

Unit 2

Welcome to paradise.



Mykonos is world famous. It is no coincidence that the most cosmopolitan of all Greek islands attracts so many visitors from the entire globe, including large numbers of artists and intellectuals. Anytime is OK to visit the island, but summer is the peak season, which means higher fares and sometimes a shortage of hotel rooms. In this season the weather is hot and windy as well. But the ideal time to visit it is September, when the weather is at its best and tourists are scarce.

Here the steep mountains give way to low, rocky hills which combine with superb beaches to make up the landscape of the island.

The capital Hora, with its colourful harbour in which little fishing boats find shelter side by side with luxury yachts, presents quite a different picture from that of the majority of the Aegean island towns. Unlike other island villages, Mykonos is spread out over a flat area, giving out an impression of aesthetic unity.

Along the whitewashed streets stand brilliant white cubic houses with wooden doors and windows and brightly coloured balconies. They are also full of small shops with clothes, pottery souvenirs, jewellery, etc.

The island offers a variety of entertainment for all tastes and ages. You can have a quiet holiday, staying at a beach hotel, visiting the isolated parts of the island, or join the crowds on beaches, in bars and restaurants, feeling the cosmopolitan air the island sends out all around you.

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(Based on information from the Internet.)

TRUE or FALSE

1. People from all over the world visit Mykonos.		
2. The peak season is in summer.		
3. During the peak season you can easily find a hotel room.		
4. In September, the weather is hot and windy.		
5. In Mykonos there are steep mountains and suburb beaches.		
6. In the harbour you only find luxury yachts.		
7. Mykonos is not different from the majority of the Aegean islands		
8. You can only buy jewellery in the shops.		
9. Everyone can find a way to have fun in the island.		
10. If you like the crowds you must visit the isolated parts of the island		

Find a word or phrase in the text that means the following:

1. all around the earth	
2. people of letters and arts	
3. high season	
4. the best time	
5. not many	
6. rising or falling sharply	
7. the place where boats stay	
8. protection	
9. a lot of people together	
10. standing far from others	