

LOCAL DESTINATIONS PROGRAM FOR IPDPS 2006 ATTENDEES

KERAMIDAS TRAVEL in cooperation with IPDPS 2006 host CTI is organizing tours on Rhodes to meet the interests of attendees and accompanying guests and to allow attendees to take a break from technical meetings to participate.

NOTE: Please note that conference sponsors and organizers have no link to the services offered and any arrangements made are the sole responsibility of attendees and guests accompanying them.

Four of the tours offered are described below. Representatives from Keramidas Travel will be onsite at the Rodos Palace Hotel to register guests for tours and to answer questions attendees have regarding local attractions and happenings.

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	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price Per Person</u>
Tour 1	City Tour	€ 27,00
Tour 2	Lindos	€ 30,00
Tour 3	Filerimos / Kamiros	€ 32,00
Tour 4	Symi Day Cruise	€ 39,00

Above rates are based on a minimum participation of 25 persons per tour.

Excursion rates include:

- Transportation
- Official guide
- Entrance fees to archaeological sites
- Round trip tickets for Rhodes-Symi-Rhodes

TOUR CANCELLATION: The tour company reserves the right to cancel any tour or offer comparable substitutions if the minimum registration is not met or if a tour capacity is met. Tours that are cancelled or filled to capacity will be fully refunded.

Tour #1 City Tour

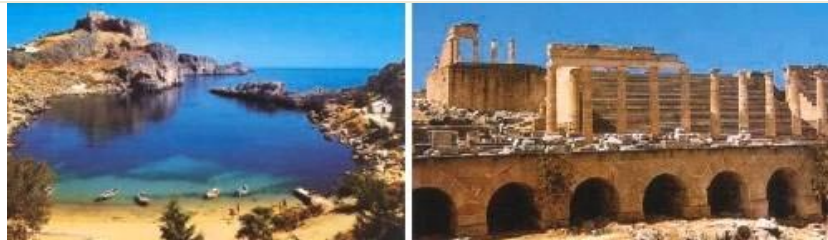


Start your tour with a drive to Mount Smith, once the Acropolis of Ancient Rhodes. From the tumbled massive pillars of the temple of Athena, the view encompasses the Temple of Apollo, the stadium of Diagoras and the port.

Enter the fortified city through the Amboise Gate and walk to the Palace of the Grand Masters. You'll tour the interior of the palace as your guide points out the 14th century beginnings of the Central Courtyard and chambers decoratively built with colonnades and early Christian mosaics. You will continue down the Street of the Knights, its paths paved with colorful marble and superb mosaics, past medieval towers and emblazoned facades.

You will have some time to do some shopping at the bazaar before dining at one of the old towns finest restaurants.

Tour #2 Lindos



Rhodes is an island rich in history and legend as you will discover in this enchanting tour. After a 60-minute drive along the east coast, passing through rustic villages, vineyards and olive groves, you will reach Lindos. You will be captivated by the Acropolis crowning the 400-foot rocky cliff and the whitewashed town surrounded by the azure sea.

There is a 20-minute climb through the narrow streets of the town, and up 250 steps to the Temple. Explore the ancient site of the last conquerors including the 4th century B.C. Doric temple of Athena and the double-winged portico. Other highlights include a Byzantine church and the remains of the castle citadel of the Knights of St. John. From the summit there are views of the fishing harbour of Psarto where tradition says St. Paul landed to evangelise the island. After the visit of Lindos we return back to our hotel.

Tour #3 Filerimos / Kamiros



From Ixia it's a short but scenic drive to the hilltop monastery of Filerimos, built by the Byzantines in the 5th century AD on the ruins of ancient Ialyssos .

In front of the steps leading up to the monastery are the remains of a Greek temple, the cross- shaped baptistery of the first Christian basilica and the tiny underground chapel of St George, with faded 15th century wall paintings. Roman Catholic as well as Greek Orthodox Christians worshipped the icon of the Virgin of Filerimos, in the hexagonal Church of the Knights, though at separate altars. To the rear of the monastery are the impressive remains of the Byzantine garrison.

Continuing along the northwestern shore lies the third of the islands ancient city, Kamiros. Kamiros was one of the three large Doric cities of the island, which, united with Ialyssos & Lindos in the 5th Century BC to create the powerful city state of Rhodes. This ancient city of Rhodes contains the remains of an advanced civilization that is dated nearly 3,000 years old.

Tour #4 Symi Island



This boat trip first takes you to the south of Symi. In the south of the island along the inlet stands the massive building of Panormitis Monastery. This Monastery is dedicated to the Archangel Michael and has a charming bell tower and a beautiful 12th century church. It is a well-known spot of great interest and attracts many visitors and worshippers who come to see the Byzantine frescoes and engraved temple full of golden offerings.

Next we sail to Symi harbour (Yalos) where you will have free time to walk through the narrow streets, shop for local handicrafts, eat fresh seafood in a local taverna or soak up some sun in an open-air café.