Hydra

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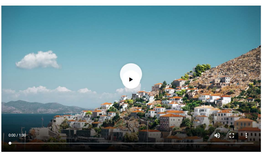

Every summer, the small, sun-soaked island of Hydra attracts chic locals, international artists and yachting billionaires.

Hydra comes pretty close to a perfect holiday island. Car-free and protected by a preservation order, the island has always been the artists' muse of the greek islands. Leonard Cohen set the scene in the 60s; now Brice Marden, Sadie Coles and Juergen Teller all have homes here. They come to disconnect and slow down, but also to see and be seen.

Wily cats and weary donkeys patrol the back alleys, but all the action happens along the beautiful crescent harbour, from which whitewashed buildings with blue shutters and purple bougainvilleas spread across the hillside. Days are spent indulging in simple pleasures: lazing in the different coves, swimming in the clearest water in the world,strolling through the quaint village streets or looking for a cozy tavern to enjoy fresh seafood dishes with a glass of Greek rosé.

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TUESDAY 19.4° C
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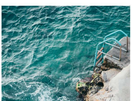
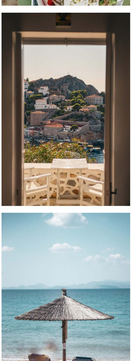
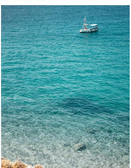
Best time to go
Without doubt, May-June and September are the beet times: pleasantly warm, delightfully uncrowded (an island this size fills quickly). April and October are also lovely if you don't mind the cooler sea/weather respectively. In high summer (July-August), you will be jostling for elbow room with Athenians, but there is a lovely friendly buzz in the tavernas and bars.

By air
There is no airport on Hydra. Fly to Athens and then take a ferry/hydrofoil from Piraeus to Hydra (1-3 hours). In summer, ferries run twice daily, but be aware that outside of peak months they may be less regular. Athens is served daily by British Airways, Lufthansa and Aegean from many European cities.

By ferry
From Athens' port, Piraeus, which is connected to Athens airport by bus/metro, there are ferries and hydrofoils to Hydra. Most vessels leave Piraeus in the early morning or mid-afternoon. Ferries take 2-3 hours. Hydrofoils take only 1 hour, but cost more. Hellenic Seaways (hellenicseaways.gr) provides service all year, online bookings are best.







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