

Rhodes Visitors Companion for CSCL2009 Participants

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1. Main Transfers and Main Locations

1.1. From the Airport to the Hotels

Arriving in Rhodes, you arrive in the Diagoras Airport (see Figure 1, Location ①)

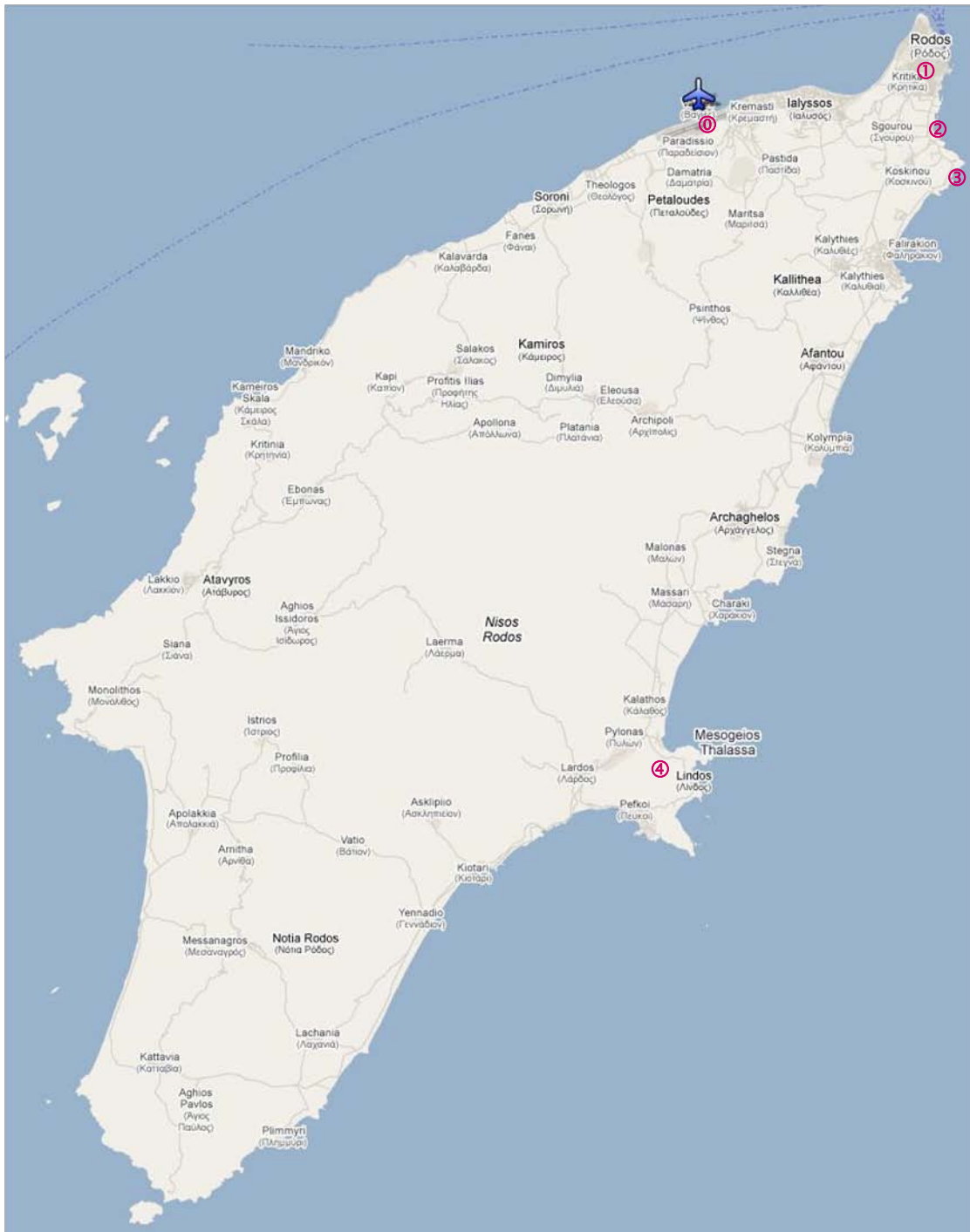


Figure 1. Rhodes map and main Locations

①: Airport. ②: Rhodes Town. ③: Conference Center (Aldemar Hotel) and nearby hotels: Virginia, Euroxenia Kalithea Sun & Sky, Princess Flora and Kresten Palace. ④: Lindos (Conference Dinner, June 12th)

Options:

(a) If you go to the Conference Center - Aldemar Paradise Hotel, or the hotels nearby (Virginia, Euroxenia Kalithea Sun&Sky, Princess Flora and Kresten Palace) (See Figure 1, location ②):

- Taxi: The easiest way is to take a taxi: The cost (Airport-Aldemar Conference Center region) is 22 Euro.
- Bus: There is not a direct Bus. If you want to use the bus, you will have to take a first bus: direction "Rhodes town", to go until the final station (Mandraki, see Figure 2. Location ①). And then to wait for a second bus with direction: "Kallithea" or "Faliraki". Total time that you will need is 60 minutes to 75 minutes. Total cost: 2 Euro + 2,2 Euro = 4,2 Euro
In case that you want to use the bus, you will find the Bus Station, in between the two buildings of the airport.

(b) If you go to the Rhodes town (See Figure 1, location ①):

- Taxi: You can take a taxi: the cost "Airport - Rhodes town" is: 18 Euro
- Bus: You will find the bus stop, in between the two existing buildings, when you go out from the building.
You will take the bus: Direction "Rhodes Town", and when you will approach to the Rhodes town, you will ask the driver or other persons in the bus, where you will have to "get down", depending on your Hotel.
The ticket for the bus costs: 2,2 Euro. You can get a ticket into the bus. Please ensure that you carry some pocket change with you.

1.2. From Rhodes town to Aldemar – Conference center

- You can take a taxi: The cost is 8 Euro
- You can take a bus: The cost is 2 Euros. You will have to find the appropriate bus station, for the bus with Direction: "Kallithea" or "Faliraki". The duration of the 'travel' is about 20 minutes
These buses start from the bus station in "Mandraki" (See Figure 2, location ①)
For those hosted to the hotels: Grand Hotel, Belvedere, Best Western Plaza, Ibiscus, Manousos, Marie, Mediteranean, you will have to walk, or take the bus.
Note: The buses Rhodes- Kallithea or Faliraki, and Kallithea- Rhodes, are every 20 minutes (8.00, 8.20, 8.40, etc).
Further stops: University of the Aegean, San Francisco Church, Agios Dimitrios, etc.
The buses start at 6.00 in the morning, while the final bus is at 23.30

1.3. From Aldemar – Conference center to Rhodes town

- You can take a taxi: The cost is about 8 Euro. You have to ask from the Hotel reception to call a taxi for you. You will be charged, by the taxi driver 2 euro more plus whatever is shown on the taxi meter (the meter starts counting when you call the taxi. The actual cost depends on the distance the taxi is)
- You can take the bus, from the bus station near the Conference Center.

Time schedule is the same (it starts at 6.00 am and then every 20 minutes, but buses begin from Faliraki which is 10-15 minutes distance from the conference center maybe more depending on the traffic). We would like to inform you that this schedule is given to us by the public transport service. We can not guarantee that times will always be these!

2. General information on Transportation means

2.1. Taxi

Costs: Airport- Aldemar conference Center (& vice-versa): 22 Euro

Airport- Rhodes town (& vice-versa): 18 Euro

Rhodes town - Aldemar Conference Center: 8 euro

Short trajectories into Rhodes town: ~3 euro

How to call a taxi by phone:

From the Rhodes town, you will have to call:(0030)2241064790

When you are outside of the city of Rhodes, you will have to call: (0030)2241069600

The additional cost, when you call a taxi by phone: is 2 euro plus whatever is shown on the taxi meter (The meter starts counting when you call the taxi. The actual cost depends on the distance the taxi is)

How to find a taxi:

- When you are in the hotels Aldemar Conference Center, as well as the surrounding hotels, the most probable is that you will have to call a taxi by phone via the Taxi Association.
- When you are in Rhodes town, you can: (a) call a taxi, or (b) you can find a taxi in a taxi station, or (c) even you can stop an empty taxi on the road.

⇒ A few taxi stations are indicated into the Figure 2, locations ①②③④

- ① Hristoforou, Patriarch of Alexandria, Sq. (Mandraki)
- ② Medieval City Sea Gate (Thalassini Pyli - "Kolona" Port)
- ③ October 28th and Orfanidou Str.
- ④ Alexandrou Diakou Str. ("Thermai" Sq.)

2.2. Rent a Car

AutoLine: 22410 56566 & 693 439 30 14 & 69 36 65 61 41

Alexander Rent a car: Tel. : + 30 22410 31018 , +30 6936656973 <http://www.alexander-rentacar.gr>



Figure 2.

Green Circle: the region, where are situated the CSCL2009 suggested hotels of the Rhodes town (Grand Hotel, Belvedere, Best Western Plaza, Ibisus, Manousos, Marie, Mediteranean). ①: Central Bus Station. ①②③④: some of the Taxi stations, that are mentioned above. ⑤: Aquarium. ②: "Kolona" Port.

3. Suggestions for Conference Participants free time and Guests

3.1. Must Sightseeing in Rhodes Town

Walking in Rhodes town:

1. The Medieval town of Rhodes: You will have a few time to walk into the Medieval town, before and after the Opening Ceremony (Wednesday at 20:00). The Opening ceremony will take place into the Grand Master's Palace (Figure 3, location ⑤) (it is near to the d' Amboise gate, Figure 3, location ⑥) and we hope that there will be enough time to enter and be guided into the rooms of the Palace.

After the opening ceremony, there will be a free time so as to have a short walk into the town, before getting back the "buses" for those staying in Conference center surroundings. It is obvious, that concerning the old medieval town, you will like to go, and walk many times.

2. A must see is a walk in the Castle walls. Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 8.30 am-1.30 pm. Ticket costs 2 euros. You can buy tickets from the Castello in the old town
3. Walk into the trench ("tafros") (Figure 3, location ⑦).
4. Walking: all the region of port, from Aquarium (Figure 2, location ⑤) to the "Kolona" Port of the old town (Figure 2, location ②). *[highly suggested]*
5. If you have children, they would like to visit the Aquarium (Figure 2, location ⑤).

3.2. Museums

⇒ **The Archaeological Museum.** This is to be found in the old city at the beginning of Ippoton Str.(Figure 3, location ①) You can enter to the old town from the "plateia" Simis (Simis square). Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday: 8.00am-8.00pm. Sunday 1.30 pm-8.00 pm. Ticket costs: 2 euros

⇒ **The Museum of Greek modern art.** You can find this at the Gavriil Haritou Square, near the Aquarium (Figure 3, location ③).

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 9am-2pm. Ticket costs 3 euros

The Modern Greek Art Museum presents extensive painting and engraving collections not to mention numerous sculptures, drawings and documents of historical value. The works of engraving and painting represent efficiently the modern Greek art of the 20th century along with its most eminent artists. Some of these works of art are considered to be of great significance and they are chosen in order to narrate the history of art. The central idea of all these collections is to present the history of Greece through the eyes and the soul of Greek artists of the 20th century. The Modern Greek Art Museum reflects the particularity and simultaneously the international character of Greek artists. *[highly suggested]*

⇒ **Folk art Museum,** Symis Square (Figure 3, location ②)

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 8.30 am-2.30 pm. Ticket costs 2 euros

⇒ **Municipal Gallery,** Symis Square (Figure 3, location ②2)

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am-3pm, & 6pm-9pm Saturday 9am-2pm. Ticket costs 3 euros/person and is also valid on the museum of Modern art

<http://www.mgamuseum.gr/en/museum.php>

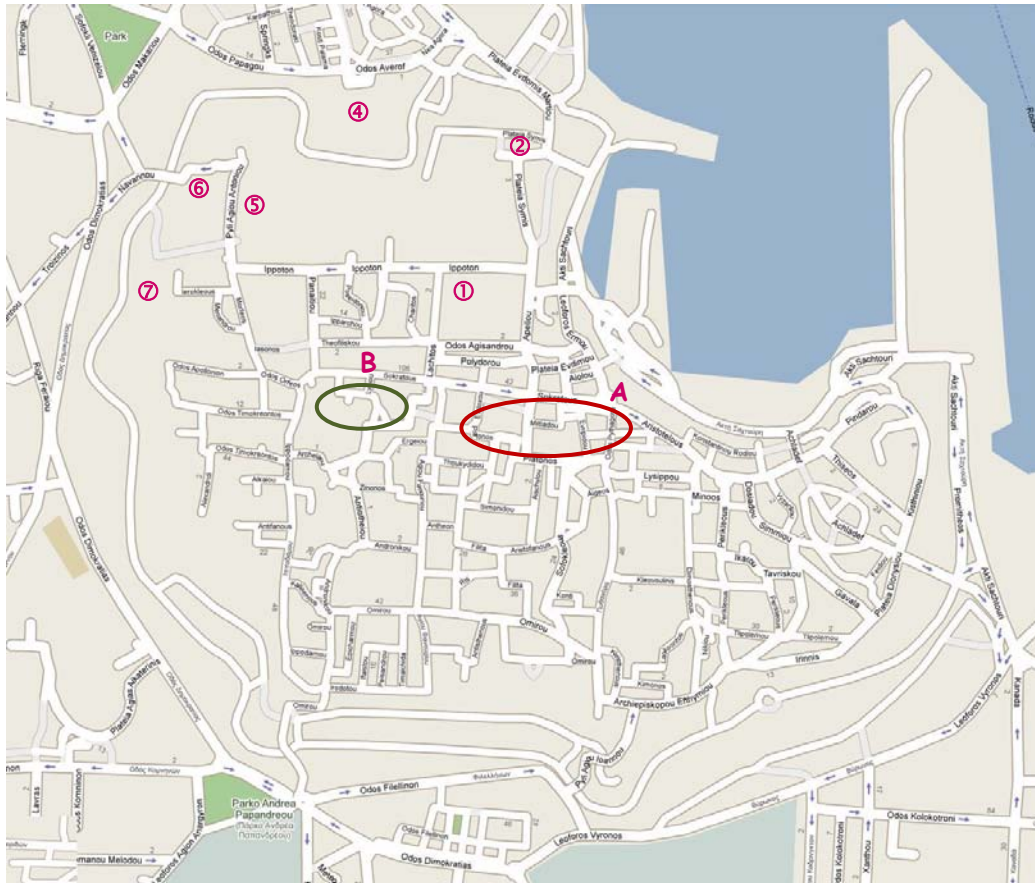
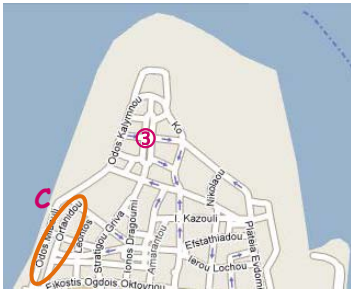


Figure 3.

- ①: Archaeological Museum. ②: Folk art Museum, Municipal Gallery. ③: Greek modern art. ④: Sound and light. ⑤: Grand Master's Palace. ⑥: d' Amboise gate. ⑦: Trench ("tafros").
Bars regions: **A**, **B** (Old Town), **C** (Orfanidou).

3.3. Enjoying Sea

We highly suggest to Swim at the many beautiful beaches of the island with crystal and clean waters. You also could do sea sports, like diving or sea ski.

Scuba Diving

Waterhoppers Diving School, <http://www.waterhoppers.com> Email info@waterhoppers.com
Tel. +30 224 103 81 46 / +30 697 250 09 71 (cell phone)

Some Places to Dive: Into the area of Kallithea Springs (closed to the conference center, and in the place where the Tuesday evening social event will take place), Ladiko (15 km from Rhodes), Lindos (50 km from Rhodes).

3.4. Doing Archery: a special offer for CSCL2009 participants

The Municipality of Afandou will organize an archery demonstration-training event for CSCL2009 participants. It's going to take place at Afandou Golf Resort, right next to the beach, and there will be an expert trainer. A bus, also offered by the Municipality of Afandou, will take care of your transportation to/from Afandou Golf Resort.

It is planned for Thursday, June 11th, 16.00-20.00

You may participate for free, by contacting to gkritikos@rhodes.aegean.gr.

4. Restaurants and Bars in Rhodes town

RESTAURANTS: Just a few restaurants that we like to go, they offer high quality of meals in a nice environment

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	DETAILS
Hatzikelis	Byzantiou 9, Old Town	22410 27215	Fish and meat
Nireas	Sofokleous 22, Old Town	22410 21703	Nireas is nominally a fish restaurant but still covers the full gamut of dishes.
To Steki tou Tsimas	Peloponissou 22, New town	22410 74390	The Steki is an unpretentious and totally untouristy fish restaurant on the south side of Old Town.
Pizantias	Sofokleous 1, Old town	22410 31884	Primarily a fish tavern with a friendly atmosphere
Thavmas en Kairo	El. Venizelou 16-18	22410 39805	Swish restaurant in a nice garden
ALEXIS: 4 SEASONS	Aristotelous 23, old town	22410 70522	High quality restaurant for any kind of food, under the castle walls, in the garden.

BARS: There are many bars, in a number of districts (See Figure 3, areas A, B, C)

We suggest, to just go there, and select the ones you prefer.

A few of them:

Colorado Bar: Address: 57, Orfanidou str., Phone : +30 22410 75120

Sarah's Bar: Sofokleous str 11-13,

CAFE CHANTANT: Night Club Address: Dimokritou 3, Rhodes Old Town, Phone: 22410 32277

OUSIES & OINOPNEVMATA: Night Clubs Address: 2 Km L. Kalitheas, Koskinou Region: Koskinou phone: 22410 67674

Cafeteria-Bar: Koykos Cafe, Address: | New Town, Rhodes Town, Greece Phone: 22410 73022

5. Excursions in Rhodes

- Visiting West Coast of Rhodes:
 1. Filerimos, 5.2 Km away from the city of Rhodes, used to be the citadel of the ancient town of Ialysos. There are the foundations of the temple of Athena Polias, an Early Christian basilica, and a small Byzantine church. Along a path called Golgothas, there are scenes of the Passion of Jesus.
 2. Butterflies valley, 25 Km away from the city of Rhodes, unique in the whole Greece. A thick planned valley, where from late July until late September the valley gets filled up with million of multi color butterflies, a rare sight.
- Visiting East Coast of Rhodes:
 1. Kalithea, 10.5 Km away from the city of Rhodes, a small bay and an abandoned spa, built during the 1920, and renovated during the last years. Today only the domed pavilions and the archways stands, while the water have long-since dried up. The place has crystal clear sea waters and magical scenery of the time consumed buildings.
 2. Seven Springs: Water source which forms a small lake, 32 Km away from the city of Rhodes. You can explore the small, man made lake, via the long, narrow and totally dark tunnel by walking barefoot.
 3. Lindos, one of the main tourist destination on the island. 50 Km away from the city of Rhodes. The village is famous for the traditional architecture of the houses, the narrow alleys, the beautiful sandy beach, the very active nightlife and its Acropolis with the castle of the Knights. The acropolis was used as a fortress in antiquity, as well as in Byzantine times, in the period of the Knights of St. John, and in that of Ottoman rule. Today, the ascent to the acropolis is still by the same steep road as in antiquity. From the highest point of the acropolis can be seen the lower city, in which the most important monuments still visible are the theatre, the Tetrastoon and the Archokrateion, at Kambana, a monumental tomb of an important Lindian family. The Byzantine church of the Panayia is also in the lower city.

⇒ Please note, that when we will go for the conference dinner, you will not be able to go into the fortress (it closes after the sunset).

6. Useful phone numbers

Rhodes General Hospital

Phone Center: (0030) 2241080000
Emergency Number: 166 (applicable inside Greece)

Greek National Tourism Organization

Phone Center: (0030) 2241044330
Rhodes Customs Service
Secretariat: (0030) 2241027358

Police

Emergency Number: 100 (applicable inside Greece). You can also dial 112 from your cell phone.
Rhodes Department: (0030) 2241023849, 2241044140
Airport Department: (0030) 2241082882
Traffic Division: (0030) 2241044132
Security Division: (0030) 2241023294
Tourism Division: (0030) 2241027423

Fire Department

Emergency Number: 199 (applicable inside Greece)
Phone Center: (0030) 2241023333, 2241023334

Rhodes Port Authority: (0030) 2241022220, 2241028888

Municipality of Rhodes: Phone Center: (0030) 2241046200

Prefecture of Dodekanese: Phone Center: (0030) 2241046500

7. Visitors basic Information

Time: Greece is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

Currency

The official currency in Greece is EURO (€). Major credit cards are widely accepted, although cash is preferred in most shops, especially the smaller ones.

Banks

Banks in Rhodes (Rodos) are open between 08.00 - 14.30 hours during working days except Friday, when they are open until 14.00 hours. The central Post Office is open from 07:30-20.00 hours (Monday-Friday).

Shopping

Usual operating hours for shops in Rhodes (Rodos) are: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday from 08:30-14:30 hours Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 08:00-13:30 hours and from 17:30-20:30 hours These times are not always strictly adhered to. Many shops in tourist areas like the old town of Rodos are open seven days a week.

Tipping: Customary gratuity should be calculated at 3-5 per cent.

Smoking

The conference is a non- smoking event. Generally in Greece, smoking is not allowed in public buildings. You can smoke in most restaurants, liquor establishments (bars) and cafeterias.

Liability & Insurance

The organizers cannot be held responsible for accidents to conference participants or accompanying persons, for damage, or loss of their personal property, or for cancellation expenses, regardless of cause. Participants are advised to carry out their own insurance arrangements during their stay in Greece.

Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Conference Secretariat of any special requirements.

Phones & mobile phones

The international dialing code of Greece is +30 (01130 if dialing for the US or Canada). There are 3 mobile operators (Cosmote, Wind, Vodafone) operating in GSM frequencies of 900 Mhz and 1800 Mhz. Please ensure that you are carrying a mobile phone compatible with those frequencies. Most European mobile phones are compatible with those frequencies. If you are coming from the US or Canada a triple band or quad band phone may be needed (operating at 900 MHz at least). Please consult your cell provider about roaming rates for Greece.

Electrical Plugs: 220V ~ 50Hz

Languages Spoken: Official: Greek, but, an important part of the population speaks English

Country Dialing: Code +30