

Syros



Must-see Attractions

Admire the graceful, high-ceilinged neoclassical buildings in Ermoupoli, featuring impressive interiors adorned with wall paintings dating back to the 19th century.

Best location for accommodation
Ermoupolis**Getting there**

30 min flight from Athens airport

Best connected with

Ferry to Cyclades:
Santorini, Mykonos, Paros, Naxos, Tinos

Seasonality

April to October

Price Manual

Affordable = starting from 100 Euro
Moderate = starting from 200 Euro
Deluxe = starting from 300 Euro

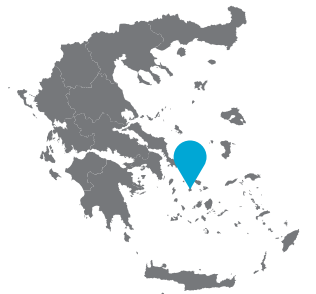
SYROS**The Chic and Elegant Capital of the Cyclades**

Syros, nestled in the South Aegean, is a unique blend of cosmopolitan flair and Cycladic charm, seamlessly marrying stately grandeur with traditional roots, and harmonizing both Orthodox and Catholic influences. Even its main town, situated on two hills, reflects this dual identity. Ermoupoli, named after the God Hermes, exudes stateliness, adorned with an Orthodox church, while Ano (Upper) Syros, perched above, presents a typical Cycladic village crowned with Catholic monasteries and churches. The contrasting elements meld gracefully, from the marble-paved squares in the port to the enchanting mansions of Dellagratsia. Immersing yourself in daily life becomes a delightful experience, where tradition and classicism are as pleasing as the island's renowned loukoumi (Turkish delight).

Eclectic Recommendations:

- Explore Ermoupoli, the regal queen of the Cyclades, and Vaporia, Syros' Mayfair, by strolling along the stone-paved streets
- Experience the enchanting acoustics of the Apollo Theatre, a miniature version of Milan's La Scala. Don't miss a play if one is scheduled!
- Hike through the untamed northern Syros and Ano Meria, concluding your day with a local wine against the sunset backdrop in the fairytale village of San Mihalīs
- Visit Ano Syros, characterized by its white cubist houses, and revel in the breathtaking view, especially during sunset
- Uncover the industrial history of Ermoupolis through a rare experiential tour

1. Castro 5*
2. Pafsilipon Luxury Suites 5*
3. Villa Selenia 5*









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A journey to Syros is a voyage through time, where the past meets the present in a dance of eternal charm.





BASIC INFO	
	LOCATION Ermoupoli
	RESTAURANTS Yes
	SWIMMING POOL No
	SPA Yes
	TWIN BEDS No
	ROOM RATE Moderate

CASTRO 5*







Description: The amazing building of Castro Hotel stands as an exquisite historical edifice and a testament to timeless elegance. Constructed in 1857 by the renowned Greek architect George Greca, this stunning property boasts colorful ceilings adorned by Italian artists, presenting a spectacular visual feast that once aimed to awe the guests of its original owner, Matias Barabino-a wealthy Italian landlord. Barabino left his indelible mark by inscribing his initials and the year of creation on the property's balcony.

In 2021, Castro Hotel underwent a comprehensive renovation, meticulously preserving its historical elements. The restoration aimed to honor its storied past while ushering in a new era of refined luxury and blissful accommodation for discerning guests.

Location: Ideally situated in the heart of Ermoupolis town

Eclectic Tip: Immerse yourself in a distinctive gastronomic experience at The CELLAR 1857 wine bar and restaurant. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, kindling romance, or sharing warm moments with friends and loved ones, indulge in the perfect blend of culinary delights, libations, and ambiance.



BASIC INFO	
	LOCATION Vaporia
	RESTAURANTS No
	SWIMMING POOL Yes
	SPA No
	TWIN BEDS No
	ROOM RATE Deluxe

PAFSILIPON LUXURY SUITES 5*

Description: Envision yourself unwinding on a terrace suspended between the clear Cycladic sky and the mesmerizing Aegean Sea, blissfully absorbing the enchanting sunrise. Alternatively, embrace the quintessence of summer beside the plunge pool in a garden seamlessly melding with its scenic surroundings. These experiences are just a glimpse of why the suites bear the name Pafsilipon, signifying the end of sorrow.

Location: Nestled above Syros's most breathtaking bay in the historic and prestigious district of Vaporia, Pafsilipon Suites lie a mere 11 minutes' stroll from the capital town of Ermoupolis and a quick 6-minute drive from the port.

Eclectic Tip: Perched at an elevation that provides a panoramic spectacle, the terrace at Pafsilipon Suites stands as the optimal vantage point to witness the kaleidoscopic transformation of the sky as the sun ascends over the sea and bathes the neoclassical beauty of Ermoupolis in its morning glow.



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	SPA No
	TWIN BEDS Yes
	ROOM RATE Moderate

VILLA SELENA

Description: Discover the allure of Syros at Villa Selena, a charming boutique hotel nestled in Hermoupolis, one of the oldest towns on the island. Classified as a preservable monument, this 19th-century neoclassical gem, which was an elite private manor in its prime, underwent meticulous renovation in 2021, conserving the elegance and vigor of its authentic architectural style.

Location: A mere 5-minute stroll from the port, Villa Selena graces the historic Vaporia district, offering a breathtaking view of ferry arrivals and departures. Perched above the renowned Cycladic blue sea, it embodies the essence of aristocratic elegance.

Eclectic Tip: Don your bathing suit, grab a beach towel, and follow the steps to the water. Immerse yourself in the crystal-clear waters beneath neoclassical mansions, creating a unique swimming experience. Villa Selena invites you to indulge in the blend of history and seaside bliss.

www.villaselena-syros.com



NEOCLASSICAL SYROS CITY TOUR: UNVEILING HISTORY AND ELEGANCE

Embark on a journey through the historic tapestry of Ermoupolis, the captivating capital of the Cyclades. Wander through the sophisticated Vaporia district, often hailed as Syros’ own Mayfair, where every cobblestone exudes tales of opulence. Your seasoned local guide is your storyteller, enriching your exploration with captivating insights into the island’s history, traditions, and lifestyle.

Marvel at the grandeur of the Town Hall, a 19th-century masterpiece by Ernst Ziller, proudly ranking among Greece’s largest municipal buildings. Its neoclassical splendor echoes tales of a bygone era. Experience the cultural heartbeat at the Apollon Theatre, a precise miniature reminiscent of Scala de Milano. Delight in a bespoke rehearsal by a local actor, adding a touch of the theatrical to your excursion.

Venture beyond the city’s bounds to the charming village of Episkopio. Immerse yourself in its quaint allure, where time seems to stand still. Discover hidden gems, each corner revealing a piece of the island’s soul.

Private Activity | Duration: 4-5 hours

Eclectic Tip: Ernst Ziller, a German-born architect turned Greek citizen, shaped the late 19th and early 20th-century skyline of Athens, Patras, and other Greek cities with his royal and municipal designs.



Where Elegance and Nobility
Define the Island Experience.



CULINARY EXPEDITION: UNVEILING SYROS' GASTRONOMIC TAPESTRY

Embark on a delectable journey through the gastronomic soul of Syros. Immerse yourself in the city's vibrant food scene as you explore modern grocery shops, indulging in a sensory experience with local products that narrate the island's rich culinary tale. Forge a friendship with Syros' national dessert, the legendary loukoumi. Let its sweet embrace captivate your taste buds, offering a glimpse into the island's confectionary traditions. Unlock the secrets of Syros' famous cheese, a culinary treasure with a rich history. Delve into the nuances of its flavor profile, understanding the artistry behind this local delicacy. Elevate your experience in a local winery, where regional wines tell stories of Syros' terroir. Sample the diverse flavors that characterize the island, as each sip transports you deeper into its viticultural heritage.

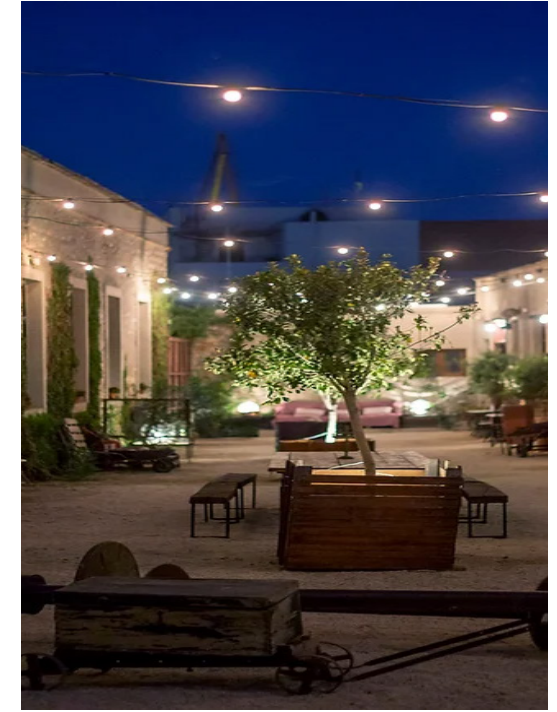
This Food Tour is not just a culinary adventure; it's a sensory exploration, a journey through the flavors and tales that define Syros' culinary identity.

Private Activity | Duration: 4-5 hours

Eclectic Tip: San Michali cheese is a Syros specialty, crafted solely on the island, it features cow's milk sourced from local breeds, ensuring its distinction as a Protected Designation of Origin. With its spicy flavor and golden-hued skin, San Michali promises a culinary adventure you won't want to miss. Make sure to savor this unique Syros delight!



Syros, a culinary tapestry woven with the flavors of the Aegean.



EXPLORING ERMOUPOLIS' INDUSTRIAL LEGACY

Nestled in one of Ermoupolis' hidden alleys, discover a relic of the city's industrial past among the 68 factories it once housed. This unique textile factory stands frozen in time, a captivating bioengineering specimen that has defied the years.

After meticulous restoration, this space invites visitors on a journey through the annals of time. Step through the aged door to unveil the life of the workers, the inner workings of the factory, and the fascinating tale of Ermoupolis' 140-year textile industry boom.

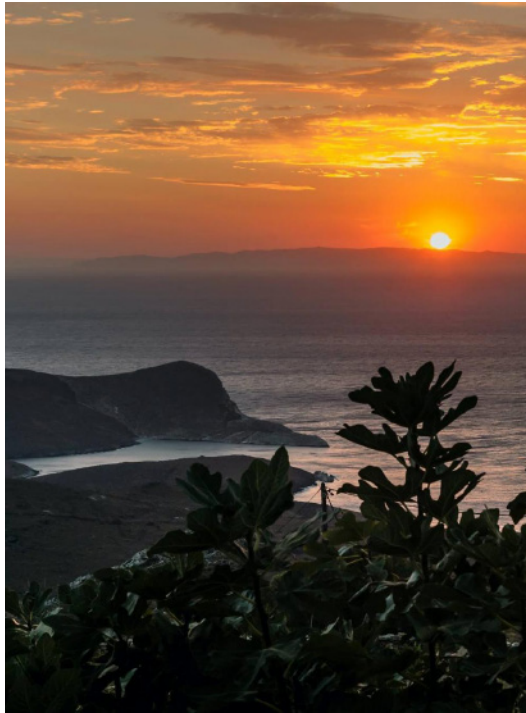
Engage with history and culture through an immersive experience, culminating in a shared moment at a communal table. As "workers" gather, relish in a traditional lunch break featuring local products. This captivating exploration seamlessly weaves the past and present, offering a unique perspective on Ermoupolis' industrial heritage.

Private Activity | Duration: 4 -5 hours

Eclectic Tip: During Syros' Golden Industrial Era, the island buzzed with diverse workshops, from loukoumi and textile industries to tanning, printing, machinist craftsmanship, and glass workshops. Notably, the shipbuilding area at Neorion, a testament to the island's enduring industrial spirit, continues its operations today.



The historical industrial legacy has profoundly shaped the cultural identity of the island, imprinting a distinctive and unique character.



SYROS SUNSET HIKE AND GASTRONOMIC DELIGHT

Embark on a mesmerizing sunset hike to Apano Meria, where tranquility meets the mountainous charm of Syros. Begin your adventure with regional wine tasting at a local winery, setting the stage for the sensory journey ahead.

As you ascend, Apano Meria unfolds with scattered rural houses immersed in the scents of fennel, thyme, and wild olives. The ambiance transports you to another era, offering an enchanting view frozen in timeless beauty.

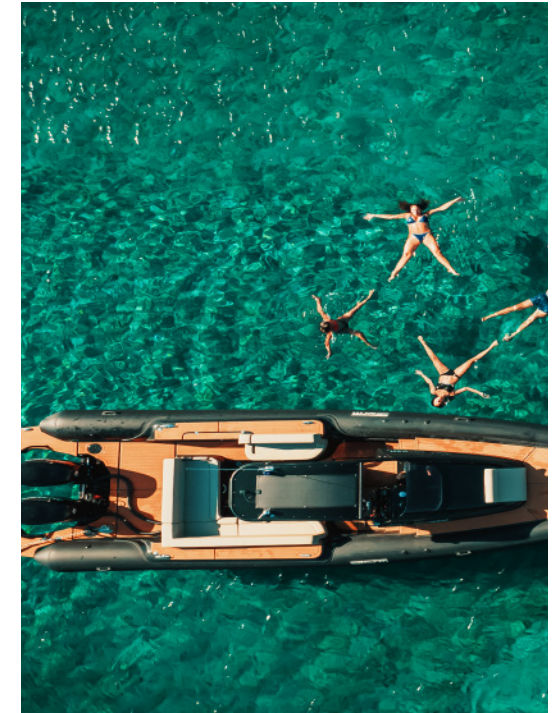
Savor a sunset dinner amidst this picturesque setting, where local taverns beckon with flavors of a bygone era. Apano Meria, with its captivating landscapes and culinary treasures, promises an unforgettable evening harmonizing nature's beauty and historical charm.

Private Activity | Duration: 4-5 hours

Eclectic Tip: Step into the forgotten realms of time as you explore the enchanting settlements of Mytakas, Papouri, Richopo, Platy Vouni, Chartiana, and San Michalis. These hidden gems seem frozen in an era of their own. Meanwhile, the beaches of Apano Meria-Varvarousa, Aetos, Marmari, and Gria Spilia-promise to captivate every visitor with their timeless allure.



A sunset hike in Syros.



COASTAL EXPLORATION IN SYROS: A NAUTICAL ADVENTURE

Embark on a maritime journey from Syros' bustling port, gliding through the architectural splendor of Vaporia-a district that echoes the island's glamorous past. Just 5 minutes away, an intriguing shipwreck awaits exploration, creating a perfect opportunity for snorkeling and delving into the secrets of a submerged vessel. Capture this unique underwater experience with your GoPro waterproof camera.

The voyage continues, revealing the organized beaches dotting the island's coastline. As the boat cruises along, a picturesque chapel emerges in the rocky landscape of Galissas. Legend has it that a fisherman, saved from the clutches of a giant octopus, erected the chapel in gratitude to the saint who answered his prayers.

Venturing to the protected north part of Syros, discover beaches celebrated for their crystal-clear waters, serene ambiance, breathtaking rocky terrain, and secluded coves-offering a crowd-free haven for an exclusive coastal retreat. Experience the beauty and tranquility that define Syros' coastal wonders.

Private Activity | Duration: 4 -5 hours

Eclectic Tip: At Grammata (letters) Bay in northern Syros, sailors through ages etched wishes and names onto rocks, dating back to Roman and Byzantine times. Reach this historical site and the nearby Grey Cave by boat or on foot. It's a captivating glimpse into the maritime stories that endure on the island's rugged coast.



A delightful experience, combining diverse landscapes, beautiful beaches, and historical sites.



A DAY INTO THE LIFE OF A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

Embark on a journey aboard the trehantiri, an age-old traditional wooden boat crafted in Syros's historic shipbuilding area, the karnagio. Explore the tarsanas, Syros's first industry, tracing its evolution through time. After a 20-minute sail, dive into the depths to explore a sunken wreck at 5 meters.

Following a serene 10-minute sail, drop anchor in the idyllic Agali, relishing the clear waters and tranquil surroundings. Engage in sea urchin collection and savor a traditional seafood appetizer featuring shrimps, mussels, sardines, and octopus, paired with local ouzo and delicacies. Conclude your maritime adventure with a 15-minute walk to visit Greece's largest lighthouse. This immersive experience unfolds the rich maritime heritage and gastronomic delights of Syros.

Private Activity | Duration: 4-5 hours

Eclectic Tip: *Constructed in 1834 by the French Company of Ottoman Lighthouses, the aforementioned lighthouse marks both its creation and inaugural operation. Soaring proudly, the cylindrical tower stands at an impressive 29 meters, with a focal plane reaching 68 meters. As the oldest and tallest sentinel in the Greek Lighthouses Network, it stands as a testament to maritime history and architectural grandeur.*



A captivating journey filled with tranquility, maritime duties, and a deep connection to the Aegean Sea.