



# Top 10 Things to See and Do in Serifos, Greece

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Discreet Serifos in the [Cycladic island](#) complex is the perfect location for a [relaxing vacation](#) in Greece. And while the island has escaped mass tourism, it still offers a plethora of activities for those willing to discover it. Here are 10 things to do and see in beautiful Serifos.

## 1. Get lost in Hora

Perched on a hill 5km (3 mi.) away from [Livadi Harbor](#), Hora, the capital of Serifos, will quickly seduce you. Its white-washed houses, various churches and windmills, narrow streets and scenic location make it a charming place for leisurely strolls. You can even discover the ruins of a Venetian castle, as well as quaint museums.



View of Hora of Serifos | [© Kostas Limitsios / Flickr](#)

## 2. Why hike, yes!

They say you will never be able to fully know Serifos unless you explore it through its hiking trails. Follow the [routes](#) – some smooth, some steep – and let them lead you through inland villages, small churches and isolated settlements to discover the unique beauty and authentic charm of the island.

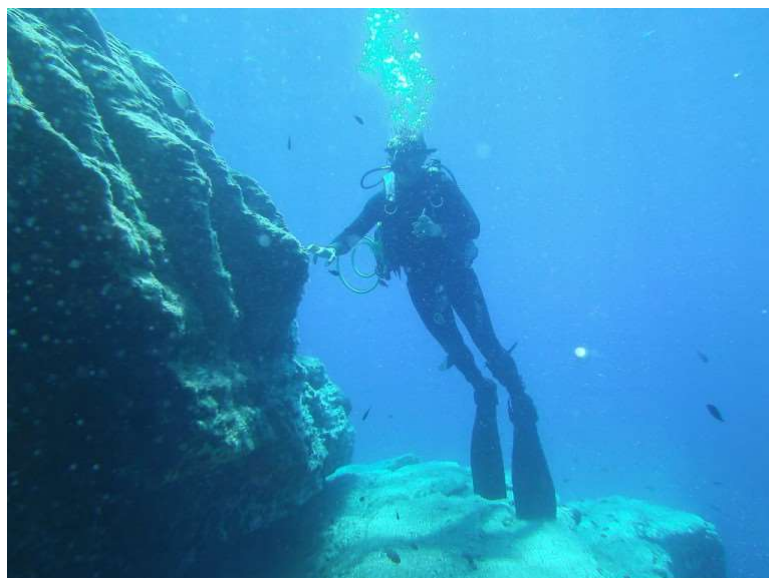


## 3. Get spiritual

Serifos boasts an impressive 116 [churches and sanctuaries](#) that ought to be admired. One of the is the [Taxiarchion Monastery](#), a 16th-century monastery near the small village of Galani. Dedicated to the island's patron saints, Michail and Gavriil (Michael and Gabriel), it includes stunning frescoes dating from the 18th century, along with many magnificent relics.

## 4. Dive into the crystal waters

Just like any other Greek island, Serifos features a plethora of diving spots of interest. One of them, best for advanced divers, is on Kalogeros Beach, where the shipwreck of a Spanish cargo steamship lies on the seabed. Don't know how to scuba? No worries, Serifos Scuba Divers offers several [programs](#) for beginners.



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## 5. Explore the mines at Megalo Livadi

For those who didn't know, Serifos has a long mining history. With a soil rich in mineral ore deposits, Serifos quickly prospered, thanks to its various mines. Of these, several galleries are still open to visitors, particularly in Koutalas, Megalo Horio and Megalo Livadi. In 1916, an important [miners' strike at Serifos mines](#) led the way to the establishment of the eight-hour working day in Greece.



## 6. Enjoy a day at the beach

With a whopping 72 beaches, Serifos is one of the best place to spend a day or two (or three) for a bit of beach relaxing. With everything from sandy to pebbly beaches bordered by turquoise waters, you will easily find your own perfect beach for soaking up some vitamin D. Psili Ammos, Agios Sostis or Livadaki beaches are all perfect for a beach day. What more could you ask for?



Livadaki beach | [© Kostas Limitsios/Flickr](#)

## 7. Savour local delicacies

Most of the food in Serifos is typically Cycladic, so forget your usual go-to dishes and order local dishes featuring regional ingredients. Have a go at the *marathotiganites* (fennel fritters), the *xinomizithra* (a local white cheese), the *louza*, a local pork sausage pork with sun-dried tomatoes – and make sure to end your meal with the tasty *pastaki serifou*, a dessert made with chocolate pudding or gelatin.

## 8. Get your hands dirty

Serifos may not be as big on pottery as its neighbour [Sifnos](#), but it still offers fun activities for creative minds. One thing you should not miss is the [Kerameio Ceramic Studio](#), where you can shop beautiful ceramics as souvenirs or even get creative yourself. The studio organizes various workshops for children and adults where you can master the basics of pottery.

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Have fun with clay | © Photo Courtesy of Kerameio Ceramic Studio

## 9. Have a drink in Aerino Bar

Don't underestimate the tranquil vibe of the island – Serifos has a laid-back nightlife, too. It's mostly concentrated in the harbour. But if you want to reach new heights, head to Hora and drop by [Aerino](#), a cute little Cycladic-infused bar where you can enjoy great drinks and funk music. Just make sure to find a seat on the terrace.

## 10. Visit the island's first winery

After a visit to the Taxiarchon Monastery, drop by the [Chrysoloras winery](#), where owner and [winemaker Christos Chrysoloras](#) makes bio certified wine with local grape variety such called *Serfiotiko*, which produces a unique white wine. Chrysoloras also works with other varieties such as Monemvasia and Aidani.



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