



TRAVEL GUIDE TO POROS

The island of Poros is located on the southeastern edge of the Saronic Gulf near the Peloponnese, it covers an area of 23 sq. km. and consists of two smaller islands, Sferia (capital - port) and Kalavria, which are connected by a small canal. The enclosed port between the island of Poros and the mountains of Troizinia gives the place a peaceful, calm tone, as George Seferis said, the poet who wrote 'Kichli', one of the most important poems in modern Greek literature, at Villa Galini in Poros. This port is the largest and safest port in the Saronic Gulf and one of the largest and safest natural ports throughout Greece, with a huge capacity of passing vessels and arrivals exceeding 10.000 per year.

The distance of the island from Piraeus is 29 nautical miles and communication through flying dolphins (1 hour) and conventional ships (2,5 hours) is daily. Also, another quick and affordable way of access to the island is by car (2 hours), as Galata is located just 150 km from Athens (National Road Athens - Korinthos, right after the Isthmos exit to Epidaurus, exit to Old Epidaurus and then to Poros - Galata) and from Galata there is a transportation to the island of Poros every half an hour. The increase in arrivals by car in recent years has led the Municipality to take actions in order to reduce the number of vehicles in the centre of Poros and promote other means of transport, such as traditional boats and municipal transport.

1. Stroll around the picturesque Poros Town

The small town of Poros features an array of small alleyways, filled with history that can be traversed on foot. The houses are mostly built with white limestone, and their roofs are made of red bricks. This unique architecture, paired with the blooming purple bougainvillea bushes, turns Poros into an image straight out of a postcard!

Once you are in the town you can see the imposing Clock Tower of the town built on

one of its highest points. You can also visit the island pair's Archaeological Museum, with exhibits dating back to the Mycenaean era, approximately 3,000 years ago! Lastly, you can go shopping in the various gift shops and concept stores.

2. Swim in crystal-clear waters

Poros offers some incredible beaches, surrounded by green scenery! Most beaches in Poros are organized, with bars and restaurants operating on them.

Some of the most charming beaches that Poros has to offer are **Love Bay Beach**, a small, but busy bay that is surrounded by thick trees, and **Askeli Beach**, the longest one on the island-pair.

Next to Love Bay Beach, one can also find the old **Russian Dockyard**, an organized sandy beach, in front of a landmark of Poros and a historical monument of Greece!

3. Eat fresh fish and seafood

You can find a number of traditional taverns and restaurants in Poros that offer tasty dishes and breathtaking views. Fishing is a common practice in Poros, therefore most restaurants make their dishes with fresh fish caught in the nearby waters!

4. Visit the fragrant Lemon Forest

The one and only lemon tree forest in the country! Explore this unique forest and see its undeniable beauty for yourself. The Lemon Forest is located across the port of Poros, in the Peloponnese mainland, offering a unique lemon scent when you are in it, especially during May. In this area, you may also discover an incredible waterfall

5. Waterski and waterbikes

Waterski and waterbikes can be found on most beaches, but some watersports centers have taken this experience to the next level, offering the opportunity for parasailing, windsurfing and driving a jet ski!

6. Shopping in Poros

Fine jewelry and shops selling clothes, shoes, various textiles, leather belts and bags, accessories, home furniture, paintings, carpets, tapestry, pottery, traditional artifacts and costumes, glass-crystal decorations, and more can be found in Poros Town.