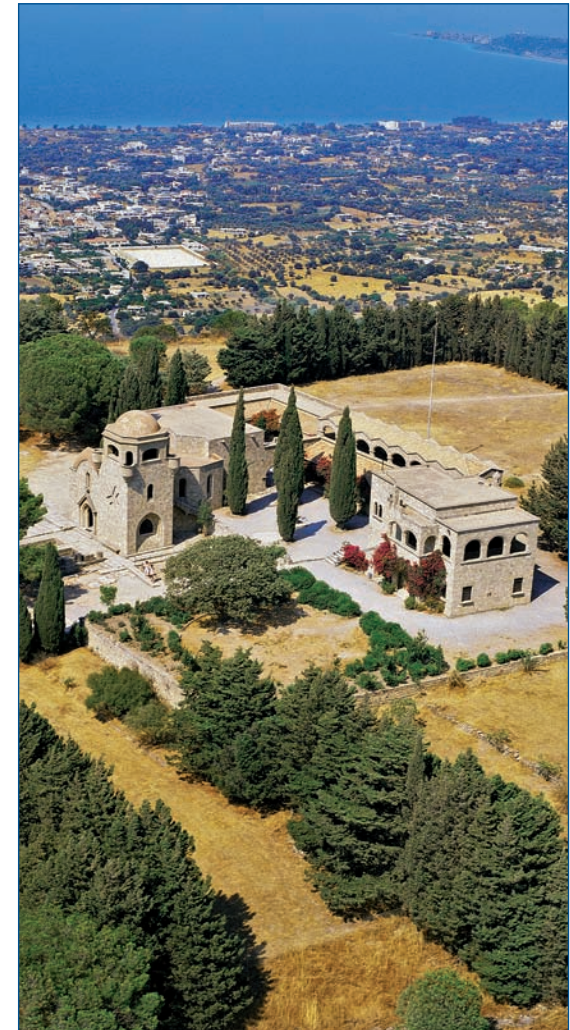




Municipality of **Ialisos**



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The Dodecanese Complex of Islands
Southern Aegean Region
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The town of Ialisos – Areas of : 1. Filerimos, 2. Trianda, 3. Ixia

Ialisos (or Trianda), birthplace of Olympic Heroes, a site of amazing sunsets and a hub of tourism, conferences, religion, culture, clubbing and sports. It used to be one of the three great ancient cities of Rhodes, which together with Lindos, Kamiros, Kos, Knidos and Alikarnasos formed the Dorian Exapolis (six-cities federation). The area was first settled by the pre-hellenic tribe of Kares, followed by the Phoenicians. Tradition has it that the town of Ialisos, acquired fame thanks to the Olympic Champion Diagoras. Ialisos took part in the Athenian wars until 412 BC. In the Middle Ages, the area came under the rule of the Knights of the Order of St. John, authors of many monuments and buildings. Ruins of the Acropolis of Ialisos, witness the existence of a once grandiose Dorian temple, dedicated to Goddess Athena (Minerva) and Dias.

Today the municipality of Ialisos is a popular cosmopolitan resort. The modern hotel units of Ialisos, in the zones of Trianda and Ixia play host to thousands of guests all through the year - holiday makers, conference attendees and business people, with peak times

between March and October. Guests enjoy the sun, sea, water sports, beach soccer and beach volley on the organized beaches, to mention but a few of the many opportunities for leisure available on the waterfront. Ialisos beach is one of the most favored international destinations for Windsurfing, Kitesurfing and Sailing fans. Nights are full of light and excitement, thanks to a multitude of coffee shops, bars and Greek Tavernas, in the center of the towns of Trianda and Ixia, catering to all tastes. Traditional Greek hospitality is combined with the scenic delights of the region and an abundance of archaeological sites.

On the green slopes of Filerimos one can visit the monastery of Virgin Mary as well as the ruins of the ancient acropolis. Moreover, visitors may enjoy the natural beauty of the landscape and the unique view on the sea while trekking, horse riding or mountain-biking. The neo-classical houses, Byzantine churches, and the numerous residences and fortified mansions dating from the Knight's era in the area, are of special interest.

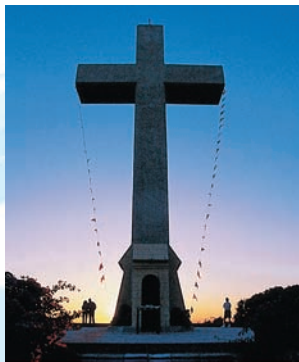


Most of the luxury hotels of Ialisos town in the Ixia area feature ultramodern and fully equipped conference halls, apt for a successful hosting of international conferences, meeting the requirements of even the most demanding organizers, which have rightfully made the reputation of Ialisos as a high standard conference tourism destination throughout the Mediterranean.





1 Basking in the lush green of pine trees and cypresses, **Filerimos** is the site of the ancient acropolis of the town of Ialiso, harboring amongst other the remains of the ancient temple of Athena Polias. In Byzantine times the hill featured a fortress whereas in the 13th century this became the site of construction of monastery dedicated to Holy Mary. During the Knights era, the monastery, originally of the Greek Orthodox Rite, was taken over by Catholic monks, who had its installations enlarged and gave it a much greater aura. Today one can visit the ruins of the ancient acropolis and the monastery, in its current, beautifully restored version, the work of Italians during the period over which the Dodecanese was under Italian Rule. Visitors can walk up the Calvary way and climb to the top of the **Filerimos Cross**, marveling at the beautiful views over Ialiso bay and the runways of both Rhodian airports, namely the old and the new one. Pictured below (middle) is the icon of **"Our Lady of Filerimos"**, the original of which is currently in Montenegro.



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Byzantine church of Saint Nicholas, situated in the center of Ialiso town, in Trianda next to the new big square. Trianda is a lively town



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with a rich cultural tradition. The stunning church frescoes date from the 15th century.

Along the streets of the town of Ialiso (Trianda), there rise several **elegant mansions built in neoclassical style**, many of which were originally commissioned by opulent Rhodian tradesmen. At one time requisitioned by Italian officials during the Italian Rule, these beautiful houses are presently inhabited by Rhodian families.

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The sun and the sea on the beaches of Ialisos bay make of this area an ideal destination for family holidaying. In the evening one may enjoy the Greek traditional food at one of the several Greek tavernas or have a refreshing drink and a lovely time at any of the several coffee shops, bars and dancing clubs in the area. The stunning colors of the **sunset** is something not to be missed!



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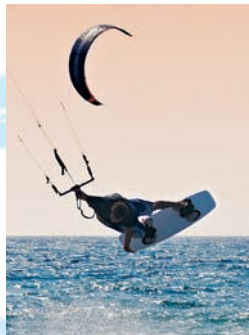
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The culture festival of "**Ialisia**" every August, the several historic sites and the new square in the center of the town of Ialisos (Trianda) along with children playgrounds, and many fountains – one of which handily available on the very beach of Ialisos – combined with many, traditional festivals, folklore and cultural events hosted in the area, all make Ialisos a perfect destination, all year round.

In the northwest extremity of the island of Rhodes, **Ialisos beach**, with the lush fields and the hill of Filerimos in the background, is a prime example of natural beauty both in terms of landscapes and in terms of the quality of the marine environment. This coastline has come to be acknowledged as one of the most favored destinations for Windsurfing, Kitesurfing and Sailing fans, due to the high level of safety and in the light of wind conditions favoring such practices in the area. The wind and wave directions, which are generally stable and, direction-wise, predictable, are almost invariably to bring one towards the shore. These northwesterly winds, known as "**meltemia**", blow in this zone between March and October, although their peak time is in high summer. Since 1992 Ialisos has been host of National and International Windsurfing events. More info at: www.rwa.gr



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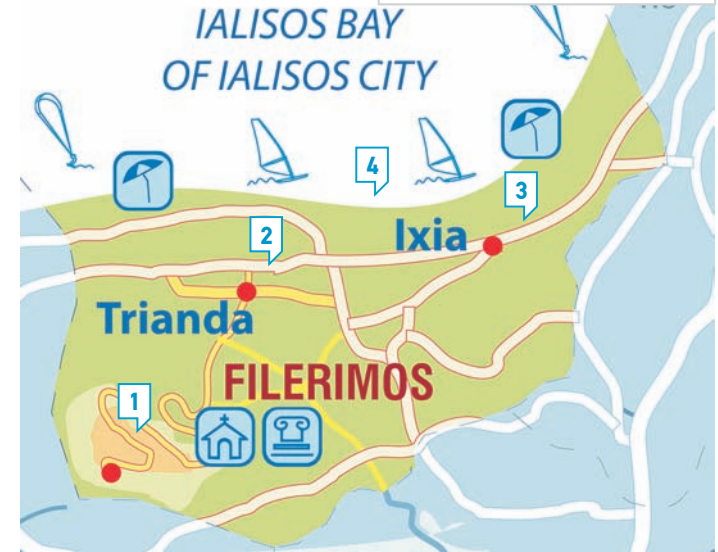


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Within the town of Ialisos, there are also such sport facilities as football and basketball stadiums, tennis courts, a newly constructed **Olympic** size swimming pool and a multitude of facilities for water sports along the beach.

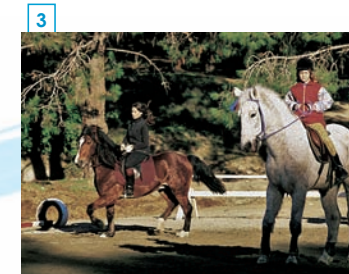


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Horseback riding in the wooded countryside of Ixia, not far from the hotels of Ialisos town. Let yourself get the riding spirit, guided by experienced coaches. **Take a ride!**

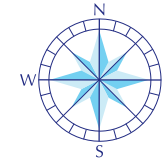
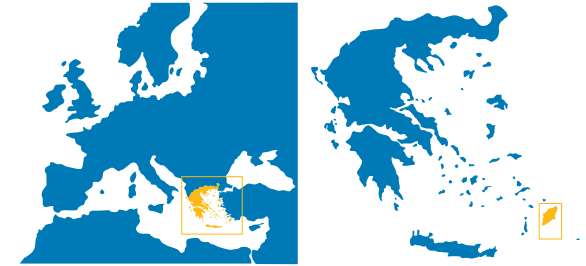
The **Filerimos** hill is suitable for alternative sport activities, such as uphill car-racing, trekking, off-road mountain-biking and bike racing.



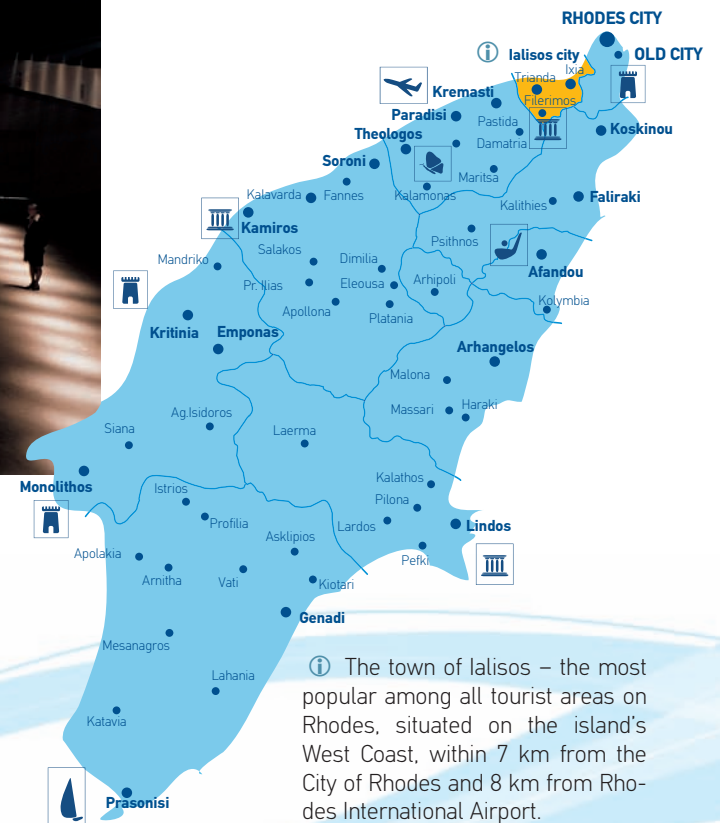
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Map of Island of Rhodes



i The town of Ialiso – the most popular among all tourist areas on Rhodes, situated on the island's West Coast, within 7 km from the City of Rhodes and 8 km from Rhodes International Airport.



Pictures of major conference and ceremony halls available in the Municipality of Ialiso.



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