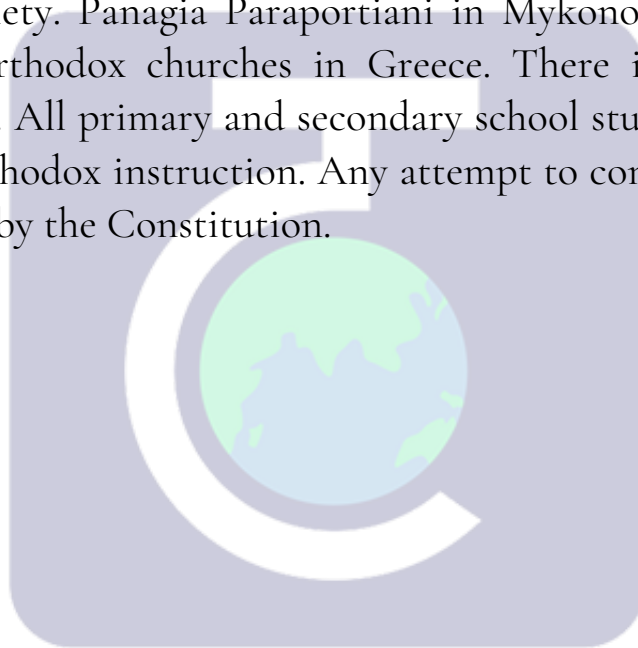
### 30. Economic Scenario

Despite the much-in-the-news Greek financial meltdown a few years ago, Mykonos has steered clear from becoming a casualty. The island city has a flourishing nightlife and several other factors to thank for that. Despite being an isle location, Mykonos economy has derived most of its revenue from the tourism. As a world-renowned party-destination, Mykonos sees a flock of the rich and famous on a regular basis. Besides, tourists who love to party, come to Mykonos anyway!



**Index****31. Religious belief**

The Greek Orthodox Church dominates religion in Mykonos just as anywhere in Greece. The other religions in the island include Islam, Catholicism, Evangelicalism, Hellenic Paganism, Judaism, and Hinduism. Roman Catholicism and Greek Catholicism are the main denominations of Catholicism in the island. The Greek Orthodox Church, though separated from the State, has great influence in the society. Panagia Paraportiani in Mykonos is one of the most important Greek Orthodox churches in Greece. There is only one Catholic Church in the island. All primary and secondary school students are required to attend Christian Orthodox instruction. Any attempt to convert the religion of a citizen is prohibited by the Constitution.



## 32. Visa requirements

Visitors and tourists travelling to Mykonos in Greece should have a valid passport. The passport should have a validity period of at least three months. If planning to stay more than these three months, you should apply for a residence permit. This is because you can only stay up to 90 days in the city with the passport. Staying beyond this time limit without a residence permit can lead to deportation. However national from South Africa should have the passport and a valid Schengen visa. If transiting from one border-free Schengen country to another, a passport is not required but it is always important to carry it with you for identity reasons. The country does not allow entry of nationals with travel documents given by the Cyprus area that is not controlled by the Cyprus government and those with UN laissez-passers. You can use the site [http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/before\\_you\\_travel/passports\\_and\\_visas](http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/before_you_travel/passports_and_visas) for more information.



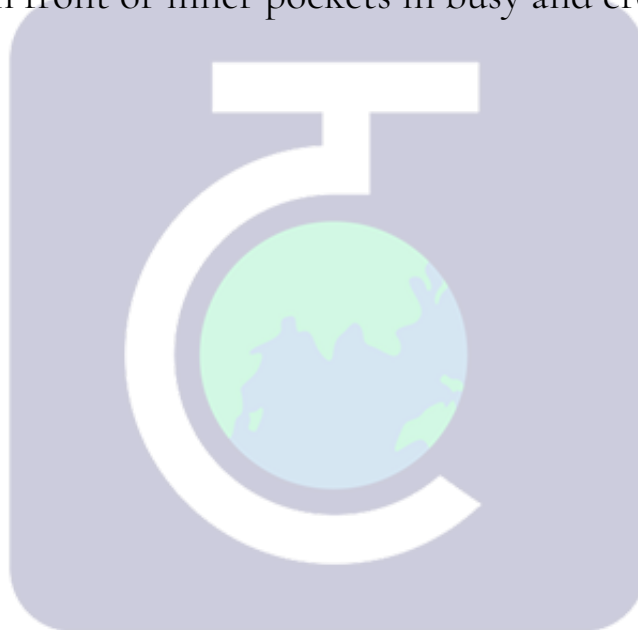
### 33. Essential vaccination

If you are traveling to Mykonos, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Japanese Encephalitis, Hepatitis A, Rabies, Typhoid, Meningitis, Cholera, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus and routine vaccines.



**Index****34. Theft and Safety**

Mykonos is a pretty safe place for tourists and no serious crimes are reported against foreign travellers. However, drunken and dangerous driving is quite common in the island. Those who rent bikes or quad bikes should be alert to the sudden twists in the roads as these can be quite tricky for the inexperienced causing accidents. Also, take the general precautions like holding on to your bags and keeping money in front or inner pockets in busy and crowded areas.



**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

Mykonos is a small island in Greece and has only one foreign representation office. This is the France vice consulate which is found at Delia Travel, Akti Mayrogenous. For more information, check out this website <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/greece>.



## 36. Accessibility

Mykonos is fairly inaccessible for those with mobility problems. The cobbled pathways, hills, and public transport with practically no facilities for the disabled make Mykonos an unfriendly place for the disabled.



**Index****37. Emergencies**

In case of emergencies you can call 100 for police, for ambulance you can dial 112 and for fire 199. You are provided with a top notch service. There are hospitals that offer help with the travel insurance such as Mykonos Hospital (37.431284, 25.327994).





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**38. Do's and Don'ts**

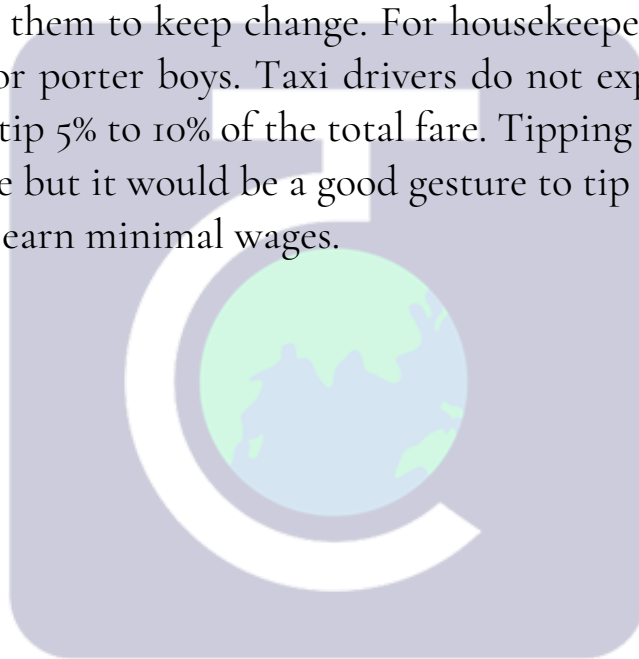
Do's - Carry plenty of water Wear light clothes Bring some gift to the hosts  
Don'ts - Do not raise an outstretched palm to a person Do not play loud music between 2-5 pm Do not talk about politics Do not stare at someone Do not expose shoulders and knees while visiting a church or monastery Do not smoke in public Do not make the OK gesture with the thumb and forefinger



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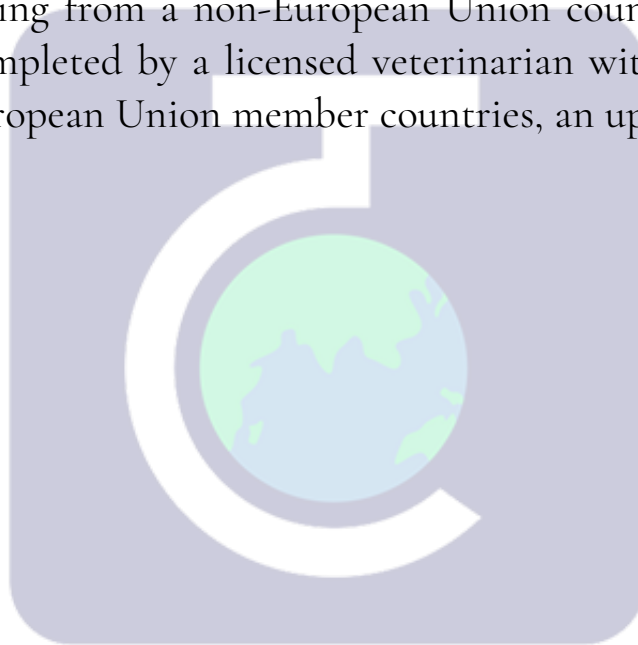
### 39.Tipping basics

Tipping is not expected in this city but it is slowly becoming a common practice. Most hotels and restaurants will include a 16% service charge in the total bill and therefore tipping will not be necessary. For the restaurants that do not include this service charge, a 5% to 10% tip of the total bill is acceptable. You can alternatively round off the total bill for instance if the bill is 18 euros you can give them 20 euros or tell them to keep change. For housekeepers, you can tip 1 euro and 1 euro per bag for porter boys. Taxi drivers do not expect tips but you can round off the fare or tip 5% to 10% of the total fare. Tipping in this city is entirely your decision to make but it would be a good gesture to tip as most of the service providers in this city earn minimal wages.



## 40. Pet info

To bring pet animals to Greece, they must be micro chipped at the country of origin before entry into Greece. All the animals, regardless of whether they come from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled or high-rabies country, must be vaccinated against rabies more than 21 days prior to travel. Pets from high-rabies countries require an additional blood titer test to determine the level of rabies antibodies. If the animal is coming from a non-European Union country, it should have a health certificate completed by a licensed veterinarian within 10 days of entry. For animals from European Union member countries, an updated pet passport is required.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*If you want to stroll through pretty cobbled streets lined with rows of stunningly white houses with wooden window shutters, flower baskets, and stairs, Mykonos is the place for you. The views that you have seen in many popular movies come alive before your eyes as you wander through the narrow lanes of the island. No one can miss the most significant landmarks of the island; the windmills with their simple structures add to the natural charm of the island. The location of the windmills is also a great place for watching sunset. For the culture and history buffs, the island has a number of museums, churches, and old buildings that speak of the glorious past of the town. The museums range from archaeology to agriculture and have a lot to offer in terms of history and heritage. Among all the attractions of the island, beaches stand at the top with the white sandy shores and crystal clear waters. Whether you want to explore the fun and thrill of beach and water sports or enjoy a beer watching the sunset in a solitary spot, the Mykonos beaches have everything to offer. Shopping for souvenirs is a main activity for the visitors here. The little boutiques and art galleries offer the best of Greek jewelry and works of art.*

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