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This Iconic Greek Island Has More Than 20 Beaches, Charming Villages, and a Legendary Party Scene

Here's how to plan your visit to Mykonos, Greece.

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The Greek island of Mykonos has long beckoned travelers with its whitewashed homes, crystal-clear waters, rich culture, and, of course, fantastic parties. And that's just the beginning.

"It's a lively town that offers a perfect mix of boutique properties, beautiful beaches, local shops, and a hot food and nightlife scene. Its international airport and proximity to the other [Greek islands](#), as well as to Athens, make it an easy destination to access and an ideal spot to add to a longer itinerary," Liam Dunch, Abercrombie & Kent's global group product manager for Europe, shared with *Travel + Leisure*.

Shannon Yates, a country specialist for Greece at Audley Travel, agrees, noting that the beaches are the best in the region, and reason enough to visit.

"Mykonos has some of the [best beaches](#) in the Cyclades. Due to the shape of the island, lots of beaches are nestled into coves that are relatively protected from wind, making for pleasant beach days," Yates says. "The sand is also high quality, the water is the quintessential turquoise color we think of when we think of a Greek island, and the weather is reliably warm."

Ready to start plotting your trip to the island? Here's everything you need to plan the perfect trip to Mykonos.



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Kalesma Mykonos

[Kalesma Mykonos](#) is as stunning a hotel as it can get. The [luxury resort](#) sits atop a hill, providing panoramic views from every corner, and embraces a soothing minimalist style that puts the focus on the island's natural beauty. Each of the spacious, airy suites comes with chic furnishings and opens to a patio with private tubs or plunge pools, so guests always feel like they're in complete solitude. Kalesma Mykonos has several fantastic dining venues, including Pere Ubu, which specializes in Greek small plates.