



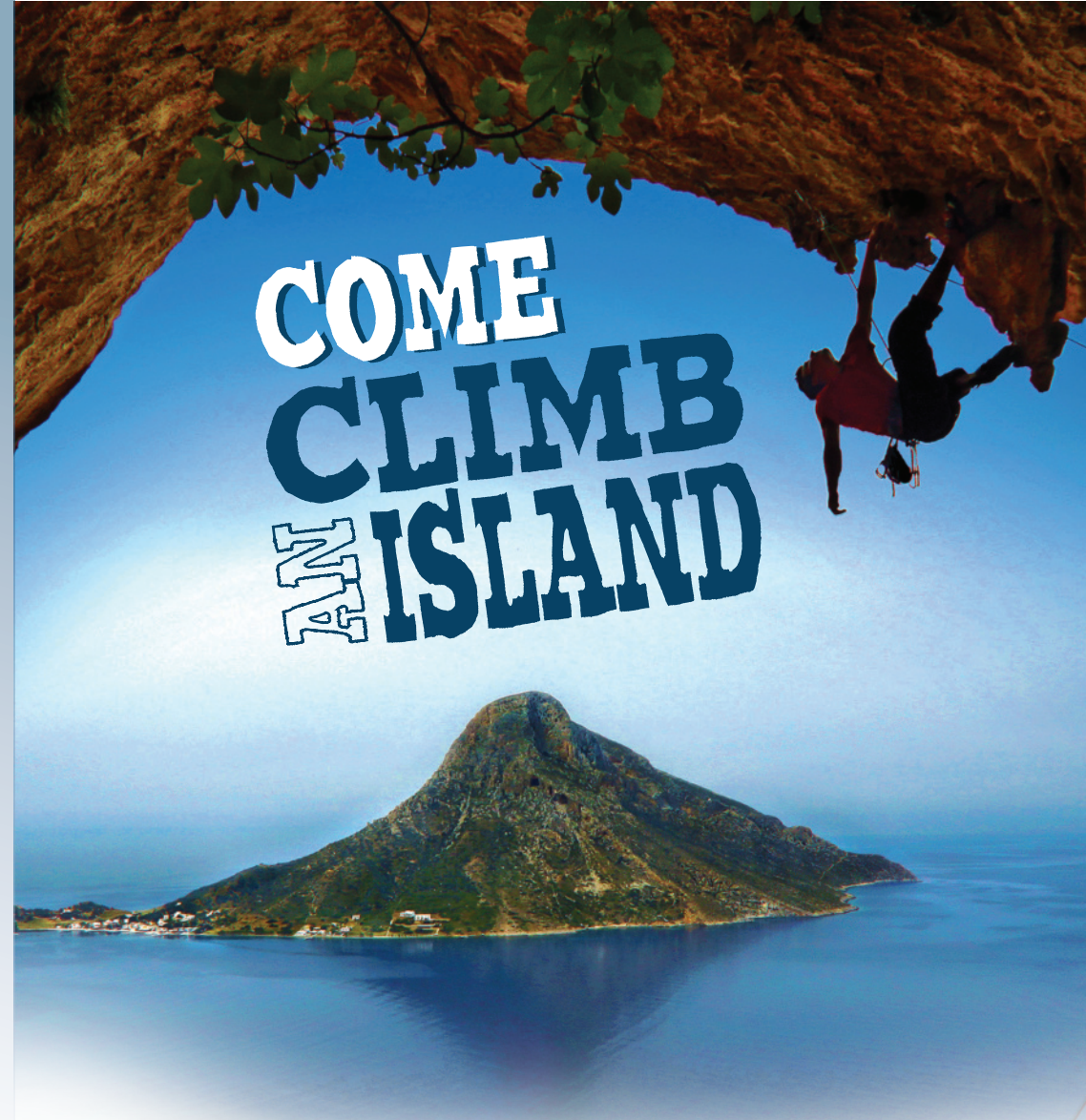
Not to be missed!!!

...An anual event
at the beginning of October...



Until today, the main climbing areas
of the island, indicated with white
color on the map, host 3500 sport
climbing routes!!!

<http://www.kalymnos-isl.gr>
<http://climbingfestival.kalymnos-isl.gr>



KALYMNOS CLIMBING INFO

All you need to know
to plan your next climbing holiday



KALYMNOS

A WORLD FAMOUS CLIMBING HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Traditionally known as the sponge-divers' island, the Greek island of Kalymnos has recently become a world famous climbing destination and home to some of the most amazing sport climbing you'll ever see!

Among the world climbing community, this little Mediterranean paradise has gained its reputation as one of the most aesthetic and sociable climbing destinations, with the highest percentage of high quality sport climbing on the planet.

- In 2013, Kalymnos was voted the best climbing destination in the world at a global poll on the climbing site 8a.nu.
- In 2016, the UIAA granted to the Municipality of Kalymnos the "Rock Climbers' Award" for its excellence in complying to criteria such as commitment to sustainable practices, support for the climbing community and experience in organizing international climbing festival events.

WHEN TO VISIT...

Kalymnos is perfect throughout all seasons! Climbing is possible all year round. Mid-season is highly recommended (March, April, and May - September, October, and November).

ACCOMMODATION & RESTAURANTS...

With the largest number of climbing routes located along the western-north western coast of the island and on the island of Telendos, a wide range of accommodation to suit all tastes can be found from the village of Panormos and all the way up to Emporeios including Telendos. Hotels, studios, rooms and holiday houses, from expensive to budget choices, from catered to self-catering, offer a variety of possibilities. Restaurants, cafes, bars and mini-markets are located within walking distance from all accommodation facilities.

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION...

For local transportation, climbers usually prefer scooters or cars. Local buses run daily and frequently from Pothia (capital & harbor) through the main villages to Armeos and twice a day all the way to Emporeios and Vathy.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED...

A pair of rock climbing shoes, a 70m rope, around 20 quick draws, a helmet and of course a climbing partner.-

GUIDEBOOKS...

There are printed guidebooks which can be purchased at the climbing shops and mini-markets on the island. Guidebook apps are also available at apple store.

CLIMBING STORES...

Several stores located in the village of Masouri. .

GUIDING SERVICES...

Qualified climbing instructors available on the island for guiding and climbing courses.

CLIMBING EVENTS...

Kalymnos Climbing Festival is an annual event which takes place at the beginning of October.

RESCUE SERVICES...

Kalymnos Rescue Team is a highly qualified voluntary local team offering rescue services whenever needed

MAINTENANCE...

Route maintenance projects are performed frequently with the support of the Municipality in order to keep Kalymnos a safe climbing destination.

INFO...

For more information please check www.kalymnos-isl.gr or send a message to mto@kalymnos.gr
At your arrival, just before the harbor exit, you can find detailed info at the Municipal Tourist Office open on weekdays from 07:00 – 15:00./ Tel:+30 22430 29299.

PLEASE BE AWARE...

Climbing can be dangerous and includes risk of personal injury or death.
Participants in such an activity should be aware of and accept all risks, be responsible for their own actions and involvement at all times.



"The search for the ultimate climbing paradise ends at the island of...**Kalymnos**",

"**Kalymnos**...a rock jewel sparkling in the Aegean",

"**Kalymnos**...is the Mecca of sport climbing", "the world epicenter for sport climbing",

are just a few of the headlines used in articles dedicated to the "**Rocking island of Kalymnos.**"

ROCK & ROUTES...

Huge rock formations of high quality limestone line its west – north west coast, overlooking the Aegean. Rough steep hills lead to imposing slabs with pockets and crimps and impressive pumpy vertical walls. Large overhanging cliffs with plenty of features and massive caves, decorated with golden large hanging stalactites and tufa blobs. Kalymnos, including Telendos (a small inhabited island 1km opposite the west coast of Kalymnos), is a sport climbing venue with more than 3,500 well secured sport climbing routes, pre-equipped with permanent drilled-in bolts and stationary carabiners for the anchors. Most routes are single pitch of around 20 to 35m, the majority of which are in the mid-grade range 6a - 6c. The development of longer alpine style routes from 3 to 11 pitches has increased over the past few years. A few via ferrata routes and deep-water soloing also exist, offering more options to climbers. The rock quality is such that it will take a long time for it to become polished and its extent offers endless possibilities for adding more and more new routes every year. The most spectacular thing about Kalymnos though, is the volume of high quality routes at every grade and at every crag! Whether you are a beginner or a pro, there are many choices for everyone! Last but not least, climbing literally takes place “at your backyard” if one takes into consideration the proximity of the crags to the island’s main roads and accommodation facilities. As a reward after a tough climbing day, the turquoise crystal waters are awaiting to cool you down within just a few minutes’ walk below the crags.

SOCIALIZING...

Kalymnos attracts a wide range of climbers in terms of nationality, age and ability. You will meet teenage climbers, young couples, climbers with their children and some in their late 60s, from all over the world. The scene around the climbing routes and away from the crags is laid back and very sociable. Kalymnos is the melting pot of the climbing world. A place where people from all over the world come together and share their culture. The Municipality of Kalymnos has worked enthusiastically hand in hand with climbers to promote, and more importantly, to support climbing tourism and the climbing community. In Kalymnos, climbers feel like home. The locals always give rock-climbers the warmest of welcomes.

LOCATION...

Kalymnos is a Greek island, the fourth largest of the Dodecanese Prefecture which includes Rhodes and Kos in the South Eastern Aegean Sea. The island is located 7 NM North of Kos, covers an area of 109 square kilometers and it is the third island of the Dodecanese in terms of population density. Telendos and Pserimos are two neighboring inhabited small islands that also belong to the region of Kalymnos. Coordinates: N 36 59', E 26 59'.

GETTING THERE...

Kalymnos can be reached:

- By direct domestic flight: Athens – Kalymnos.
- By various flights to Kos International Airport (domestic, low cost or charter). From Kos airport by taxi to the port of Mastichari (10min) from where ferries run the Mastichari - Pothia (Kalymnos capital and main harbor) line regularly within 30– 45min.
- Alternatively, by flights to Rhodes and Samos and then ferries to Kalymnos.
- By ferry from Piraeus port, Athens.
- By ferry from all the Dodecanese islands and Samos.