A few words about the greenest of the Greek Cyclades

Andros island
West coast of Andros from the air
Cycladic island: Andros
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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
Chora - the capital from the air

Andros – Cycladic island
Central-East Andros from the air
South Andros from the air (Ormos Korthiou)
West coast of Andros from the air
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)
The port of Gavrio from the air

Andros – Cycladic island
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East coast of Andros from the air
Andros – Cycladic island

South coast of Andros from the air
West coast of Andros from the air
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...
Hiking on South Andros
Palaiopolis waterfalls - central Andros

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Palaiopolis waterfalls - central Andros
Achla river - one of the 11 constant flow rivers of Andros
Lamyra village - one of the numerous natural water springs of Andros
The impressive mill factory of the 19th century

Pythara waterfalls - central Andros

Andros – Cycladic island
Achla bridge - one of the 60 bridges of Andros

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Hiking on Central Andros
Andros rich 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 – Cycladic island
Hieraaetus fasciatus

Andros - Kykladen Inseln

Hieraaetus fasciatus
Andros – Cycladic island

Falco eleonorae
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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 150 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).
Andros’ Footpaths

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Andros Routes Road, hiking & bicycle Map 1:27.000, Hiking book & hiking e-book, all 2014 edition
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)
Cultural attractions & events

- Contemporary Art exhibitions – world known artists every year
  - Contemporary Art Museum
  - Kydonieos Foundation
- Kairis Library
- Olive Museum
- Maritime Museum
- Digital Museum
- Local fiestas during spring, summer, autumn
Andros hiking tours, agro-tourism activities, scuba diving, windsurfing and more…!

- Hiking tours presenting human geography through original research material

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- Farm visits, local products tasting & local cooking lessons (olive oil, figs, distillation, sweets, bread, etc.)
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- Water sports, windsurfing, scuba diving, sailing lessons and more!
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Visit Andros- experience the beauty!

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