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Island Hopping: The Best Art Shows to See in the Greek Islands This Summer

Your ultimate summer guide to art in Greece.

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Eva Presenhuber's location in Greece, Kastro, on Antiparos. Photo by ©Gertraut Presenhuber

In the wake of the worst heat wave in more than a decade, Athenians are decamping, as ever, to the Greek islands for the rest of the summer—and so is a good slice of the jet-setting art world. Cypriot collector Dakis Joannou pioneered a new trend by opening the DESTE Foundation space on Hydra in 2009, and new contemporary art projects have since been popping up all around the Aegean archipelago, providing compelling reasons not to miss the boat.

That also means that last-minute visitors to documenta 14 in its closing days have plenty of options for a seaside holiday with the excuse of seeing international art exhibitions on a number of alluring isles. Here are a few of the most captivating destinations to check out if you're in the 'hood (or to dream about if you're not).

TINOS



Artist Alyssa Moxley in the green marble quarries. Photo by Petros Touloudis

Culturally rich Tinos, a Christian pilgrimage site next to Mykonos, was the home of late sculptor Yannoulis Chalepas, whose house is now a museum. In 2015, the artist-run Tinos Quarry Platform also opened on the eponymous island. Every summer the Platform hosts several artists in the village of Isternia to develop work related to the local context, **culminating in an exhibition. This year's "Reassembly" responds to the restricted** movement of our paranoid era through immaterial artworks that employ musical notation and are digitally portable. The show features works by its curators, Petros Touloudis and G. Douglas Barrett, along with pieces by artists Adel Abidin, Francesco Gagliardi, Giorgos Koumendakis, Alyssa Moxley, Tao G. Vrhovec Sambolec, Hong-Kai Wang, and Samson Young, among others (Cultural Foundation of Tinos, July 5-October 31).

In the village of Loutra, the Convent of the Ursulines will host the "Serviam Project," a show of Greek contemporary artists including icon painter Konstantinos Ladianos, whose works will activate the history and spaces of the complex and nearby ancient baths (July 15-September 4).

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