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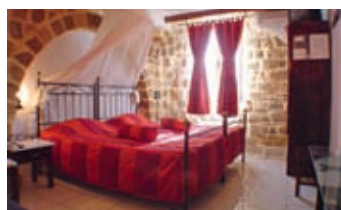
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## Rhodes

Rhodes is the largest of the Dodecanese and the most popular, as the island enjoys one of the best sunshine records in the Med. and a string of fine sandy beaches. It also boasts one of the best preserved medieval cities in the world in Rhodes Old Town. Here the Crusading Knights of St. John had their headquarters for over 200 years, and it is their silent presence that holds sway still.

### **Cavo D'Oro Hotel** (3 Stars, B/B)

This 800 year old building is in what was once the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. Although in a quiet corner beneath the walls, you can walk to the main square in less than five minutes. The Cava D'Oro combines character and modern comforts with an atmospheric location.

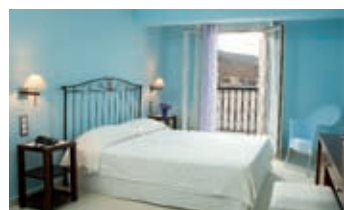


## Halki

Halki is the closest island to Rhodes and one of the smallest in the group. There is not much to do here except eat, swim, read, sleep and generally forget the world! The population numbers just a few hundred and live in Emborio. This is a handsome natural harbour, lined by elegant stone mansions. Nightlife revolves around the fine half-dozen waterfront tavernas which specialise in fish caught that morning.

### **Art Hotel** (4 Stars, B/B)

Situated at the entrance to sweeping Emborio bay, this fashionable hotel offers 19 stylish rooms and one spacious top floor suite. 5 minutes' walk along the narrow path around the bay brings you to the town square and a further 5-10 minutes to sandy Pontamos beach.



## Lipsi

Unspoiled Lipsi's sleepy atmosphere, limited tourist numbers and fine beaches make it ideal 'away from it all' territory. The little port is the only village. Most tavernas are, of course, on the quayside, from where steps lead up to the old part of the village. There is a good sandy town beach, and others can be reached on foot or by minibus. Good walking too.

### **Lipsi Nefeli Hotel** (3 Stars, B/B)

The Nefeli is above the sandy beach of Kampos, a 10 minute walk from Lipsi harbour. Its quiet hillside location provides magnificent views over the sea. The 20 studios and apartments are spacious and attractively furnished, all with a splendid sea view terrace. A footpath takes you directly to the beach in a minute's walk.



## Leros

Gentle Leros has a heavily indented coastline, resulting in plenty of sheltered coves and bays. These made Leros an attractive anchorage in WW2, and the Battle of Leros is commemorated here every September. Inland, there are a surprising number of traditional villages for such a small island, as well as Crusader castles and Byzantine chapels to discover.

### **Leros Nefeli Hotel** (3 Stars, B/B)

Designed in harmony with local architecture, the Nefeli Hotel enjoys a quiet location in the little village of Krithoni, 60 metres from the long sand/shingle beach. There are beautiful gardens where breakfast is served. Tavernas can be found nearby, or a wider choice within the picturesque port of Ayia Marina ten minutes walk away.





Astypalea

## Nissyros

Atmospheric Nissyros is distinguished by the pair of large volcanic craters at its centre which are still active (the last eruption was in 1888!) and a variety of walking trails offer fabulous views over these to neighbouring islands. You can explore the moonlike crater floor and its bubbling mud pools. Legend has it that the seismic sound effects are the groaning of a giant defeated in battle by Poseidon!

### Porfyris Hotel (2 Stars, B/B)

Quietly located close to Mandraki's attractive central square, the Porfyris has 38 comfortable rooms and fine views over the port to the sea. Facilities include a large swimming pool, particularly welcome to those who have spent the day exploring the volcano.



## Astypalea

Fashionable, remote Astypalea feels more Cycladic than other islands in the Dodecanese, due to its whitewashed Hora, one of the most striking in the Aegean and crowned by the inevitable Kastro. Livadia, in the next bay, is a fine beach, wide and long, but avoid August when the island is heaving! Has a ferry link with Amorgos.

### Astypalea Palace

(4 Star Boutique Hotel, B/B)

Surprisingly luxurious small hotel at the top of the town a short walk from the atmospheric old town. The rooms are like mini-suites, lushly furnished with all mod cons and great sea and Hora views. A small plunge pool completes the picture. Car hire recommended.



Hydra Town

## Hydra Saronic Islands

Only 90 minutes on the hydrofoil from Athens, on arrival here you enter another world. Hydra was eco-friendly before the word was invented – all forms of private motorised transport are banned so the only way around is on foot, by boat or on a mule!

The main town is one of the most beautiful in Greece, with preserved neo-classical mansions and narrow cobbled lanes climbing steeply up from harbour. In the evenings the quayside twinkles with cafés, small shops, bars and atmospheric restaurants. Hydra has some good beaches, reached on foot or by water-taxi.

Outside the hotter periods walking is a major attraction, and a network of signed paths offers plenty of variety.

### Nefeli Hotel

(2 Star Plus, B/B)

At the top of the town, with stunning views down over the port, the Nefeli is removed from the hustle and bustle of the waterfront. The hotel is set behind a walled courtyard and garden. Built on the remains of an 18th century mansion, it has just 8 rooms on 3 floors. Furnishings are attractive and décor is in the typically simple, pretty island style. All rooms open onto a common terrace. There is plenty of seating, here or in the garden, from which to enjoy the views and the tranquillity. It is a 15 minute walk up from the harbour (mules available!). The hotel can arrange for a mule-trek or water-taxi hire and will make picnic lunches on request.

