



Rhodes (Greece)

The initiatives taken by Rhodes and the Medieval City of Rhodes during the COVID-19 crisis

3. Economic and tourism recovery

Rhodes economy is almost solely dependent upon tourism. For the time being the local economy is being supported by the operation of stores and services that remain active and are mentioned in paragraph 2(B). Moreover, the municipality of Rhodes announced:

- Deferral of payment of municipal taxes
- Financial Benefits
- Ban on firing employees
- Deferral of payment of loan installments

Tourism

It is true that it will be long until tourism recovers. However, Rhodes is currently working hard towards this, but also towards preserving the image of the island. Hotels and travel agencies advise travellers / tourists not to travel for now, but to stay safe at home. They try to maintain travellers in the “dreaming mode” of their holidays in the majestic Medieval City of Rhodes via social media campaigns, ensuring that the message now is to stay safe until we meet again. Last but not least, residents are even more bonded now in order for tourism to recover as soon as possible.

THE OWHC'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19)

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Type of initiative: Economic and tourism recovery

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