

## What to See on Paros

### The most important sights to see:

Church of Ekatontapliani ("Our Lady of a Hundred Doors") in Parikia just 200 m from the port  
The most imposing church in the Cyclades and one of the most important in Greece, approx. 1.600 years old. On the 15th of August its nameday (a public holiday) is celebrated with a lot of festivities. Actually they are three churches in one, and legends rank about the fact that only 99 doors have been counted. Archaeological Museum in Parikia, just behind the Church of Ekatontapliani A fragment of the 3rd-century Parian Chronicle is the most important exhibit - next to many other interesting findings.



Ancient Cemetery in Parikia, approx. 400 m from the port heading left of approx. 700 BC Venetian "Kastro" in the old quarter and at the highest point of Parikia from the 13th century Ancient Wall just beneath the Kastro (Parikia) Marble Quarries at "Marathi" on the way to Lefkes Abandoned but interesting to visit. This is where the marble came from in the ancient times that was considered the world's best. Venetian Castle in the little harbour of Naoussa. Churches in Naoussa Several important churches of ~ 15th century in Naoussa, including Catholic Church. Agias Trias Cathedral in Lefkes. Museum of Popular Civilisation in Lefkes.



An amphitheatre in Lefkes, plus an interesting library.  
Butterfly Valley approx. 8 km south of Parikia A little green oasis full of "butterflies" (actually moths, but nevertheless impressive & colourful). Only open a few hours as it is on private ground. You can take a donkey ride to get there from the main road. Folkloric Museum close to the airport nearby Aliko. Cave of Antiparos with stalactites and stalagmites, very steep and impressive, up on the mountain of Antiparos. Takes a ride by bus or car/motorbike or donkey. Careful on hot days as the busses can let you wait and there are no toilets nearby (although you can buy beverages there)!



Lighthouse behind Monastiri Beach (Naoussa) nice for people who like to walk!  
Monasteries (main)

- Monastery of Longovardas (1638), forbidden for women
- Monastery of Christ Dasous with the tomb of St. Arsenios
- Monastery of St. Mary Thapsanon from 1935, built on ruins of 17th century monastery
- Monastery of St. Antonios

**Festivals:**

01th May Orthodox Easter 2005

09th June Ascension Day Piso Livadi

19th June Day of the Holy Spirit Lefkes

17th July Feast of Agia Marina Antiparos

27th July Feast of Agios Pandeileimon Antiparos

06th August Feast of Saviour's Metamorphosis Marpissa

15th August Feast of Panagia Ekatontapliani (Assumption Day) Parikia

23rd August Nine Days of Virgin Mary Naoussa

29th August Feast of Agios Ioannis Naoussa & Lefkes

08th September Feast of Panagia Feneromeni Antiparos

14th September Ypsosi tou Timiou Staurou Aliki

All festivals are celebrated the traditional Greek way and are an exceptional experience.

They usually include dances, local wine, parades, fireworks etc.!

**There are many nice beaches around the island, the most famous are:**

Klimbithres in Naoussa area.

Santa Maria in Naoussa area

Logaras in our area

Punda Beach in our area

Golden Beach our area

Faragas in Aliki area

Molos Beach in our area

**Here are some more quiet beaches:**

Kalogeros in our area,

Mesada in our area

Lolantonis in Drios area

Glyfa in Drios area

