

Miaoulia

A week long festival in Hydra



Hydra Island



Hydra is the Island of Admirals and Artists. Looking like a rock inside the Saronic gulf has been a magnet for tourists since 1950. Hydra remains unique and still has fanatic friends around the world, keeps the cosmopolitan allure of the past companied with modern facilities.

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You can reach Hydra in an hour and a half with a flying dolphin from Piraeus port. In Hydra you go around either with a marine taxi or with the cute donkeys that you will see by the port.

Greek Independence



Miaoulia is a week long festival, dedicated to Admiral Miaoulis's military action during the Greek War of Independence (1821-1827). It takes place every year towards the end of June and it is a part of the Nautical Week celebrations.

Andreas Miaoulis



Admiral Miaoulis is a favorite hero of Hydra: he was born in Hydra in 1769. He was 16 years old when he took in command the Ship his father owned. In 1823 he won the Turks in the place Artemisio and in 1824 in Geronta. He died in Athens in 1835.

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The Saturday night around 24-26th of June, is without doubt one of the best events hosted by Hydra: Miaoulia festival's highlight: the burning of the Ottoman flagship.

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From late afternoon onwards, tables at cafes with prime viewing space are reserved. By the time the celebration starts (at around 9pm) there isn't a square meter of space left along either side of the harbour. Many people choose (wisely thinking) to get into boats and watch the whole event from off shore.

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The whole point of the evening is the re-enactment of the destruction of the Ottoman flagship. Of course nowadays apart from honouring Admiral Miaoulis it's the finest occasion to get hordes of tourists on the island.

Fireworks



The fireworks are followed by a concert held at the centre of the harbor and the municipality lays on food and refreshments for anyone who wants to have some while they watch the musicians and dancers.

Parades



On Sunday morning at around 10:00, there are processions and parades in full costume and uniforms, wreaths are laid at the statue of Miaoulis by local authorities.





HISTORICAL ARCHIVES
MUSEUM OF HYDRA

2 Απριλίου 2011
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30 Μαΐου 2011



The End

3 Lykio Evosmou

