



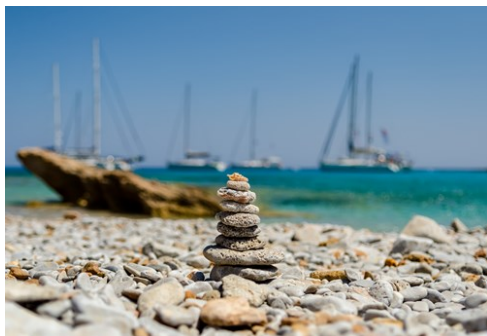
# Astypalaia

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Few Greek islands boast an immaculacy comparable to that of Astypalaia - a butterfly-shaped cloistral haven rising from the stunning blue of the Aegean Sea. Captured at certain angles, Astypalaia bears a striking semblance to its not-so-distant yet far more glamorised cousin of Santorini. With its pristine beaches, whitewashed houses, and uncharted walking paths, the island is an explorer's heaven, and a find for those looking to escape the madding crowds of summer vacationers.



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## THE ISLAND



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Bygone eras have left a tangible mark on ancient Astypalaia - the Venetian Castle (dating back to the 13th century) perched on top of the hill in Chora monumentalizes the Guerini family's Venetian rule that lasted (nearly uninterrupted) from 1204 all the way through to 1537. This long Venetian period was followed by a comparable stretch of Turkish presence on the Dodecanese islands - Turks left in the early 20th century, only to give way to a sequence of conquerors - the British, Italians, and Germans all enjoyed a brief presence in Astypalaia before the island was eventually back under Greek jurisdiction in 1948.

Astypalaia today is a treasure ground of ancient architectural remains, scenic spots, and secluded beaches. The island's remote charm comes at a price of little to no infrastructure, especially in the outlying areas, but the trade-off is certainly worth its unparalleled tranquility and pristine quality. Thanks to the island's longstanding fishing tradition and incredible marine wealth, fish and seafood are abundant in local taverns (along with home-grown, organic produce), which are aplenty in the settlements of Chora, nearby the port of Pera Gialos, travelers' darling Maltezana (Analipsi), and the tiny villages of Livadia and Vathi.

## DO & SEE



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There is plenty to do and see in and around the island. Those who dare venture out of the island's attractive, well-groomed Chora will be duly rewarded with nature trails, secluded coves and beaches, remains of ancient structures, and a rare sense of discovery in virgin lands. Heading even further out, smaller islands very close to Astypalaia are perfectly reachable by boat (tours are offered throughout, especially during high season).

### Chora



The island's main port and capital, Chora is the hot-spot for shopping, dining, and cultural pursuits. With its scenic cascade of white houses which dot the Venetian hilltop castle, windmills, museums, and a plethora of photo-ready locations, this is the epicentre of life on Astypalaia.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia

### The Windmills



Nine well-preserved, picture-perfect windmills, possibly dating back to as early as the 18th century, are one of the island's main visitor attractions.

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### Pera Gialos



Just a kilometre south of Chora lies the village of Pera Gialos, once the island's main port. Today it boasts a relatively well-developed tourist infrastructure and a charming beach, ideal for a refreshing swim. Boat tours run from here to nearby sites and other beaches.

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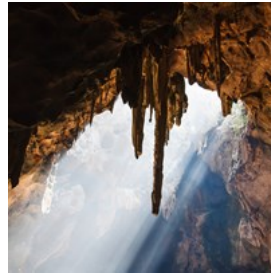
### Astypalaia Castle



The scenic views from Astypalaia's hilltop Venetian castle reward those who dare to make the climb - although little remains of the castle itself, the views of the whitewashed houses leading to the azure waters of Aegaen are simply spectacular.

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### Drakos Cave



Drakos Cave, or "cave of the dragon" is a natural cave bedecked with stalactites and stalagmites in the island's north (not far from the village of Vathi). The color of these whimsical rock formations changes depending on the mineral content of the water, which makes each visit unlike the other.

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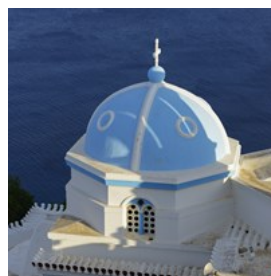
### Archeological Museum of Astypalaia



The compact yet informative archaeological museum of Astypalaia provides visitors with a brief runthrough the rare finds which have been made on the island. Exhibits include jewellery, tools, ceramics, and other items dating from between the prehistoric period and Medieval times.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia  
Opening hours: Opening hours vary by season  
Phone: +30 2243 061500  
Internet: [www.odysseus.culture.gr](http://www.odysseus.culture.gr)

### Church of Panagia Portaitissa



An embodiment of the iconic Greek white-with-a-blue-dome, postcard-ready look that dominates postcards, this structure is set atop a high hill and dates back to the 18th century.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia

### Maltezana (Analipsi)



The seaside resort of Maltezana (named after Maltese pirates who used the island as their hideaway) is a popular place to stay among

vacationers. Some of the must-see attractions include the Hellenic Talaras Baths, ruins of an early-Christian basilica, and the ancient Analipsi church.

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Address: Maltezana, Analipsi, Astypalaia

### Vathi



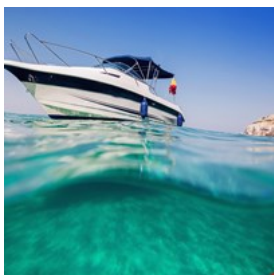
The shape of the shoreline near the village of Vathi makes its waters appear a stunning crystal-blue color. In and around the village, see

the whimsical rock formations of the Drakos Cave, the remains of an ancient Minoan settlement at their entrance, and the lost lake of Chameni Limni.

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Address: Vathi, Astypalaia

### Boat Tours



Take a guided boat tour and explore some of the island's most secluded, lesser-known beaches (multiple tours are offered in Chora), as well

as the beautiful islands of Koutsomyti and Syrna.

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### Hiking



The island offers a plethora of hiking trails, best explored outside of the hottest summer months when the sun is ablaze. Enthusiasts may thoroughly enjoy hiking up the "Ftera" terrain, with 20 different climbing routes to choose from.

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### Livadia



Just two kilometers from Chora, the small seaside village of Livadia lies in a valley bordered by citrus groves and lush vineyards. Must-see

attractions include the Negros Cave in Vatses (reachabile by boat from Chora) and the Agios Vasileios hilltop ruins.

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Address: Livadia, Astypalaia

### BEACHES



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Unlike some other Greek islands in the Aegean, Astypalaia cannot boast a tourist infrastructure quite as developed as its cousins'. In larger settlements (such the Chora, Maltezana, and Livadia), the beaches are usually well-kept and

equipped with umbrellas and sunbeds; venturing further out, to the roads less traveled, may often mean not having as much as a one-horse town tavern in the vicinity.

### Agios Konstantinos



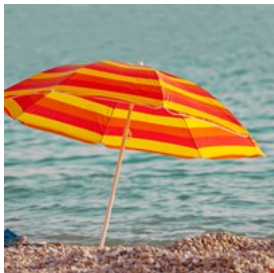
The sandy beach of Agios Konstantinos lies in a pristine cove 7 kilometers to the south of Chora.

There are some amenities, such as sunbeds and umbrellas, but the beach remains largely untouched, and the single taverna operates during the summer only.

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Address: Agios Konstantinos, Astypalaia

### Livadia Beach



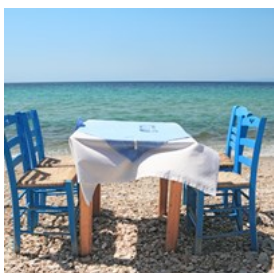
Two km southwest of Chora lies the small village of Livadia, set directly by the seaside.

The beach here is rather well-maintained, and various tourist facilities are available in abundance. There are several secluded coves as well as one long stretch of beach, where water sports are often played.

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Address: Livadia, Astypalaia

### Pera Gialos



Pera Gialos (walking distance from Chora) boasts a relatively well-developed tourist infrastructure and a charming beach, ideal for a refreshing swim and snorkeling. There are

plenty of cafes and tavernas in the vicinity. Boat tours run from here to nearby sites and other beaches.

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Address: Pera Gialos, Astypalaia

### Maltezana Beach (Analipsi)



One of the settlements most favored by tourists, Maltezana boasts a lengthy shoreline that is made up of several secluded coves and one

stretch of pebbly sand beach. Some of the must-see attractions include the Hellenic Baths, ruins of an early-Christian basilica, and the ancient Analipsi church.

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Address: Maltezana, Analipsi, Astypalaia

### Marmari Beach



The Marmari Beach de-facto consists of three smaller beaches, only one of which can boast having some amenities (sunbeds and umbrellas). The

remaining two beaches are quite untouched, and visitors are advised to bring own food and water along when heading here.

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Address: Marmari, Astypalaia

### Pachia Ammos

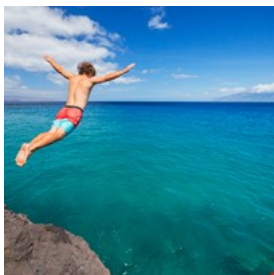


This pebbled, virgin beach is located at a substantial distance from Chora, and is the perfect spot for those seeking privacy away from tourist crowds. There are next to no facilities; however, reaching the beach was recently made easy via a freshly asphalted road that runs through the island.

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Address: Pachia Ammos, Astypalaia

### Plakes

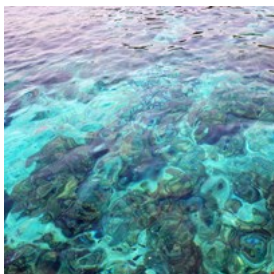


Not technically a real beach, Plakes is really more of a rock formation hanging over the sea. People spring into the water directly from the rocks, which turns swimming into an exhilarating adventure. The rocks are located 8 kilometers east of Chora.

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Address: Plakes, Astypalaia

### Tzanaki Beach

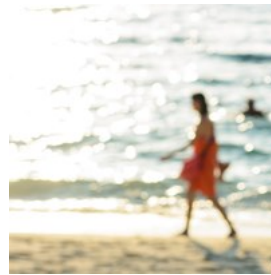


Tzanaki, a small, secluded bay with crystal-clear waters not far from the touristy village of Livadia, is the island's official nudist beach. Due to its sheltered positioning, it is well-protected from the wind. To reach the beach, take a short (approximately 25 minute) hike to Tzanaki from Livadia.

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Address: Livadia, Astypalaia

### Vathi Beach



The shape of the shoreline nearby the village of Vathi makes its waters appear a stunning crystal-blue color. Although the beach is very compact, it is ideal for those looking to escape the touristy area of Chora (located at a distance of 21km). Rooms for hire are available in the village.

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Address: Vathi, Astypalaia

### Kaminakia Beach



This one is one of the more known sandy beaches on the island. Despite its relative popularity, it by no means gets crowded and still offers that Astypalaian tranquility most visitors to the island are after. Some sunbeds and umbrellas are available for hire.

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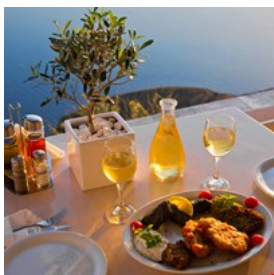
## DINING



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For an island of slightly over a 1000 inhabitants, Astypalaia boasts a surprising number of pleasant restaurants and cafes, most of which concentrated in Chora and along the Pera Gyalos waterfront. Seafood reigns queen in the menus of local eateries, with heavy culinary influences from the Greek mainland, Italy and Turkey. Do not be surprised to find that some places may not have a written down list of dishes, but rather a "spoken" menu, where the owner and/or staff announce the offers of the day.

### Akti



There is hardly a restaurant more appealing than this one on the entire island, which is much due to the unbeatable seating:

diners enjoy exclusive privacy on rock-side balconies dimly lit with candles. The restaurant's specialty is seafood, which comes in many delicious varieties.

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### Astifagia



Located by the Maltezana waterfront, this contemporary Greek restaurant serves elegant dishes of local cuisine on a scenic terrace with

direct views over the water. An emphasis is placed on dishes containing fresh seafood. Service is above par, with an exceptionally welcoming owner Thanasis.

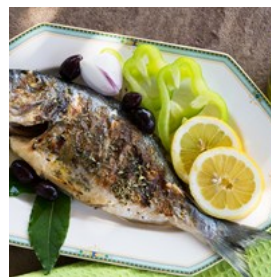
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Address: Paralia Schoinonta, Astypalaia

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-12am

Phone: +30 2243 064004

### Agoni Grammi



The traditional Greek restaurant Agoni Grammi is located in a lively area of Chora, right next to the iconic whitewashed windmills. It serves some

succulent local specialties (meat and seafood dishes). Special emphasis is laid on fresh produce and ingredient quality.

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### Ouzeri Anastasia



Located in Astypalaia's old harbor with seating directly on the beach, Ouzeri Anastasia gives guests the opportunity to sink their feet into the

sand as they tuck into a selection of delicious small meze dishes. From here, direct view of the Astypalaia castle and Chora hill unfolds.

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Address: Pera Gialos, Astypalaia  
Phone: +30 22430 59820  
Internet: ouzeri-anastasia.business.site

### Cucina Restaurant



Located at the upscale Pylaia Hotel, the Cucina is an elegant establishment offering a selection of exquisitely crafted dishes (with locally-sourced ingredients) and drinks. The outdoor terrace set on a cliff hanging over the Aegean makes for brilliant views and a unique ambiance.

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Internet:  
[www.pylaiahotel.gr/en/eat-drink/plori-bar-restaurant](http://www.pylaiahotel.gr/en/eat-drink/plori-bar-restaurant)

### Astropelos



Located at the beachfront in Livadia, Astropelos specializes in (perhaps, expectedly so) fish and seafood dishes. There is no menu at the restaurant, which means the owner and staff make recommendations based on what is freshly available that day. Dishes are well-crafted and beautifully presented.

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### Barbarossa



The restaurant is located in the island's Chora, in a well-sheltered place with a courtyard (a great advantage for low-season windy weather). The establishment is rather popular with locals and visitors, and gets quite busy in the evenings. Serves a wide selection of meat and seafood dishes.

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### Almyra



The well-managed restaurant, located just by the old Analipsi harbour, serves traditional local fare with a modern twist on its multiple seafood dishes. Arrive in early evening and watch local fishermen prepare boats and nets for the next morning's fishing trip on the beach directly outside.

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Address: Analipsi Harbour, Astypalaia  
Phone: +30 2243061451

### Ageri



Ageri is a great choice for dining out in Chora - the quality-to-price ratio is nearly unbeatable for a location as central as this one (the restaurant sits right next to the line-up of the iconic white windmills), and the selection of dishes is pleasant, too (try the lobster & spaghetti combo).



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Address: Chora Central Square, Astypalaia

Phone: +30 22430 62072

### Astakoukos



Fresh grilled squid (calamari) is a must at this waterside eatery, and so is the lobster pasta, keftedes meatballs, the Greek salad and other

succulent menu items. Portions are very generous, so one a time might be in order. Enjoy views of the harbor with tranquil sail boats as you dine.

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Phone: +30 2243064014

Internet: [astakoukos-cafe-restaurant.business.site](http://astakoukos-cafe-restaurant.business.site)

### Gerani Restaurant



One of the best places in the Livadia area, the family-run To Gerani serves local fare at very reasonable prices. The menu features Greek

specialties and seafood, and any of the zucchini dishes are a safe bet. Seating available in the pleasant outdoor veranda.

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Internet: [www.astypalaiaagerani.gr/en/](http://www.astypalaiaagerani.gr/en/)

### Maistrali



The excellent restaurant serves grilled meats, seafood, pasta, and other freshly made Greek specialties. The menu is rather extensive, and

service professional- The restaurant is located at the Ixthioessa Hotel, in a nicely secluded corner of the harbour.

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More Info: Ixthioessa Hotel

### Akrogiali



The authentic local tavern is set on the beach of Pera Gialos, allowing diners take in direct views of the Chora hilltop castle and vast blue

waters rustling just a stone's throw away. Food served is traditional local fare - keftedes, fava, grilled seafood, and more.

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### Antikastro



Another local, family-run tavern, Antikastro is set at an elevation which makes for some splendid views of the sea and Chora. The menu here

isn't written down, so do not hesitate to enquire what's on offer the day of your visit. Roast goat meat comes highly recommended.

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### Linda's Restaurant



The little gem of a restaurant in Kaminakia Beach (arguably one of the best in Astypalaia) is run by Linda, the chef and owner, who grows

her own organic vegetables and even goats (all done within plain view from the restaurant). Proximity to the beach and water are a definitive plus.

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Address: Kaminakia Beach, Astypalaia

### Australia Restaurant



The restaurant has been in business since 1975, serving guests traditional Greek cuisine and seafood for nearly four decades now. It is a

popular spot for an all-Astypalaian breakfast and/or seafood dinner, consisting of home-made dishes by the talented Mrs. Maria.

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## CAFÉS



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Bakeries, coffee shops and cafes are all to be found on the relatively compact island (the likelihood of stumbling into one increases dramatically in Chora and Pera Gialos). Many beachfront establishments double as bars and cafes/restaurants, and often grant customers free access to sunbeds and umbrellas.

### Kafeglikatzidiko O Marinos



This brilliant little cafe in Maltezana is a paradise for sweet-lovers - the selection of home-made sweets and cakes is seriously impressive. For

a daytime coffee and cake, try the traditional local mille-feuille, the kataifi (syrup-drenched baklava) or the custard and whipped cream ekmek. Seating available in the cosy outdoor terrace.

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Address: Maltezana, Analipsi, Astypalaia  
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### Meltemi



The pleasant cafe, located right by the Chora windmills, offers outdoor seating in the terrace and serves breakfast (the omelette enjoys a good reputation) as well as a large selection of local sweets and ice cream. Do not leave without trying the traditional "loukoumades" donuts with honey.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia

Internet: [astypalaia-island.gr/food-drink/meltemi](http://astypalaia-island.gr/food-drink/meltemi)

### Aiolos Pizza



The little restaurant provides a welcome change in flavor combinations for those enjoying a lengthy stay on the island. Instead of the ubiquitous grilled seafood, the restaurant focused on Italian-inspired fare of pizza (multiple varieties and toppings available) and pasta.

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Address: Pera Gialos, Astypalaia

Phone: +30 2243 061359

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### Dapia Cafe

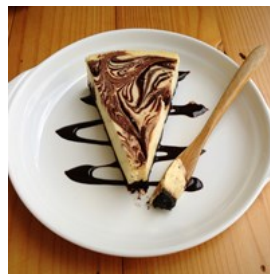


Walking distance from the old harbor, the Dapia Cafe is a good place to go for breakfast - the menu features set morning meals consisting of fresh juice, coffee, yogurt, bread, butter and jam. Naturally, guests are welcome for a meal or coffee at any other time of day.

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Address: Pera Gialos, Astypalaia

### Kolokytha



Kolokytha serves incredible decadent desserts - these (and the outdoor seating directly by the water) are the establishment's main draw, but small savory snacks are served as well, for those who prefer salty over sweet. At night, the venue transforms into a casual waterfront bar serving drinks.

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### Kantina Steno



Located on one of Astypalaia's most scenic beaches, the Steno tavern offers guests an all-day warm welcome, all in with delicious food, snacks and drinks. Some books are available to borrow from the public bookshelf to enjoy on the adjacent beach. The vibe here is very laid-back.

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Address: Steno Beach, Astypalaia

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-10pm

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### Zafora Patisserie



A rather upscale patisserie by island standards, Zafora is a pleasant bakery and sweet shop selling all manner of traditional

sweets and pastries - to take away or have on directly there, on the outdoor terrace with a view. It operates all year long, in both low and high seasons.

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## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife in Astypalaia is rather low-key, with most evening entertainment had in the form of dinner and drinks at the local taverns (do try the local wine and spirits). Some establishments host small traditional music and dance shows, and those who prefer to part-take in dancing themselves can check out the Chora-based Kouros Bar and Club and/or the out-of-the-way Vatses Beach Bar popular with the younger crowd. Keep in mind, however, that venues are often short-lived and there is no guarantee they will re-open the following summer season.

### Archipelago Cafe & Bar



The outdoor terrace framed with lush green trees and fragrant flowers invites for coffee and cake with a view over the stunning hill of Chora.

Archipelago Cafe & Bar serves a vast array of sweets and cakes, as well as drinks after sundown when the town beautifully lights up.

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### Vatses Beach Bar



Known as one of the louder (although still very tame compared to similar establishments on other Greek islands) places in Astypalaia, the Vatses

Beach Bar plays good music, serves food and drink, and even owns a few sunbeds set out directly by the water. It's popular among the younger holidaymakers.

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Address: Vatses Beach, Astypalaia

### Castro Bar



With its beautiful outdoor terrace overlooking the old town and majestic music evenings, the Castro Bar remains one of the central nightlife

hot spots in the Chora area. Castro is a great place to while away an evening in good company, sipping on a well-crafted cocktail.

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Opening hours: Daily 6pm-6am  
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### Al Mare Cocktail Beach Bar



One of the best places to be day and night, the Al Mare Cocktail Beach Bar (located in the Agios Konstantinos village) mixes great drinks, plays pleasant music, and even serves food with many organic ingredients sourced from its back yard garden. Sunbeds are at guests' disposal.

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### Argo Coffee Bar



Although the bar does serve coffee, it is, perhaps, more of an evening establishment, where live musicians make appearances frequently to entertain guests with traditional Greek music performances. Drinks include Greek ouzo and raki, and some local food is also on offer.

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Address: Pera Gialos, Astypalaia  
Phone: +30 2243059854

### Mylos Bar



One of Astypalaia's best kept secrets, the Mylos Bar in the island's Chora only operates throughout the high season (between June and September). It

is a well-maintained indoor bar with a decent selection of local and international drinks, rather popular among holidaymakers.

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## SHOPPING



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Although Astypalaia might not exactly fit the definition of a shopper's paradise, heading to the island's Chora is a safe bet when it comes to shopping opportunities. A good take-home local specialty is a bottle of traditional ouzo, raki, or regional wine along with deli items and olive-derived products (ranging from olive oil to organic cosmetics).

### Chora



The most populated settlement on the butterfly-shaped Astypalaia, Chora is the place to go for souvenirs, clothing, traditional jewelry and local deli items. Although the island certainly cannot boast an abundance of shops, Chora is where one will find them in highest concentration.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia

### Koursaros



The store is easily recognisable by the design of its logo, featuring Jack Sparrow and a mermaid. Inside, the array of items includes clothing (including Thai and Indian pieces), jewellery (hand-made silver items deserve special mention), accessories, souvenirs, and other items of interest.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia

Phone: +30 22430 59839

### Keranthos



A wonderful find in Chora, Keranthos store specialises in local food and drink, selling everything from traditional Greek treats (fruit and vegetable preserves, jams, honey, and sweets - pastry and candy) to a selection of local wines and spirits.

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Address: Chora, Astypalaia

Phone: +30 22430 61243

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Astypalaia Island National Airport



The small airport located not far from the village of Analipsi (Maltezana) serves only a couple of national destinations (mainly the capital city of Athens). It is located some 12 km away from Chora, the island's main settlement.

During the summer, a public bus circulates between the airport and the town. To reach other destinations, transfers must be pre-arranged. Taxis may be hired directly at the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Astypalaia, Greece

Phone: +30 2243 061410

### Ferry



Astypalaia is connected to the port of Piraeus and other neighbouring islands via ferry lines. Ferries from Piraeus depart 3 times a week, and take about 9 hours to reach the island. Ferries also run to Rhodes, Naxos, Paros, and

other islands. Astypalaia's new port is located south of Chora, in Agios Andreas.

Blue Star Ferries  
+30 22430 61224

Photo: Pham Thi Dieu Linh  
Address: Agios Andreas, Astypalaia  
Internet: [www.bluestarferries.gr](http://www.bluestarferries.gr)

### Public Transport



Public buses run relatively frequently during the summer, connecting the Chora (buses stop in Chora Square) to other larger

destinations throughout the island, such as Pera Gialos, Maltezana, and Livadi. During low season, however, buses are infrequent, and travelers would be better off renting a car or hiring a cab.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Taxi



There are only a couple of taxi companies on the island - consult the staff at your accommodation for more information.

Some hotels offer complimentary airport transfers. Taxis are very affordable.

Photo: ArrivalGuides  
Phone: +30 22430 61204

### Post



There is a post office in Astypalaia's Chora. Elta Hellenic Post:

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: Chora, Astypalaia  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7.30am-2.30pm  
Phone: +30 8011138000

### Pharmacy



There are pharmacies in all the larger settlements on the island. For information, call:

Photo: Gemma Garner  
Phone: +30 22430 61444

### Telephone



Country code +30

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



220V, 50Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

**Population**

1,334

**Currency**

1 Euro = 100 cents

**Opening hours**

Working hours vary depending on the business, and are very flexible during the summer. Shops usually work 9am-3pm on Mon & Wed, and 9am-2pm & 5.30pm-9pm on Tue, Thurs, and Fri. On Saturdays, some stores open from 9am to 3pm. Some local businesses close during low season.

**Newspapers**

Aegean News

**Emergency numbers**

Emergency 112

Ambulance 116

Police 100

Fire 199

**Tourist information**

One of the eight windmills in Chora is where the Municipality's tourist information office is located.

Municipal Information:

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Tourist Information:

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