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Thassos

Practical information for getting around the island, transport, day trips and your stay.

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Basic information

CURRENCY	Euro (€)
LANGUAGE	Greek; English is widely spoken in tourist areas
TIME	2 hours ahead of the UK
DOCUMENTS	A valid passport; UK citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period
DRIVING	On the right
SOCKETS	Type C/F – you will need a European adapter
WATER	Safe; for drinking and cooking I personally recommend bottled water
TOILET PAPER	Usually goes in the bin next to the toilet; follow the instructions where you are staying
POPULATION	13,104 (2021 census)
CAPITAL	Limenas / Thassos
HIGHEST MOUNTAIN	Ipsarion, 1,204 m
EMERGENCY NUMBER	112

Getting around Thassos

The ring road

One main road runs around the island, forming a loop of about 100 km. Depending on traffic, you can drive the whole loop in about 2 hours. The good thing is that you practically cannot get lost – whichever way you set off, the main loop will eventually bring you back to where you started :) You cannot drive across the island. There are several turn-offs into the interior, but from each of them you always have to return to the main loop. The best known are the turn-off in the town of Limenaria to Lake Maries and its waterfalls and to the mountain village of Kastro, and the turn-off from the resort of Potos to the small town of Theologos with its waterfall.

Unpaved and off-road tracks

Thassos also has quite a lot of unpaved and off-road tracks, including to well-known places – above all the famous marble beaches, Lake Maries and the highest mountain, Ipsarion. Do not take an ordinary road car on these routes. You need a suitable vehicle with explicit off-road permission so that the rental terms and insurance allow it. Otherwise you risk damaging the car and paying fees or penalties under the rental terms.

The best beaches on Thassos [↗](#)

An overview of more beaches and what they are like on my website.



Getting around Thassos

Ferries

Thassos has no airport of its own. The nearest airport is Kavala (KVA), about 15 minutes' drive from the port of Keramoti. Keramoti links the mainland with the capital of Thassos, Limenas, and is the main transport hub for getting to the island. Regular seasonal ferries run from here. The crossing to Thassos takes about 30–45 minutes depending on the ferry company (some ferries are slower). Another ferry connection runs between Kavala on the mainland and Skala Prinos on Thassos.

The coastal bus

Local K.T.E.L. buses run between the towns and resorts. It is the classic Greek style – timetables are more of a guide. Around the island the stops are marked by posts, and in larger towns there are shelters. You need to wave at the bus to signal that you want to get on, and you pay the driver, so have small change ready. Drivers will often stop when signalled outside a marked stop if the situation allows and the driver is in a good mood – but you cannot rely on it 100%.

Resorts on Thassos [↗](#)

Which resorts you will find on the island, how they differ and where to stay.



Practical information

Sturdy shoes for the mountains

For trips into the mountains and on stony paths I recommend sturdy sports shoes so you can move more safely over the terrain.

Water

Water quality can vary depending on the area and the source. Thassos has mountain springs; near the coast the water is quite heavily chlorinated and hard. It is not unsafe, but for drinking and cooking I personally recommend bottled water. Tap water is fine for washing and brushing your teeth.

Toilet paper

On Thassos, as elsewhere in Greece, it is still common to put paper in the bin next to the toilet where the local drainage requires it. Follow the sign in your hotel, restaurant or apartment, but in general this rule still applies.

Payments

The euro is the only currency. Cards are common in tourist areas, but for smaller villages, more remote beaches or small purchases it is practical to have cash too.

Wildfires and emergencies

In summer, follow the Greek wildfire warnings and Civil Protection instructions. In an emergency call 112 and respect road closures, especially in the interior.



Healthcare

Health centres

Thassos has no hospital, so more serious cases are transferred to the mainland. It does, however, have good health centres. The largest is in the town of Prinos. On the south side of the island there is mainly Thassos Med in Limenaria and an excellent doctor, Alexandros Tataridis, in Potos. There is another health centre in Skala Potamia (Golden Beach).

Assistance line and 112

In a life-threatening situation, of course, call 112. For less urgent treatment, do not go to a doctor on your own. First discuss and report the visit to your travel insurer's assistance line, so that they open a case and confirm they work with the specific health centre before you set off.

Top 10 places on Thassos

1. Limenas [↗](#)

The island's capital with its harbour, promenade, old port, ancient monuments and archaeological museum. Ideal for an evening stroll too.

2. The marble beaches – Saliara and Porto Vathy [↗](#)

White marble pebbles and beautifully turquoise water. Access is via an unpaved track; you need a vehicle with off-road permission.

3. Panagia [↗](#)

A picturesque mountain village with narrow lanes, traditional houses, mountain springs, the spring of love and an olive oil museum. One of the places you really should not miss.

4. Archangel Michael Monastery [↗](#)

A beautiful, iconic convent high on a rock above the sea, with a lovely view of Livadi bay and of mainland Halkidiki with the holy Mount Athos. Respect the nuns' rules when you visit. You can see a splinter of a nail with which Jesus Christ was crucified, and take away a bottle of water from the holy spring that rises in the rock below the monastery.

5. Aliki [↗](#)

Beautiful bays, ancient monuments and the remains of old marble quarries. A walk around the peninsula combines swimming, history and views. One of the most beautiful places, unique for its combination of nature and history.

6. Kastro [↗](#)

A traditional mountain village hidden in the interior. Stone houses, a church and a completely different atmosphere from the coastal resorts. It is also nicknamed the ghost village, and time has stood still here. A unique place if you want something a little different.

7. Maries and the lake with waterfalls [↗](#)

The freshwater Lake Maries with small waterfalls and refreshing pools. An unpaved track leads to it from the village of Maries; you need a vehicle with off-road permission.

8. Ipsarion [↗](#)

The island's highest mountain, 1,204 m above sea level. For the trip, expect stony terrain and bring sturdy shoes, plenty of water and sun protection. To drive up you need a 4x4 vehicle with off-road permission.

9. Theologos [↗](#)

A traditional inland town with stone houses, tavernas and narrow lanes. Nearby you will also find a beautiful waterfall.

10. Paradise Beach [↗](#)

One of the most beautiful sandy beaches on Thassos, with fine sand and a gradual entry into the sea, hidden among green woodland. Because it is exposed, there are waves here more often.

Where to stay? Resorts on Thassos

More places and details at guide-lens.com/thassos/



Quick summary

The most important things on one page

100 KM

RING ROAD

about 100 km around the island

4x4

OFF-ROAD

unpaved tracks, even to well-known places

CAR

HIRE CAR

off-road only with a suitable car and the rental company's permission

HILLS

IN THE MOUNTAINS

sturdy shoes, sun protection, plenty to drink

FERRY

MAIN HUB

Keramoti – Limenas

112

HEALTHCARE

contact your insurer's assistance line before seeing a doctor

Contacts and links

Emergency number

112 – police, fire brigade and ambulance.

Help for British nationals

Contacts for the British Embassy and consular services in Greece are on gov.uk/world/greece.

FCDO – 24/7 consular line

+44 20 7008 5000

Travel advice

Before you travel, check the current entry requirements and safety information on gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/greece, where you can also sign up for email alerts.

Sources for factual information

ELSTAT – 2021 population census

FCDO – travel advice for Greece



More on the website

More information about Thassos:

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Recommended apps

Practical tools that may come in handy when travelling around Thassos.



GasBu

Compare petrol and diesel prices in supported European countries. Check the availability of data for Greece directly in the app.

gasbu.app/en ↗

The links lead to the official websites of the apps.