



Spetses island



Spetses stands proudly just a few kilometres from the mainland Peloponnese, but there is a stronger sense of carefree island Greece here than in other Saronic Gulf destinations. The lively, historic old town is the only village on the island; the rest, ringed by a simple road, is rolling hills and crystal-clear coves. Relaxed-feeling Spetses has great nightlife, some of the Saronic's best restaurants and easily-accessible, gorgeous swimming spots.



Spetses town

Bustling Spetses Town stretches along a meandering waterfront encompassing several quays and beaches. The main Dapia Harbour, where ferries arrive, and the area around adjacent Plateia Limenarhiou and inland Plateia Orologiou (Clocktower Sq) teem with chic tourist shops and cafes. As you head further inland on the quieter lanes or go left along the harbour-front road of Sotiriou Anargyriou, past the town beach and Plateia Agiou Mama, impressive arhontika (old mansions) illustrate Spetses' historic wealth.



Passing the church of Moni Agios Nikolaos you arrive at the attractive Old Harbour (Palio Limani), and the interesting Baltiza yacht anchorage and boatbuilding area. From the north side of Dapia Harbour a promenade and road lead through the sea-front Kounoupitsa area.



Bouboulina's Museum

The mansion of Spetses' famous daughter, the 19th-century seagoer Laskarina Bouboulina, has been converted into a museum. Entry is via 40-minute guided tours (billboards around town advertise starting times). The museum also hosts concerts.

There's an impressive statue of Bouboulina on the harbour opposite the Hotel Poseidonion.





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