

# Ios Island, Cyclades, Greece

A Cycladic gem of whitewashed alleyways, turquoise coves, and Bronze Age secrets — best experienced in the tranquil morning hours before the island wakes.

 Tender port (no pier)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Currency: Euro

 Language: Greek

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_

All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender to Gialos marina

**Best For:** Beaches, Cycladic architecture, archaeology

**Walk to Chora:** 20 min uphill or 5-min bus (€2)

**Don't Miss:** Chora old town early morning; Skarkos Bronze Age site

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €3–€8

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chora Old Town & Windmills** — Wander the labyrinthine whitewashed alleys of Chora, lined with blue-domed churches and bougainvillea.
  - **Mylopotas Beach Day** — A sweeping arc of golden sand and brilliant turquoise water.
  - **Skarkos Bronze Age Settlement** — A UNESCO-nominated circular settlement dating to 2800 BC, among the best-
- preserved Early Cycladic sites in Greece.

  - **Koumbara Beach** — A quieter, sheltered sandy cove a 20-minute flat walk northwest of the Gialos tender dock.
  - **ATV Ride to Homer's Tomb** — Rent an ATV at the port and wind up mountain roads to Plakoto on the island's north tip, where locals claim the poet...

## BEST WALKS

- **Gialos Port to Chora via the Donkey Path** 1.2 km · 20 min · Uphill — From the Gialos marina, follow the signs up the old paved stone donkey path to Chora.
- **Chora to Skarkos Archaeological Site** 0.8 km · 15 min · Easy downhill — From Chora's main square, head downhill toward the valley.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 62°  | 59° | 3d   |
| Jun |     | 74°  | 71° | 1d   |
| Aug |     | 79°  | 76° | 0d   |
| Sep |     | 76°  | 73° | 2d   |
| Oct |     | 70°  | 68° | 3d   |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:45AM–7:54PM · Jun 5:59AM–8:41PM · Aug 6:36AM–8:11PM · Sep 7:02AM–7:27PM · Oct 7:27AM–6:42PM

Currency: Euro

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go to Chora first thing. Party-goers sleep in — arrive early for empty, photogenic streets. By noon the alleys fill up.
- Wear proper shoes. Chora's polished cobblestones are slippery even when dry. Skip sandals with smooth soles.
- Rely on the KTEL bus. Taxis are few and often pre-booked. The blue bus (€2 cash, pay onboard) links port–Chora–Mylopotas every 15–20 min.