

What To Do With Your Free Time in Greece

The stunning coastlines of Poros make for the perfect setting for both relaxing on the beach or getting your adrenaline pumping with endless water-based activities. In Athens, you'll feel as if you stepped back in time with the well-preserved ruins.

Destination	Our Suggestion	Important Info
ATHENS	Monastiraki Market The Monastiraki market is truly an international bazaar. Here, you'll find everything from handmade sandals to Russian vodka – and everything in-between. Although many shops in the area claim to be “flea markets,” the real action happens on Sunday mornings. Come early to find the real treasures, which include affordable handcrafted copper cookware and wine carafs.	FREE - \$ Hours: Hours will vary. Location: Monastiraki Square, accessible by metro: Monastiraki stop.
	Plaka District The Plaka is the area of winding streets around the Acropolis. Most of the streets have been closed to automobile traffic, though you should still keep a watchful eye for a speeding motorcycle or delivery truck. It's renowned for its small shops, restaurants and some good examples of local architecture. Whether you're looking to shop for souvenirs or enjoy people-watching during the lunchtime rush at a street-side cafe, walking the streets of the Plaka District is a must for all who visit Athens.	FREE - \$ Hours: Accessible 24/7, shop and restaurant times will vary. Location: The Plaka is under the Acropolis and stretches almost to Syntagma.
	Change of Guards Every Sunday at 11:00 AM, tourists gather in front of the Parliament building on Syntagma Square (Plateia Syntagmatos) to watch the ceremonial changing of the guard in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The guards (Evzones) wear their traditional white kilts, red and black caps and red clogs with pompoms. On every other day, the Evzones wear regular khaki uniforms with skirts and the changing of the guard takes place every hour on the hour, 24 hours a day. The guards are tall well-trained soldiers. They belong to the “Proedriki Froua” the guards of the President of Democracy. It is a high honor for every Greek soldier to be chosen as an Evzone.	FREE Hours: Every hour, on the hour. Ceremonial changing of the guards Sunday at 11:00 am. Location: At the Parliament Building at Syntagma Square.

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ISLE OF POROS

Bicycling

On day two of your stay on Poros, we will provide a bicycle to you free of charge. Bikes will be parked outside your hotel. Check with your tour director if you have questions. Explore the town of Poros and find your new favorite spot.

FREE

Hours: Dawn to dusk

Location: Right outside of your hotel!

Watersports

What better way to spend your sunny island days than in the water? Get your adrenaline pumping and try something new. The watersports center just a few steps down the road offers wakeboarding, tubing, banana boating and waterskiing. Check with the center directly for their rates. For a bird's-eye-view, try out parasailing. The coastline of Poros is peppered with picturesque coves and beaches fringed by pinewoods which almost reach down to the water line. Enjoy a birds-eye view of Poros harbor as you float high above Neorion Beach.

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Hours: Dawn to dusk.

Location: Down the road from your hotel.

Poros Town

Go shopping or try one of the typical Greek restaurants in Poros town. The town also features a bank with an ATM and a post office.

FREE - \$

Hours: Accessible 24/7

Location: Just a bike-ride away!

MYKONOS

Windmills of Kato Myli

A trip to Mykonos is not complete without seeing these iconic windmills overlooking Little Venice. Dating back to the 16th century, these windmills used wind power to grind grain. Although they are no longer in use, they stand as a monument to early innovation.

FREE

Hours: Accessible 24/7

Location: Μύκονος 846 00, Greece

Paraportiani Church

Considered the most popular church on Mykonos, Paraportiani is a beautiful example of the more than 500 churches on the island. Located in central Chora, the white washed church dates back to the Byzantine era and offers spectacular views of the Mediterranean Sea from its main entrance. Consider visiting at sunset for truly breath-taking views.

FREE

Hours: Accessible 24/7

Location: Χώρα, Mikonos 846 00, Greece

Destination**Our Suggestion****Important Info****SANTORINI****Hike from Fira to Oia**

Called 'the most beautiful walk on Santorini' you won't want to miss the hike from Fira to Oia. We recommend putting on comfortable shoes and heading out in the late afternoon. You'll arrive in Oia just in time to explore the village and witness one of its legendary sunsets.

FREE

Hours: Dawn to dusk.

Location: Start in Fira.

Akrotiri Archaeological Site

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FREE - \$

Hours: Dawn to dusk.

Location: South west end of the island.