

1. **Anissaras Beach, Hersonissos, Crete** - My favorite nude beach in Greece. Primarily male and nude and even the straight European couples respect what otherwise is a very gay scene, young and old, cruisy later in the day. Unlike most nude beaches that are off the beaten track, this pebbly beach is in middle of a beach town but hidden from the road by a rock cliff. Sign from the road indicates "Unofficial Nudist FKK Beach," but the path down the cliff is for the sure-footed. It's an easy venture if staying in Anissaras, or a doable day trip from Heraklion by taking local bus to Hersonissos.
2. **Elia Beach, Mykonos, Cyclades** - The infamously cruisy gay nude beach in Mykonos, but actual cruising happens up in the rocks above a hidden sandy nude male beach. Continue beyond the chairs and umbrellas and over a rock slope once you arrive. There is a regular bus from the old port of Mykonos, otherwise cabs are pricy and hard to find.
3. **Lageri Beach, Paros, Cyclades** - Require two buses and a hike from ferry port, but this scenic sandy beach is a nice break from Mykonos. It's remote enough to be very nude, but skews younger and more European. Crowd is mixed but not overwhelmingly straight.
4. **Kommos Beach, Kalamaki, Crete** - Huge and beautiful beach that requires a car to access, but is worth the drive. The beach is sand (over a rock bed), and mixed, but all nude and more men than women or families, with room enough for everyone. There is some cruising, but camping and day trips are the main vibe, with one neighboring restaurant. Sunsets are superb.
5. **Vlichada Beach, Santorini, Cyclades** - Beautiful black sand beach below dramatic volcanic cliffs. There are nearby beach resorts and bars, but otherwise it's far from the two main towns, and cabs are expensive. The naturist section overlaps with clothed tourists and crowd skews more straight and more French, but still the favorite beach of local gays.

#### **Honorable Mention:**

6. **Kavalourko Beach, Tinos, Cyclades** - Secluded otherworldly nude beach on the very edge of Tinos Island, but worth a trip. The bus from the port to Panormos doubles as a tour of hillside chapels and thousand-year-old dove coats. The fishing town is a great place to eat or have a drink before a short hike out to the peninsula. The nude beach looks across to the Martian-looking Nissis Planitis. On windy days it's better to swim than to lay out, and you may only see a handful of other (mostly straight European) tourists.
7. **Super Paradise Beach, Mykonos, Cyclades** - Worth doing once if you're already in Mykonos. Sometimes you can persuade a boat to take you from the port. It's no longer the cruising scene, but it has everything (umbrellas, drinks, toilets) and at night it's a beach party unlike anywhere else.
8. **Kaloumpo Beach, Santorini, Cyclades** - A quieter pebbly Santorini beach closer to Oia, that gets afternoon shade from the volcanic cliffs. It's an easy 20min bus from Oia to Fera, or 45min hike down a mountain. There is an abandoned cave for cruising at night, but may only be a couple older gentlemen on any given day.
9. **Plaka Beach, Naxos, Cyclades** - One of the few flat sandy beaches on the islands, tending toward naturist, but more straight and mixed, in between sections for families. It's an easy bus ride from the main port and there are restaurants and bars along the whole strip.
10. **Kantani Beach, Tinos, Cyclades** - A very secluded naturist beach that requires a bus or cab from the port and still is a 25 min trek through a rustic field, but enchanting at sunset, and most days can this treasure have to yourself.