

# Journey To The Deserted Places Of The Dodecanese: Discover the Untouched Gems of Greece

Have you ever dreamt of exploring hidden gems away from the tourist crowds? The Dodecanese, an archipelago of 163 islands scattered in the southeastern Aegean Sea, offers a unique opportunity to indulge in the beauty of deserted places. In this article, we will delve into the untouched landscapes of the Dodecanese and guide you through the enchanted journey of a lifetime.

## Discover the Hidden Treasures

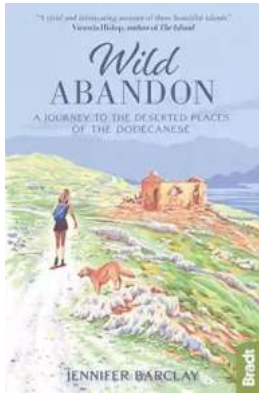
The Dodecanese is renowned for its long history, rich culture, and stunning natural landscapes. Each island has its own unique character, making it a paradise for adventurers craving untouched destinations. From the vastness of deserted beaches to the tranquility of forgotten ancient ruins, these hidden treasures are waiting to be explored.

## Kastellorizo: A Jewel in the Sea

Nestled near the shores of Turkey, Kastellorizo is a small island that will captivate you with its colorful harbor, charming stone houses, and picturesque coves. Its remote location has preserved its authentic ambiance, making it the perfect island to experience ultimate tranquility. Take a boat trip to explore the untouched islets surrounding Kastellorizo and witness the untouched splendor of nature.

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## Nisyros: An Otherworldly Volcanic Experience

Step into a surreal environment as you set foot on Nisyros, a volcanic island known for its barren landscapes and steaming craters. The alien-like ambiance will transport you to another world, where you can hike through the volcanic terrain and visit the impressive Stefanos crater. Feeling adventurous? Descend

into the depths of the earth and explore the volcanic hot springs for a unique spa experience.



## **Tilos: A Sanctuary for Nature Lovers**

If you're a nature enthusiast, Tilos is the place to be. This small, untouched island is a haven for rare bird species, boasting a variety of ecosystems, including verdant valleys, rocky cliffs, and pristine beaches. Immerse yourself in the peaceful surroundings of Tilos and unravel the mysteries of its abandoned medieval villages hidden amidst lush greenery.





## **How to Reach the Deserted Paradises**

Getting to these deserted places might require some extra effort, but the journey is undoubtedly worth it. Daily flights connect the major Dodecanese islands, such as Rhodes and Kos, with Athens, making it a convenient starting point for your adventure. From there, various ferry services operate between the islands, allowing you to easily hop from one deserted paradise to another.

## **Where to Stay**

Accommodation options in the deserted places of the Dodecanese may be limited, but they offer a unique chance to escape the noisy crowds and experience true tranquility. From traditional guesthouses to eco-lodges, you'll find accommodations that embrace the untouched surroundings and provide an authentic island experience.

## The Archaeological Wonders

Alongside the natural beauty of the deserted places in the Dodecanese, the region is also home to numerous archaeological sites that whisper tales from ancient times. Explore the ancient cities of Rhodes or immerse yourself in the mysteries of the Castle of the Knights of St. John. These remarkable sites will transport you back in time and add a touch of history to your journey in the deserted paradises.

## Experiencing the Local Culture

The abandoned corners of the Dodecanese also come alive with local culture and traditions. Attend one of the island's traditional festivals and witness authentic dances, music, and cuisine. Engage with the friendly locals who have found solace in these deserted paradises and listen to their stories, allowing yourself to be immersed in the rich heritage of the region.

## An Unforgettable Journey Awaits

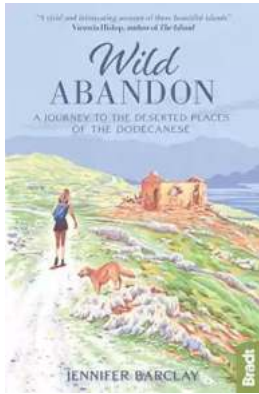
Embark on a journey to the deserted places of the Dodecanese, guided by Bradt Travel Guides, and be prepared to awaken your senses and expand your horizons. Explore the untouched beauty of Kastellorizo, step into an otherworldly experience on Nisyros, and immerse yourself in the serene ambience of Tilos. Discover the secrets of these desert paradises, indulge in local culture, and witness archaeological wonders that will leave an indelible mark on your memories.

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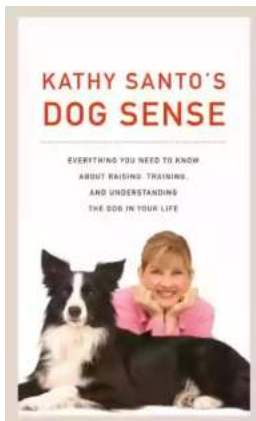
"A must-read for anyone who loves the Greek islands" - Richard Clark

'There's something about abandoned places which moves me and captures the imagination.' So says seasoned travel writer Jennifer Barclay as she walks with her dog and her backpack through the deserted spaces of the Dodecanese, islands that were once bustling but are now half forgotten and reclaimed by the wild due to a mix of misfortune and the lure of opportunity elsewhere. Join her on a journey through abandoned villages and farms, cave-houses and captains' mansions, the homes of displaced Muslim fishermen and poets, as she discovers beauty in the ruins, emptiness and silence, and inspiration in the stories of people's lives.

A long-term resident of Greece, Jennifer Barclay spent more than four years researching Wild Abandon, visiting islands multiple times and talking to local people to hear their stories. She travels from the very west to the very east of the Dodecanese, from the very south almost to the very north, taking in some of the smallest and the biggest islands, and highlighting different stories along the way

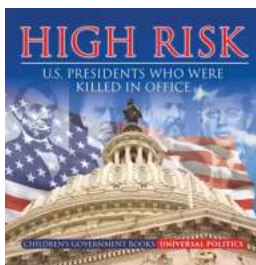
to show the complex history behind these havens of tranquillity. She discovers a villa intended for Benito Mussolini's retirement, an island that links a gramophone from St Petersburg and a portrait in the American National Gallery via a pack of cigarettes, and reflects on the days when an economy based on sponges and burnt rock supported thousands.

Wild Abandon is an elegy in praise of abandoned places and a search for lost knowledge through the wildest and most deserted locations.



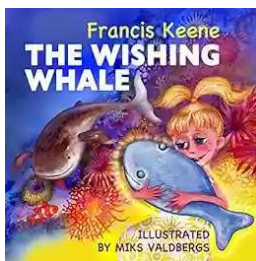
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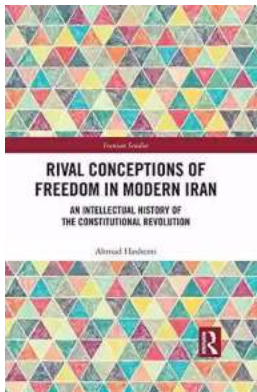
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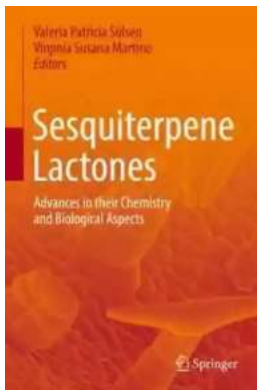
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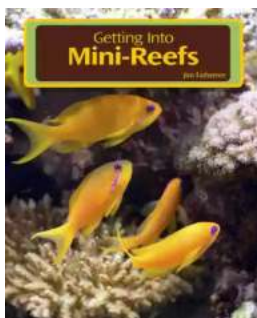
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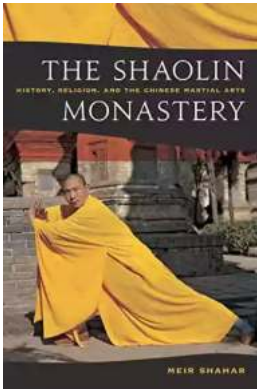
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