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Halki island

Halki is a Greek island and municipality in the Dodecanese archipelago in the Aegean Sea, some 6 km (4 mi) west of Rhodes. With the area of 28 km² (11 sq mi), it is the smallest inhabited island of Dodecanese. It is part of the Rhodes regional unit. It has permanent population of 330 (increased during the summer months), concentrated in the only village Emborio. The 2011 census showed a population of 478 inhabitants. The community is divided in two parts, Chorio and Emporio (the port).



Chorio & Emporio

The island supported a much larger population but following emigration in the mid-20th century Chorio was almost completely abandoned. A sizable group of the residents moved to Tarpon Springs, Florida, establishing the Greek-American community there that continues to this day.

A ruined medieval castle of the Knights of St. John overlooks the old town and the chapel contains some of the original frescoes.



Castle of the Knights of St. John

On top of an abrupt and rocky hill above Chorio village, the old capital of Halki stands the medieval castle with its strong high walls. The 14th century castle was built on the site of an ancient acropolis, by the Knights of Saint John, who had conquered all the Dodecanese islands that time. The castle protected the island and its inhabitants from pirates and enemies, and it was hard to access. Today, the castle is accessed through a paved path from where the view is just fascinating. The back side of the hill is rough and its slopes lead to the sea. At the foot of the Castle, there are three small chapels dedicated to Virgin Mary, to Saint Nicolas and to the Holy Trinity.



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