A few words about the greenest of the Cyclades - Andros island

Ecotourism on Andros: exploring a unique landscape and culture

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Welcome to Andros...

- The following presentation gives some basic information about Andros particularities and attractions
- Andros is participating as a destination in **Vakantiebeurs Utrecht**
- For more information or to arrange for an appointment please use the contact details in the last page of this presentation
- Welcome to Andros... the greenest and more pristine of the Cyclades!

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Why choose Andros…?

- Mountainous & complex geomorphology, water abundance
- Varied & unique physical and manmade landscape
- Reach biodiversity: almost ½ of Andros Natura areas (endemic and rare species)
- Human presence constant since antiquity – important archaeological sites and monuments
- The greenest, second biggest and closest of the Cyclades to Greece’s capital
- One of the least touristic islands of the Cyclades: unspoiled beauty & pristine areas
- Amazing local food and produce ...! Olive oil, citrus fruits, dairy and meat products, almond and fruit sweets...
- Impressive cultural events & enjoyable activities

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Access-travelling to Andros

- 30 minutes from Athens international airport to Rafina port (the mainland port that serves Andros island) – buses every half an hour
- 2-7 times (winter/summer) daily boat trips to Andros from Rafina port – 2 hours trip
- 2-7 times (winter/summer) daily boat trips to Andros from Myconos (an island reachable by charter flights)

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A glimpse at Andros particularities

- According to scientists Andros is... “An open ethno-archaeological museum...” - Human presence since antiquity- a hand-made landscape ...
  - stone terraces almost everywhere, abundant threshing floors & olive presses,
  - Castles and tower houses, water & wind mills
  - unique complexes of agricultural activities-pottery workshops,
  - Buildings for beehives, silk production establishments and more...

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- The “island of water”...
  - 11 ravines flowing all year round- important wetlands
  - 200 stone-built watermills (70 wind mills)- over 60 stone bridges

- Rich biodiversity, rare and endemic species

- Over 80 beaches, most of which unspoiled

- An island with many different faces...- 4 diverse urban centers- various activities- agriculture, shipping, tourism, second homes
Andros archaeological sites & monuments

- **Strofilas** neolithic settlement (3.500 BC)
- Zagora and Ypsili, important geometric era settlements (10th - 8th century BC)
- Palaiopolis (6th century BC-6th century AD)
- Archaeological museums of Hora and Palaiopolis
- Towers (4th - 3rd century BC)
- Byzantine churches (11th century AD)
- Hora Castle, Faneromeni Castle, fortified cities during the venetian occupation (1200 AD)
- Tower-houses (since 17th century AD)

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Andros reach biodiversity

- 19 important wetlands according to WWF
- Natura and iba areas (green areas on the map)
- Current Andros Life project for the protection of 4 species:
  - *Falco eleonorae*
  - *Hieraaetus fasciatus*
  - *Larus audouinii*
  - *Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii*

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Andros footpaths

- Andros has 84 settlements widely scattered
- A wide network of footpaths (300km) connects these between them, with places of agricultural production, worship, ports and beaches.
- Footpaths of 100 km have been cleared and signposted (red line on the map). More are added every year
- Many of them allow exploration in Natura and IBA areas (green areas on the map)
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Cultural attractions & events

- Contemporary Art exhibitions – world known artists every year
  - Contemporary Art Museum
  - Kydonieos Foundation
- Kairis Library
- Olive Museum
- Maritime Museum
- Local fiestas during spring, summer, autumn

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Andros hiking tours, agro-tourism activities, scuba diving and more…!

- Hiking tours presenting human geography through original research material
- Farm visits, local products tasting, local cooking lessons (olive oil, figs, distillation, sweets, bread, etc.)
- Scuba diving, Greek language workshops, local dances, pottery making…and more!

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