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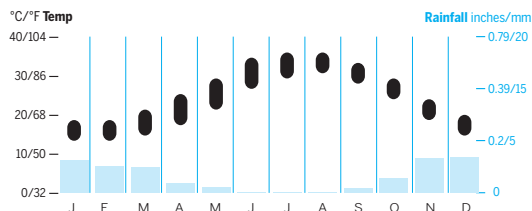
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Why Go?

The Cyclades (kih-*klah*-dez; Κυκλάδες) are where Greek life is at its most intense and seductive, where countless islands rise from the glittering Aegean, their ochre hills sparkling with bone-white cubist settlements and limestone outcrops. This is where you find tourism on a human scale, yet with more than a dash of sun-kissed hedonism. You'll also find a compelling cultural menu that draws on ancient and modern themes at major archaeological sites and at small but sophisticated museums and galleries. Sample the sun-lounger beaches and raunchy nightlife of Mykonos and Ios; the glitz and glamour of Santorini; the subtler pace of island life on Paros and Naxos; and the cool escapism of tiny islands such as Anafi and Koufonisia, adrift in the Big Blue. Sleeping and eating options throughout the Cyclades match the best you'll find in Greece. Enjoy, above all, the timeless spirit of these ancient milestones of Aegean history and the exhilaration of adventurous island hopping.

When to Go

Míkonos Town



Apr & May Catch early-season sun without overheating and early boats without overcrowding.

Jun–Aug Sun, sea and sand, balmy nights and lively company.

Sep & Oct Quieter beaches, open spaces, sweet scent of herbs and great walks on island hills.



Cyclades Highlights

1 Explore the compelling archaeological sites of **Delos** (p179) and **Ancient Thira** (p224)

2 Enjoy the best Cycladic cuisine on **Santorini** (p215), **Paros** (p182) and **Schinousa** (p202)

3 Slip away to serenity on the islands of the **Little Cyclades** (p200)

4 Party until dawn on **Mykonos** (p171) and **Ios** (p210)

5 Turn off the clocks on dreamy **Folegandros** (p229)

6 Hike through the mountains of **Naxos** (p191),

Andros (p158) and **Sifnos** (p245)

7 Discover the compelling marble art and industry of **Tinos** (p162)

8 Lose yourself amid the history and culture of traditional **Sifnos** (p245)