GRAZIA'S GUIDE TO

MYKONOS

GREECE'S MOST FASHIONABLE HAUTE

SPOT just became even more fabulous thanks to Kendall Jenner, Bella Hadid and Nicole Scherzinger gracing the island this month alone. The cream of the international jet-set, as well as fashion legends Roberto Cavalli and Valentino Garavani, have long since headed here to soak up the sun every summer. And it's not too late to follow in their ultra-chic footsteps...

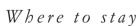
Bill & Coo's
honeymoon deluxe
suite, complete with
private hot tub



Where to shop

sunset from Bill & Coo's

While many opt to chill out in close proximity to the crystal-blue water, there are plenty of other tourist treasures to discover in Mykonos; the great shops being some of them. Getting lost in the capital Chora's narrow, stone-walled streets is all part of the fun. Be sure to admire the whitewashed houses with colourful doors and window frames while wondering around the labyrinthine alleys filled with hidden jewellery shops. If you're feeling particularly self-indulgent, head to Matovianni Street where you'll find high-end stores such as Louis Vuitton and DSquared² next to charming cafés and quirky restaurants.



Situated in the Aegean Sea at the heart of the Cyclades islands sits a whitewashed paradise. Greece's most jet-set isle, Mykonos, is lauded as a destination where glamour meets simplicity, and where Europe's beautiful people come to eat, party and play. Instagrammable from the minute you arrive, it is a dreamscape of azure blue juxtaposed against the traditional white Cycladic maze of the main town. Delighting with its authentic Cubist charm, its chic cafe-bar-boutique scene and its breathtaking vistas, *Grazia* guarantees it's somewhere you will never want to leave.

It also happens to be home to magical Leading Hotels of the World property, Bill & Coo Suites and Lounge. Half way up a mountain above one of the island's most beautiful beaches, Megali Ammos, the 32-suite resort is set at the perfect sunset viewpoint and overlooks the islands of Tinos, Syros and the famous windmills of Mykonos Town.

Welcomed by handsome Greek doormen as you pull up in the hotel's branded BMW X5, the backdrop for the holiday of a lifetime is set. All-white and achingly hip, the lobby buzzes with beautiful people in maxidresses, tanned to perfection and gliding through to the sea-view infinity

pool to unwind to the beats of the hotel's in-house DJ.

All suites at Bill & Coo boast spacious verandas perfectly oriented towards the romantic sunset; some lucky enough to have private pools and outdoor jacuzzis, making it even harder to leave your room. However, if you *can* tear yourself away, a must-try is the award-winning restaurant that serves up Mediterranean cuisine with a twist using fresh ingredients from the island. Enjoy a taste of Greece while you sit back, relax and take in the view. Bliss.

• Bill & Coo is part of The Leading Hotels of the World. For more information visit www.lhw.com

Where to eat

Don't miss the opportunity to sample some local Aegean fare while you're gallivanting round the island. Head away from the tourist-trap restaurants in town and take a trip down towards the southern coast where you'll find Nammos situated on the cosmopolitan beach of Psarou. Known as a playground for the rich and famous and making headlines with Kendall and Bella's recent visit, Nammos is most famous for its five-star silver service and exceptional Mediterranean cuisine. Order the Nammos salad, Mykonian meatballs and fried zucchini for a true lunchtime treat.



What to pack

When in Mykonos, it's blue and white all the way. Nicknamed The Windy Isle, make sure you take plenty of sunscreen as it's all-too easy to get burnt without noticing.







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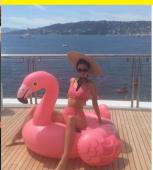
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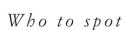


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Known for being the chicest island in Greece - and possibly the world - Mykonos sees the international elite come by on their summer tours each and every year. Drawing an A-list crowd in search of their little bit of paradise, it offers not only a party-island atmosphere with DJs that will keep you on the dance floor till the early hours, but also a host of picturesque, coastal corners and secluded quiet spots for celebrities to unwind in relative privacy. Everyone from Paris Hilton to Lindsay Lohan and Mariah Carey to Leonardo DiCaprio have professed their love for the place, and this month saw Kendall Jenner and Bella Hadid head there after their busy Paris Fashion Week schedules for a bit of RnR. From swimming in their private villa's pool to living it up on the shores of Nammos, the two BFFs looked like they enjoyed every bit of what Mykonos has to offer and we can hardly blame them.





Where to watch the sunset

On the sun-drenched southern tip of Mykonos, overlooking uninterrupted views of the Aegean and hugged by the wild wonders of a protected natural reserve, sits Scorpios Beach Club; a dreamy boho slice of paradise with an in-tunewith-nature appeal. Driftwood day beds, wicker lampshades, terraces tiered by weathered stone walls and rugged waiters serving huge platters of mezze and mint mocktails give it a holistic-yetchic vibe. So whether you fancy dreaming away a lazy afternoon in your private beach cabana, discovering the impeccable modern-Greek menu, or listening to one of Mykonos' top DJs spinning under the Mediterranean sunset, Scorpios will certainly not disappoint. We suggest staying for the party at sundown where a crew of drummers in feathered headdresses play along to soul-jazz, bringing a touch of Burning Man to the Med. With a glass in hand and the sun setting behind you, this is a glorious ticket to appreciating island life at its very best. **(**



