

10 Best Islands in the Mediterranean

The Only Guide You'll Need for Island Hopping This Summer



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The uniquely colored beaches and clear waters of the Mediterranean are perfect for summer – but actually deciding which islands to visit (and stay on) can be daunting! Hotel search trivago.com is making planning your Mediterranean adventure easier with the **only guide you'll ever need to the Top 10 best ranked Islands**.

Whether you're embracing a lesser-known isle or jetting off to a famous favorite, let trivago's guide tell you **everything you need to get there, what you'll see and experience on arrival, and the inside-scoop** on the best islands in the Mediterranean to stay based on trivago's data and user reviews.*

Top 10 Best Ranked Mediterranean Islands

Rank 	Destination 	Index 
1	Ios, Greece	86.22%
2	Hydra, Greece	85.11%
3	Folegandros, Greece	85.03%
4	Capri, Italy	84.95%
5	Santorini, Greece	84.66%
6	Mykonos, Greece	84.38%
7	Naxos, Greece	84.33%
8	Paros, Greece	84.31%
9	Lipari, Italy	84.18%
10	Sicily, Italy	82.33%

* The trivago Reputation Ranking combines and averages hotel ratings aggregated from 31 websites with at least 50 hotel properties listed on trivago, with 100% as a perfect score.

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The trivago Guide to the Best Ranked Mediterranean Isles

1. Ios, Greece

Why you should visit: From July-August Ios is the party island for backpackers, vagabonds, and youth at large. But travel in the shoulder season for a quieter adventure among the winding footpaths and almost 365 churches – one for every day of the year.

How to get there: Take a ferry from Santorini (#5) or in Athens head to the ferry port at Piraeus or Rafina.

Fun Fact According to ancient tradition, Ios is the final resting place of the epic poet Homer (and his mother).

2. Hydra, Greece

Why you should visit: Sophia Loren's *Boy on a Dolphin* catapulted Hydra to fame, and this tranquil architectural wonder remains popular with visitors and celebrities alike. Life centers around its bustling port but the real charm is in its intricate alleyways, a backstreet glimpse of a traditional Greek way of life.

How to get there: Fly into Athens and jump on a ferry or hydrofoil at Piraeus.

Fun Fact No vehicles – even bicycles – are allowed on Hydra, feet and donkeys do the heavy lifting.

3. Folegandros, Greece

Why you should visit: Perhaps the last untouched island of true Greece, austere beautiful Folegandros lacks the bustling nightlife of other islands—and also their throngs of tourists. Venture outside the Hora, past terraced slopes and rocky cliffs, to reach its secluded and sprawling pebbled beaches.

How to get there: One of the most difficult Greek islands to get to, the easiest way to reach the island is to fly into Santorini and catch the ferry. For island hoppers wanting to see more, Folegandros is also connected by ferry to other Greek islands on the list including Ios (#1), Naxos (#7), and Paros (#8).

Fun Fact This remote and stark island has been used as an exile for political prisoners since the Roman era.

4. Capri, Italy

Why you should visit: A resort since the Roman era, this flower-covered "paradise of idleness" is arguably Italy's most beautiful island. Don't miss the Grotta Azura, Capri's famous sea cave lit from within by blue light.

How to get there: Take the ferry or hydrofoil from Naples or Sorrento, or in summer hop the Amalfi coast and reach Capri by boat from Positano, Amalfi, Salerno, or the island of Ischia (#18).

Fun Fact The Insalata Caprese, or Caprese Salad, originates (and gets its name) from the Isle of Capri.

5. Santorini, Greece

Why you should visit: Actually three islands, crescent-shaped Santorini (or Thira) is Greece's most famous postcard island and honeymoon destination. Don't miss the dramatic clifftop view of a Santorini sunset over the edge of the caldera, the flooded crater created by eruptions from Santorini's still-active volcano.

How to get there: A frequent cruise stop, Santorini also has its own airport. By boat, catch the ferry from Piraeus (it runs all year), and in high season connect from Paros (#8), Naxos (#7), and Crete (#15).

Fun Fact Locals believe Santorini is the lost city of Atlantis, and its distinct white, black, and red beaches are a result of constant volcanic activity.

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