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Kos, a jewel among the Dodecanese islands, brims with energy every summer. Not just a sun-worshipper's paradise, Kos boasts a wealth of historic landmarks - legacies of its colourful past. Cycling enthusiasts will find joy in the bike-friendly terrain. Travellers can reach Kos via its international airport or the ferry service from Athens and nearby islands.

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# THE ISLAND



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Kos offers an 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



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The island is home to beautiful ancient sites, castles, and museums, as well as stunning landscapes.

## **Ancient Agora**



Experience an Ancient Greek Market by taking a stroll around this well-preserved archaeological site. The ruins include the shrines

of Aphrodite and Hercules.

Photo: imagIN.gr photography/Shutterstock.com Address: Platía Eleftherías, Kos Phone: +30 22 4202 8326 Internet: kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/ancientmarket-of-kos

# Western Archaeological Zone



Magnificent Roman ruins are found at The Western Excavation. Amidst the 4th Century (B.C) monuments, 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.

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Address: Leoforos Grigoriou V, Kos Internet: www.kos4all.com/4891/western-archeological-zone-kos

# Asklepieion



In ancient Greece, an Asclepeion was a healing temple, sacred to Asclepius, the god of medicine and healing. Legend has it that

Hippocrates undertook his training there. Settled atop a hill, this is a perfect place to enjoy a panoramic view of Kos Town.

Photo: Maciej Czekajewski/Shutterstock.com Address: Platini, Kos Phone: +30 22 4202 8763 Internet: kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/asclepieion

# Wine Tasting



Visit authentic Greek vineyards and discover where wine comes from. The three must-visit wine productions on the island are Chantziemmanouil,

Mores and Triantafyllopoulos.

Photo: Bojan i Jelena/Shutterstock.com Address: Kos Town Internet: kos.gr/gastronomy-and-local-products/wine

# Casa Romana



An ornately decorated Hellenistic-period mansion, this famous house retains some of the 3rd century architectural features of the building

which stood here before it. Inside, there is a treasure trove of ornaments and statues.

Photo: George Papapostolou/Shutterstock.com Address: Leoforos Patriarchou Grigoriou Pemptou, Kos Phone: +30 22 4202 3234 Internet: kos gr/historical manuments and muscums/casa remana

kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/casa-romana More Info: Free entrance

# Nisyros



Nisyros is a famous tourist island located in the Aegean Sea. According to mythology, during the War of the Giants, Poseidon (the god

of the sea) plucked a rock from Kos and hurled it at the giant Polyvotis. The crushed giant became Nisyros, a giant sea rock which shakes the earth every now and then with his groans -awakening the volcano.

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. Also known as "Wave Beach", this is a the preferred spot for surfing and kiting.

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

Internet: kos.gr/beaches-in-kos-island/agios-theologos-beach

## **Hippocrates Garden Cultural Centre**



Hippocrates Garden Cultural Centre was built to portray the way of life in Ancient Greece. The settlement is a two-storey stone filled with

handmade furniture and 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



Plaka Forest is the best place to picnic - 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 Internet: kos.gr/natural-beauty/plaka-forest

## **Roman Odeon**



The Roman Odeon is an ancient open-air theatre. Used in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, its floor, wings, and orchestra pit are still in very good condition.

Today, the theatre hosts a variety of cultural events.

Photo: Nejdet Duzen/Shutterstock.com Address: Leoforos Patriarchou Grigoriou Pemptou, Kos Internet:

kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/roman-ode on

## 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.

Photo: wjarek/Shutterstock.com Address: Eleutherias Square, Kos Town Opening hours: Mon 8:30am-3pm, Tue closed, Wed-Sun 8:30am-8pm Phone: +30 2242 028326 Internet: kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/archaeol ogical-museum Email: protocol@kbepka.culture.gr More Info: Located opposite the Deffendar mosque

## Tree of Hippocrates



This perennial plant is regarded as the largest in Europe. According to mythology, this is where the Greek physician Hippocrates mentored his

students medical students.

Photo: imagIN.gr photography/Shutterstock.com Address: Akti Kountouriotou, Kos Internet: kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/the-plan e-tree-of-hippocrates More Info: Located opposite the entrance of the Castle of Neratzia next to the Police Station

## **Dolphin Fountain**



The Dolphin Fountain is a popular tourist spot on Kos, situated on a small square along the harbour.

Photo: George Papapostolou/Shutterstock.com Address: Dolphin Square, Kos

### **Xerokambos Beach**



Xerokambos or "Exotic Beach" is one of the most peaceful beaches on the island. Fantastic views and opportunities to try out water sports make

this one worth visiting.

Photo: Luis Santos/Shutterstock.com Address: Kefalos, Kos

## **Embros Thermae**



For an invigorating swim, Embros Thermae (also called The Therma) is an enormous pool with thermal springs, surrounded by circling

rocks.

Photo: RAndrei/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aghios Focas, Kos

Internet: kos.gr/natural-beauty/therma

More Info: The beach of Thermes is 10 kilometers south of the town of Kos and 2 kilometers west from the beach of Aghios Focas.

#### **Castle of Antimachia**



The fortress of Antimachia sits on top of a small hill in the village of Antimachia, offering amazing coastal views. Inside you will find two

Venetian churches known as Agios Nikolaos (16th century) and Agia Paraskevi (18th century).

Photo: George Papapostolou/Shutterstock.com Address: Antimachia, Kos Internet: kos.gr/historical-monuments-and-museums/castle-of -antimacheia

# DINING



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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

#### Karnagio



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 see breeze near the setting is enticing as well.

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

### Pote tin Kiriaki



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. Address: Ποτέ την Κυριακή, Pisandrou 9, Kos Town Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-5pm, Sun closed Phone: +30 693 035 2099

#### Broadway



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 Internet: www.instagram.com/broadway.restaurant

### **Cuvee Restaurant**



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/gastronomy 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 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Delon-Pub-Kos

## 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 Internet: mike-kos.com

## Elia



This place is a 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

### 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: restaurantguru.com/Far-East-Kos Email: fariskos@gmail.com

# Ioanna Caravelle Restaurant



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: Georgios Averof 54, Kos Town Phone: +30 2242 022129 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Caravelle-Kos

#### 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 Email: info@jacksonskos.com

# Lofaki Bar Restaurant



Lofaki is the right place to enjoy a romantic dinner while watching the sun setting behind Kalymnos Island. With great International menu

and friendly staff, the restaurant has been voted Tripadvisor's best restaurant in Kos for several years in a row.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Agios Nektarios, Kos Opening hours: Daily noon-1am 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: Eparchiaki Odos Zipariou-Asfendiou, Zia, Kos Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight Phone: +30 224 2069 983 Internet: www.instagram.com/oromedon 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 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 Old Town Phone: +30 22 4203 0016 Internet: www.aegligastronomy.com 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 Old Town Phone: +30 22 420 4720 Internet: www.h2o-kos.gr/en Email: sales@kosaktis.gr

# CAFES



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Kos boasts a selection of delightful and snug cafes — they are the heart of local life here. Whether it's for a quick break, a light snack, or just a bit of downtime, these traditional meeting spots are where the island's residents love to gather. You'll feel the pulse of the community and the authentic Kos charm with every sip!

### 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 & Megalo Alexandrou 2, Kos Old Town Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-1:30am, Fr 9am-2:30am, Sat 9am-3:30am, Sun 10am-1am 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: Filita 12, Kos Old Town Opening hours: April to October Phone: +30 22 4202 7718 Internet: www.instagram.com/ciaokos

#### 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.instagram.com/rendezvous tigaki

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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.

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: restaurantguru.com/Da-Luz-Kos Email: sir75@otenet.gr

# PortoEye Cafe Bar



Portoeye is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee while listening to the waves. Modern, unique and with excellent music that puts you in a relaxed

vacation mood. 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 Internet: www.instagram.com/portoeye Email: gerasklis@gmail.com

# Senses Café Bistro



The Senses Cafe isa friendly and elegant place where everybody can enjoy a coffee, a delicious breakfast, 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 Old Town Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight Phone: +30 22 4202 4154 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Senses-Cafe-Kos

## 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 Old Town Phone: +30 22 4204 8480 Internet: www.instagram.com/marinacafekos Email: internetyachtcafe@kosmarina.gr

# 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 Old Town Phone: +30 22 4202 2304 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Gossip-Cafe-Kos Email: gossipkos@hotmail.com

#### H20



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

### 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**



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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: 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.

Photo: clownbusiness/Shutterstock.com Address: Plotarchou Blessa 3, Kos Opening hours: Open seasonally Phone: +30 22 4203 0130 Internet: www.instagram.com/westbarkos Email: info@west.gr

# 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.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com Address: Akti Kountouriotou 13-15, Kos Phone: +30 22 4202 6898 Internet: www.camel.gr More Info: Located in the harbour

#### **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.

Photo: Dean Drobot/Shutterstock.com Address: Kardamena 190, Kos Phone: +30 695 197 7112 Internet: restaurantguru.com/The-Stone-Roses-Bar-Kardamena

#### 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.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Averof 36, Kos Phone: +30 22 4203 0122 Internet: jacksonskos.com Email: info@jacksonskos.com

### 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.,

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com Address: Lambi Beach, Kos Opening hours: Closed during winter. Phone: +30 22 4202 3235 Internet: mylosbeachbar.gr Email: myloskos@gmail.com

# **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 Internet: www.instagram.com/king\_size\_beach\_bar Email: stathis g@hotmail.com

## Sitar Cocktail Bar



Sitar is a cosy 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 Old Town Phone: +30 22 4202 7942 Internet: www.instagram.com/sitarcocktailbar

## 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: hotelartemis.com/heaven-beach-bar-kos.php Email: info@hotelartermis.com More Info: Located at Hotel Artemis

# Da Luz



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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

### Arco Experience



Arco Experience, (formerly Avra Project) is one of the most luxurious and elegant cafes in Kos. Even the most demanding customers are going to be

more than 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: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com Address: Vasileos Georgiou 5, Kos Old Town Phone: +30 22420 27354 Internet: restaurantguru.com/Avra-Cafe-Bar-Kos

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combination of Greek cuisine with international dishes. The wave-front tables make the experience unforgettable.

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# SHOPPING



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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 handwoven 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 knickknacks, visit Olive Wood. They offer handmade wooden items from artistic decorations and jewellery to traditional games.

Besides that, they also sell cosmetics like soaps, lotions and shampoos, all made with organic olive oil.

Photo: Ilga Lasmane/Shutterstock.com Address: Apellou 13, Kos Old Town Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-11pm, Sun 10am-11pm Phone: +30 69 4280 4801 Internet: www.woodenland.com.gr Email: woodenlandkos@yahoo.gr

# Art Studio Delfis



Delfis opened its doors to the public in 1997 as an artistic gift and tourist shop. The highlights of the workshop are Greek handmade items such as

colourful wooden magnets, ceramics, and other miniature decorations. All of these products are carefully crafted and painted by the shop owner to meet the taste of a Greek tradition.

Photo: Viktoriia Adamchuk/Shutterstock.com Address: Asfendiou, Zia, Kos Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-9pm Phone: +30 22 4206 8305 Internet: www.delfis.gr/en Email: info@delfis.gr

### Diakogiannis



Diakogiannis 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: Leofóros Ippokratous 2, Kos Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-2:30pm / 5pm-9pm; Sun 10am-1:30pm Phone: +30 22 4202 3392 Internet: diakogiannisconcept.gr/en Email: leonidasdiakogiannis@gmail.com

#### **Leather House**



Be sure 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 got to open 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 Old Town Phone: +30 2242 021330

#### Limnoupoli Toy Shop



Limnoupoli Toy Shop, on Konitsis Square, is an entertaining toy store for kids and everyone with a childlike mind. They have all sorts of international

toy brands like Lego, Playskool, Mattel, and a lot more. Get yourself some board games of playing cards to play at the beach.

Photo: Fletcher Pride/unsplash Address: AIMNOYIIOAH, Plateia Konitsis (Xanthou 5), Kos

Old Town Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1:30pm / 4:30pm-9pm; Sat 9am-1:30pm; Sun closed Phone: +30 22 4202 6814 Internet: toy-store-1552.business.site

**Kos Municipal Market** 



Kos Municipal Market, also known as Mercato delle Erbe, is a compact indoor market housed in an impressive Italian building on on Eleftherias Square. 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 Opening hours: Daily 9am-8pm Internet: municipalmarketofkos.business.site

## The Imaginarium



The Imaginarium is a magical store brimming with bespoke, handmade gifts and souvenirs. Tucked away near the iconic Tree of

Hippocrates on Platanou Square, this shop is a treasure trove of extraordinary keepsakes. From a vibrant blue jellyfish to an octopus frame and exquisite pottery vases, each piece goes beyond the usual cliche souvenir. Easily accessible near Castle Square and run by a friendly owner, you'll leave with more than just memories!

Photo: Buzz Andersen/unsplash Address: Akti Miaouli 4, Kos Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10:30am-2pm Phone: +30 2242 021992

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### 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) travellers 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.

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### Kos Airport (KGS)



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,

available at 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 the city centre and the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Kos International Airport "Ippokratis" 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 than 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 (60°F).

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## **Public Transport**



The bus service on Kos is very well organized and ticket prices are reasonable. 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 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: Kos Buses, Kleopatras 7, Kos Phone: +30 2420 22292 Internet: www.ktel-kos.gr Email: info@ktel-kos.gr

#### Taxi



Taxis on Kos are metered, making it easy to keep track of your fare. You'll find them stationed at local offices or cruising along the streets. Need a

ride right away? Dial a taxi from your phone, though bear in mind it may carry an extra fee. Kos Taxi is one of the dependable companies serving the island.

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

## Post



Stamps can be bought in most tobacconists and kiosks selling postcards. There are a few post offices around the island and in Kos Town.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Post Office KOS City, Vasileos Pavlou A 27, Kos Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-2:45pm, Sat & Sun closed Internet: www.elta.gr

# Pharmacy



There are several pharmacies in Kos Town and generally they can also to be found in the resorts. Greek pharmacies are rarely

open in the afternoon or at weekends.

#### Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Pharmacy Kavouklis Nikolaos, Leofóros Eleftheriou Venizelou 14, Kos

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-1:30pm / 4:30pm-8:45pm; Sat 9am-2pm; Sun closed Phone: +30 2242 028397

# Telephone



Country code: +30 Area code: 22420

# Electricity



Greece uses the Type F electrical plug with two round pins, same as in many countries in Continental Europe. The standard voltage is 230

volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110 or 120-volt shavers.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population 36,986

**Currency** Euro, € 1 = 100 cent

#### **Opening hours**

Shops on Kos open from 8 am to 2:30 pm. Most businesses close for siesta and re-open again from 5:30 pm to 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.

Internet

kos.gr

Newspapers

Kathimerini (National daily) — www.ekathimerini.com To Vima (National daily) — www.tovima.gr

#### Emergency numbers

Ambulance: 166 Police: 100 Fire brigade: 199

#### **Tourist information**

Visit Kos Greece Vasileos Georgiou V' 3, Kos, Greece +30 2242 020107 Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:30pm

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