

Tigaki and **Marmari** are the first seaside villages you will meet when leaving the town of Kos. There you will find several beaches with crystal blue waters and warm, white sand. Passing

Zipari

village you see

Asfendiou

, a complex of picturesque villages up on the mountain, an environment warm, cosy and friendly, as all Greek villages are, anyway. And by all means, don't forget to watch the breathtaking sunset from

Zia

, where the sun seems to merge into the sea in a feast of colours and senses.

Kardamena is a village located 30 kilometres from Kos town and 5 kilometres from "Hippocrates" International Airport. There are many interesting archaeological treasures to be seen, such as the **Temple of Apollo**, the **early Christian Basilicas** and the **Ancient Theatre**

. And since you'll be needing some rest after sightseeing, Kardamena also offers beautiful sandy beaches with a variety of water sports and daily boat services to Nisyros, the neighbouring volcano island that you ought to visit. At summer time, at Kardamena's

White Bait Festival

, join locals at a tradition that promises a lot of dancing and incredible fun!

Moving on to **Antimachia**, a village 25 kilometres outside Kos town towards the central part of the island, you'll see the **Castle of Antimachia**, the **Windmill** and the **Traditional House museum**

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, all of great interest. This village, carrying the same name for thirty centuries, also carries on several traditions, one of them being what else, a festival: the

Honey Festival

. Numerous family beekeeping businesses have made Antimachia famous for its delicious and extremely nutritious honey, something you'll see for yourself, at the Festival!

Approximately 3 kilometres northwest of Antimachia lies the village of **Mastichari**, where one can find some of the most beautiful beaches on Kos. The port is always full with fishermen that provide daily the local tavernas with fresh fish. And guess what: Another festival, the

Mastichari Wine Festival

, where you should go if you love home made wine, local delicacies and Greek music.

Mastichari is also your gate to the neighbouring island of Kalymnos, since daily cruises are available from the port of the village.

On the western edge of the island, 42 kilometres from Kos town, you'll find the picturesque village that lies above the bay of Kamari, **Kefalos** and below that the islet of **Saint Nicholas** (Kastri). There are quite a few sites to be seen in Kefalos, such as the

Basilica of Saint Stephanos

, the

monastery of St. John the Theologian

, the

ruins of Astipalea

and the

cave Aspri Petra

