



# PRINCESS PATER

A daily guide to cruise activities 

MYKONOS • MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 • GRAND PRINCESS  
Sunrise 7:11am • Sunset 7:05pm • Tonight's Dress: Smart Casual

## Welcome to Mykonos



Thanks to its proximity with the mainland, Mykonos was the first Greek Island to become an international travel destination. During the late 1960's and early 1970's, Mykonos was famed as a haunt of the rich, and its nightlife-then and now-was a glittering whirl of colored lights, music, and parties. But there's another side to Mykonos: the neighboring island of Delos. In classical mythology, Delos was the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. Travelers to Delos can stroll among the islands's vast ruins, which include three temples consecrated to the Sun God and the famed Lions Walk.

### Tender Information For Passengers Not On Tour

To avoid overcrowding at the tender embarkation area and to avoid discomfort standing in line waiting for a tender to take you ashore, we will be operating an organized tender ticket system on arrival. **When you and your complete party are ready to go ashore, please proceed to the Michelangelo, Deck 5 and collect a tender ticket from the Cruise Staff who will be in attendance from 7:15am.** Once in the lounge, a member of the Cruise Staff will direct you to the next available tender. This is for your comfort and your safety. There may be a slight delay at peak morning times. Tenders operate on a continuous service back to the ship and no tickets are required for the return journey. **Last tender boat departs shoreside at 5:30pm.** For tour information, please refer to page three of the Princess Patter.

### FROM THE NAVIGATOR



Throughout the night and early this morning, the Grand Princess followed tracks that lead us between various Greek Islands. After heading north-northeasterly throughout the night, the ship passed Nata Island on our starboard side and shortly after, when abeam of Siros Island we set an easterly course for our final approaches to Mykonos. Just after sunrise we will embark our local pilot for the remaining distance to our Anchorage.

#### WEATHER:

Sky: Sunny  
Wind: Northwesterly  
Temperature: 20°C

#### SHIP'S AGENT IN MYKONOS

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Events and activities not to be missed

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### PRINCESS THEATER

Promenade, Decks 6 & 7 Forward  
8:30pm & 10:30pm

#### COMEDY SHOWTIME

Starring

#### ED FERNADEZ

Canada's Premier Comedy Hypnotist

MC: Cruise Director Paul

Audio or video taping is prohibited due to copyright.  
No savings of seats please.

Last three rows reserved for passengers with limited mobility

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### VISTA LOUNGE

Promenade Deck 7 Aft  
8:30pm & 10:30pm  
(Show will be repeated  
October 1st at 7:00pm)

#### THE PRODUCTION SHOW MOTOR CITY

"A Tribute to the Great Motown Artists"  
Starring: THE GRAND PRINCESS  
SINGERS & DANCERS

MC: Deputy Cruise Director Stu  
Music by the Grand Princess Orchestra

### FEATURED TODAY...

#### ALDO LUONGO PAINTING DEMONSTRATION TONIGHT!

Deck 5 Main Atrium

7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Don't miss this world famous artist  
and his Romance on Canvas!  
Come early as seating is limited!





## GREECE AT A GLANCE

**SIZE:** 51,146 square miles, about the size of Alabama

**POPULATION:** 10,706,290  
(July 2007 est.)

**LANGUAGE:** Greek

**CAPITAL:** Athens

**TYPE OF GOVERNMENT:**  
Presidential Parliamentary Republic

**CURRENCY:** Euro

**TIME ZONE:** GMT +2

### ABOUT YOUR PORT GUIDE

This is your guide to Mykonos, specially prepared by Princess Cruises. This guide is intended to assist you if you are on a shore excursion, touring independently or doing both.

Please note that the information provided is general in nature and is subject to change.

## *The Birthplace of Apollo, Mykonos Shines Like a Diamond in a Sapphire Sea*

Although the rocky soil at Mykonos looks austere, but its cube-shaped white houses have a characteristic charm, contrasting as they do with the dazzling blue of the sky and the sea.

Mykonos belongs to the island group known as the Cyclades, since they form a rough circle around the sacred island of Delos, one of the religious centers of ancient Greece.

The islands are the highest points of a sunken plateau, which still exhibits some volcanic activity. Seen from a distance, the Cyclades resemble a necklace of gems on deep blue satin.

The Cyclades are ideally placed astride the trade routes from Europe, to Asia Minor, to Egypt, and back again. It is surprising to remember that these islands produced a brilliant culture very early in recorded history, even before the great Minoan civilization on Crete.

Following the Fourth Crusade, the islands fell under the control of the Venetian Republic, and served as outposts of Venice, until the Turkish navy captured them, beginning in the 16th century. Signs of the Venetian presence are still visible, including a surprising number of Catholic chapels alongside the more traditional Greek Orthodox churches. The Turks allowed much autonomy to the islands, and Italian remained the official language until 1830.

There was always a danger of invasion by pirates, so the town and harbor are

compactly built for defense. You may hear that the tight, winding maze of streets was designed to confuse invaders, but it also does well to break the effects of the strong winds coming in from the Aegean. Often you can turn a corner and enter a tiny square, shaded by a single almond or pepper tree.

The delightful harbor sets off the arcades of the 18th-century town hall and the tiny chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas. A good place to start a walking tour is the square dedicated to local patriot Mando Mavrogenous. Mando was a wealthy young woman during the Greek War of Independence, who fit out two ships at her own expense. They inflicted a stunning defeat on a large band of Algerian corsairs.

In 1823, Mando composed her eloquent "Letter to the Women of Paris" in which she appealed for sympathy and assistance against the Turkish occupation.

The most beautiful icons on the island are in the Church of Agia Kiriaki. You may find the charming Square of the Three Wells – local legend has it that unmarried girls should drink from each of the three, in order to find the right husband.

The attractive Panagia Paraportiani church unites four chapels into a unique Byzantine pattern, with a single door and a graceful arched bell tower. Don't miss a closer look at the windmills that command the ridge above the harbor.



The tiny island of Delos is only a short ferry ride from Mykonos, but reveals a stunning tradition as a religious center for the Ionian Greeks. According to Greek mythology, the beautiful Leto gave birth to twins at the base of a palm tree here. Her children were Apollo, god of the sun, and Artemis, goddess of the moon. A series of resplendent temples and monuments were built here over the span of a millennium.

The logical place to begin is the Sacred Port along the western shore, which was the ancient point of entry. A dignified processional route, the Sacred Way, leads from the port through the temple district, including votive monuments and porticoes.

There are several successive temples of Apollo, built by rival religious brotherhoods. The smallest and oldest of these temples housed the fabulous treasury of the Delian League. You will also see the remnants of a colossal statue of Apollo, originally carved from a single block of marble. Nearby is the Temple of Artemis, Apollo's sister.

North of the temples is the Lion District. The Delians decided to imitate the beautiful Sacred Lake at Thebes in Egypt, and dammed up the island's only stream. Originally the lake was home to swans sacred to Apollo, but was filled in during 1924 because it had become a source of Malaria.

The Terrace of the Lions was placed alongside the lake, so that the nine

marble lions could be reflected in the clear waters. Only five lions remain today. The Venetians removed one of the others, which you will find today guarding the entrance to the Arsenal in Venice, but with a different head!

South of the central temples is the Theatre District, with ruins of a majestic theatre, and a series of beautiful private homes. The House of the Dolphins and the House of the Masks have superb mosaic pavements.

Upon the slopes of Mount Kynthos is a Terrace of Foreign Gods, with shrines to Egyptian and Syrian deities. Legend says that Zeus presided over the birth of his children from the top of Kynthos. He would have been pleased!



View of Mykonos



## Places of Interest

### DELOS

One of Greece's most famous archaeological sites is the small island of Delos. This small uninhabited island is the site of vast classical ruins associated with the cult of Apollo. Under the jurisdiction of Mykonos and situated just 2 kilometers to the west the entire island has been declared a National Museum.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Located adjacent to the town's commercial harbor this museum houses marble sculptures, ceramics and jewellery, recovered from the islands of Delos, Renia and Mykonos. Included in this collection is a large ceramic vase dated 7th century BC which shows the oldest graphic record of the Trojan Horse.

### AEGEAN MARITIME MUSEUM

Located in the center of town near the area Tria Pigadia the museum displays in the form of models a collection of ships from the pre-Minoan period through to the 19th century. Also on display are nautical and ancient artifacts related to the history of shipping on Mykonos.

### WINDMILLS

From as early as the 16th century one of the most recognized landmarks of Mykonos have been its windmills. Due to its geographic position, Mykonos was situated on major sea trade-route which at one time joined Venice. The need to refine grain and compact it for transport combined with an ample year round supply of wind made Mykonos the perfect location. With the coming of industrialization the windmills importance began to decline as well as their numbers. Today only a fraction remains of what was once an active era in Mykonian history.

### LITTLE VENICE

Where the most western part of the town meets the sea is the area known as "Little Venice". Here the buildings have been constructed right on the sea's edge with their balconies overhanging the water. During the 16th and 17th century pirating was common and it is believed this area was used for the necessary quick loading and unloading of goods.

### PARAPORTIANI

One of the most famous architectural structures in Greece is the church, Paraportiani. Positioned near the main harbor entrance, this church is the central feature of the "Kastro" or castle area, the oldest section of town. Its name means inner or secondary door which it was to the Medieval stone walls which encircled the area. First begun in 1475, Paraportiani in reality is a group of five smaller churches which were constructed over a period of time and not completed until well into the 17th century. The two story structure was molded together utilizing four of its churches to form a base for the fifth church which when placed on top formed a central domed roof.

### FOLKLORIC MUSEUM

Located in the "Kastro" or castle area of town and next to Paraportiani a large collection of 19th century antiques can be viewed which include, to name just a few, furniture, tools, ceramics, photographs, and local musical instruments. The church often remains closed, but is worth visiting to admire its exterior architecture.

## Practical Information

### DOCKING

Your Princess ship will dock at Tourlos pier in Mykonos.

### SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURES

Passengers will meet at a specific location for each shore excursion departure. Please refer to your tour ticket and the Princess Patter for the correct place and time.

### TAXIS

Limited taxis are available pierside and are more prevalent throughout the city. Confirm your fare, to be paid in Euros, with driver before departing.

### SHOPPING

Mykonos is the best island in the Cyclades for shopping. Plenty of small shops are to be found along Matoyianni Street. You'll find good buys in: Gold jewelry: Works in ancient and Byzantine designs Folk Items: Numerous Greek handicrafts, especially pottery Reproductions: Hand-painted icons of the Byzantine originals Rugs and embroidered linens Please note that it is prohibited by law to take antiquities and Byzantine icons out of Greece.

### OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

Post Office: Located in Mykonos Town, open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Banks: The nearest banks, Alpha Bank and National Bank, are generally open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Shops: Open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### PROPER ATTIRE

Please wear proper attire ashore when planning to visit churches, cathedrals and other sacred places. Shorts for both men and women are considered improper. Women should also cover their bare shoulders.

### LOCAL CUISINE

Food Specialties Eating is a lively social activity in the Cyclades. Popular foods include:

Tarmosalata: Smoked fish roe

Keftedes: Spicy meatballs

Dolmades: Vine or cabbage leaves wrapped around savory rice and sometimes mincemeat, often served with and egg and lemon sauce

Also, be sure to try the island's traditional almond biscuits.

Drink Specialties The wine from nearby Santorini is a Greek favorite, particularly Boutari in both kokkino (red) and aspro (white).

Ouzo: a clear, licorice-flavor liqueur, is the favorite aperitif. Sip it slowly over a plate of mezedes or appetizers. You'll also want to try:

Brandy: Botrys and Metaxa

Mavrodaphne: A heavy dessert wine

It is always recommended that you drink bottled water while in port.

### TIPPING

Suggested tipping is 15 to 20 percent for good service.

### SOME USEFUL WORDS

Yes ..... Malista or Ne  
No ..... Ochi  
Please ..... Parakalo  
Thank you ..... Efcharisto  
Good morning ..... Kalimera

### CLIMATE

The climate of Mykonos is characterized by two elements: sunshine and wind. Rainfall is infrequent, allowing for almost 300 days of sunshine a year. Of the winds, the most famous is the springtime "Sirocco," which brings with it sands from the deserts of neighboring lands. Average temperatures dip to 53 degrees F in January and rises to over 80 degrees F in the summer.

### PRINCESS CRUISES AGENTS

In case of emergency while you are ashore, please contact:

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