



Rhodes (Greece)

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

4. Creating or improving the digital access to heritage (when physical access is impossible)

There are numerous videos and photos of the Medieval City of Rhodes being webcasted and the Ministry of Culture has asked for digital or virtual access to culture sites. A new campaign has been launched with great success that conveys the message “till then, stay safe”.

5. Other initiative designed specifically as a reaction to the COVID-19 outbreak

At this point it is very important to mention that the Municipality of Rhodes supports all the requests of the elderly, the disabled and the financially affected people for things such as:

- Prescriptions
- Delivery of medication at home
- Delivery of food at home
- Psychosocial support
- Nursing services at home
- Free meals
- Free groceries
- Delivery of the pension at home

We would proudly like to point out that local residents have shown great volunteering willingness without this being requested. It is true, that the pandemic has variously affected the World Heritage Cities, however, it is vital to give people the opportunity to dream from home through beautiful images of the magical heritage destinations, as travelling there for now seems like an unfulfilled dream.

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

The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) wishes to support its member cities by gathering and sharing all the actions implemented by local and regional governments around the world.

To share your city's best practices, you can complete the [form](#) available on the OWHC website. All your initiatives will be published in the special section www.ovpm.org/covid-19.

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