

Castles & Kalamari



Two islands in the Dodecanese (eastern Greece). Lots of swimming. Loads of seafood like grilled octopus and *kalamari* (squid). Resort hotels for a pampered, protected, entertaining vacation with activities for the entire family.

When the Knights of St. John and other Crusaders were evicted from Jerusalem, they made their headquarters on the island of Rhodes. Today medieval Rhodes is a World Heritage Site that Disney could never imitate. Castles, moats, drawbridges. They're all real and kids love it.

Kos is where Hippocrates was born and practiced medicine. Today it is a popular destination for foreigners who come for its clean sea waters and slow pace. Family biking is the way to get around. While on Kos, make a quick day trip by boat to Bodrum Turkey, a fascinating city.

Chose Your Own Dates

Best from late April to early October

Trip highlights

- Hippocrates' healing center
- Hot springs in the sea
- Day trip to Bodrum, Turkey
- Walk into a dormant volcano
- Fascinating aquarium by the sea

Day 1: Kos

Welcome to Kos island, home of Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine. After touring the Kos' Crusader castle, enjoy your welcome dinner in an outdoor *taverna* specializing in eastern Mediterranean cuisine.

Day 2: Kos

Visit the ruins of Hippocrates' medical clinic where dream therapy was used to heal patients! Bike to a Therma where thermal hot springs flow directly into the cool sea. Dinner in Zia, the highest point on the island, with traditional Greek folk dancing.

Day 3: Kos

Get your passports ready for a day across the waters to Bodrum, Turkey. Its restored Crusader fortress holds an impressive museum of underwater archaeological finds made by Texas A & M University.

Day 4: Kos

Experience the calm and tranquility of tiny Nyseros. Take a short walk down into a dormant volcano that smells of sulphur and you can see the smoke rising from the earth. Swim at the local black sand beach. Alternate itinerary --- sail to Kalymnos, the home of the sponge divers --- visit the island's amazing aquarium.

Day 5: Rhodes

Transfer to Rhodes by high speed ferry boat. Old Rhodes town is car-free which means it's more quiet than other places and safer for walking. In the evening listen to live bouzouki music.

Day 6: Rhodes

Visit lovely Lindos, another car free town. It has an ancient Acropolis which the kids ascend to by donkey. Terrific views of the sea for miles around. Swim in the underwater sea cave! Beautiful hand-laid pebble mosaic terraces.

Day 7: Rhodes

Valley of the Butterflies. Swimming in Kallithea, a small cove that once held an ornate Italian spa

Day 8: Departures



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