

More information on Patmos:

Swimming: Patmos has numerous beaches. However, make sure to visit Kambas beach not just for a swim but also for having breakfast or lunch. Try their great salad with melon and prosciutto, the homemade pies or the salmon dish. It is a great place for socializing as well as for spending your entire day! If you want to keep fit during your vacation, it also offers a variety of water sports.

Where to eat: There are only a few however, really great dinner choices: Benetos is certainly a must do and the most famous restaurant with fine unpretentious Mediterranean cuisine. There are also smaller family ran local taverns like Pantelis in Skala with great home-cooked food. Try Vegera for a more upscale culinary experience.

Nightlife: Have your first cocktail at sunset in Chora at Astiri, which is *the* place to be! Great people and a great ambience, the music is not very loud, respectful not to disrupt the spiritual aura that embraces the island.

Sites: There is a plethora of historical churches and monasteries to visit. You should visit the monastery of "Saint John the Divine", but make sure to fully experience the moment: If you are not appropriately dressed to enter the religious shelter, wear the clothes (long sleeves and skirts) made available for you at the entrance.

Getting there: One of the things that has prevented Patmos from massive tourism is that getting there requires patience. You can fly to one of the neighboring islands, like Samos or Kos and then take the connecting boat. Alternatively, if you are coming in from Athens, you can take a ferryboat and comfortably rent a cabin (about 7 hours). For easier commute, the island also features a heliport.