

Chios Island

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More than 100 firefighters assisted by water-dropping helicopters and planes were battling a large wildfire burning near the main town of the eastern Aegean island of Chios recently.

About Chios Island

- It is a **Greek island** situated in the **Aegean Sea**.
- It is the **fifth-largest island in Greece**, with a surface area of 842.29 sq.km.
- It is situated 5 miles (**8 km**) **off the western coast of Turkey**.
- It is about 30 miles (50 km) long north-south and from 8 to 15 miles (13 to 24 km) wide.
- It is **traversed north-south by mountains** culminating in **Mount Pelinaíon (1,297 meters)**.
- The **principal town** of the island and seat of the municipality is **Chios town**.
- Chios is **notable for its exports of mastic gum**, and the island is also **known as "the Mastic Island."**
- It is a very attractive island because of its lush vegetation, **fine beaches, and unique medieval villages**, which are kept in very good condition.

- It is also famously rich in history, said to be the **birthplace of Homer** as well as several **Greek writers and politicians**, and **historic records date back to the Neolithic Age**, and **examples of Byzantine architecture** can be found across the island.

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