

Aegina: A Hidden Gem of the Saronic Gulf

Just 16 miles from Athens, Aegina offers rich historical heritage dating back to ancient times.

It's perfect for day trips or extended stays. Visitors enjoy unique archaeological sites and stunning natural beauty.

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Historical Significance



Ancient Origins

Archaeological sites spanning over 3,000 years of continuous habitation.



First Capital

Served as the first capital of modern Greece.



Strategic Location

Prime position in the Saronic Gulf influenced trade and defense.



Artistic Inspiration

Inspired famous artists like Nikos Kazantzakis.

Archaeological Treasures



Temple of Aphaia

Masterpiece of Ancient Greek architecture from 500 BC. Well-preserved Doric temple with stunning views.



Temple of Apollo

6th century BC site featuring a lone column (Kolona). Once housed 11 magnificent columns.



Paleochora

Medieval ghost town with 33 Byzantine churches. Former capital abandoned after pirate raids.

Natural Beauty & Attractions



Diverse Landscapes

Lush pine forests cover inland areas. Rocky coastlines give way to sandy beaches.



Famous Pistachios

World-renowned nut production. Local varieties are protected by designation of origin.



Picturesque Villages

Agia Marina, Perdika, and Souvala offer authentic Greek charm. Each has unique character.



Beautiful Beaches

Crystal-clear waters surround the island. Agia Marina beach is the most popular.

Tourism and Transportation



Ferry Services

Regular connections from Piraeus port. Journey takes 40 minutes to 1.5 hours.



Local Buses

Network connects all major towns. Affordable option for getting around.



Rental Options

Scooters, motorcycles, and cars available. Perfect for exploring hidden spots.



Taxi Services

Readily available in town centers. Fixed prices to major destinations.



Beaches of Aegina

The island boasts numerous stunning beaches with crystal-clear turquoise waters perfect for swimming and relaxation.



Agia Marina

The most popular beach on the island, featuring golden sand, shallow waters ideal for families, and excellent facilities including water sports.



Marathonas

A picturesque sandy beach with calm waters and a relaxed atmosphere, lined with traditional tavernas serving fresh seafood.



Perdika

Small, secluded pebble beaches near the fishing village offering authentic charm and spectacular sunset views.



Souvala

Known for its therapeutic waters rich in minerals, this beach attracts visitors seeking natural healing properties.

Most beaches offer amenities including sunbeds, umbrellas, and nearby refreshment options, making them perfect for day-long excursions.

Accommodation and Dining

Lodging Options

- Traditional hotels in Aegina Town
- Boutique guesthouses in Perdika
- Seaside villas with private pools
- Family-run bed & breakfasts
- Vacation apartments with sea views

Culinary Highlights

- Fresh seafood at harbor restaurants
- Pistachio-based desserts and sweets
- Traditional tavernas serving local dishes
- Waterfront dining with sunset views
- Renowned fish restaurants in Perdika



Day Trips and Experiences

Agistri Island

Just 10 minutes by boat. Features pristine beaches with turquoise waters for swimming and snorkeling, plus pine forest hiking trails with spectacular viewpoints.

Saint Nektarios Monastery

Greece's largest monastery built in the early 20th century. Features Byzantine architecture, serene grounds, and sacred relics of this venerated Orthodox saint.

Pistachio Festival

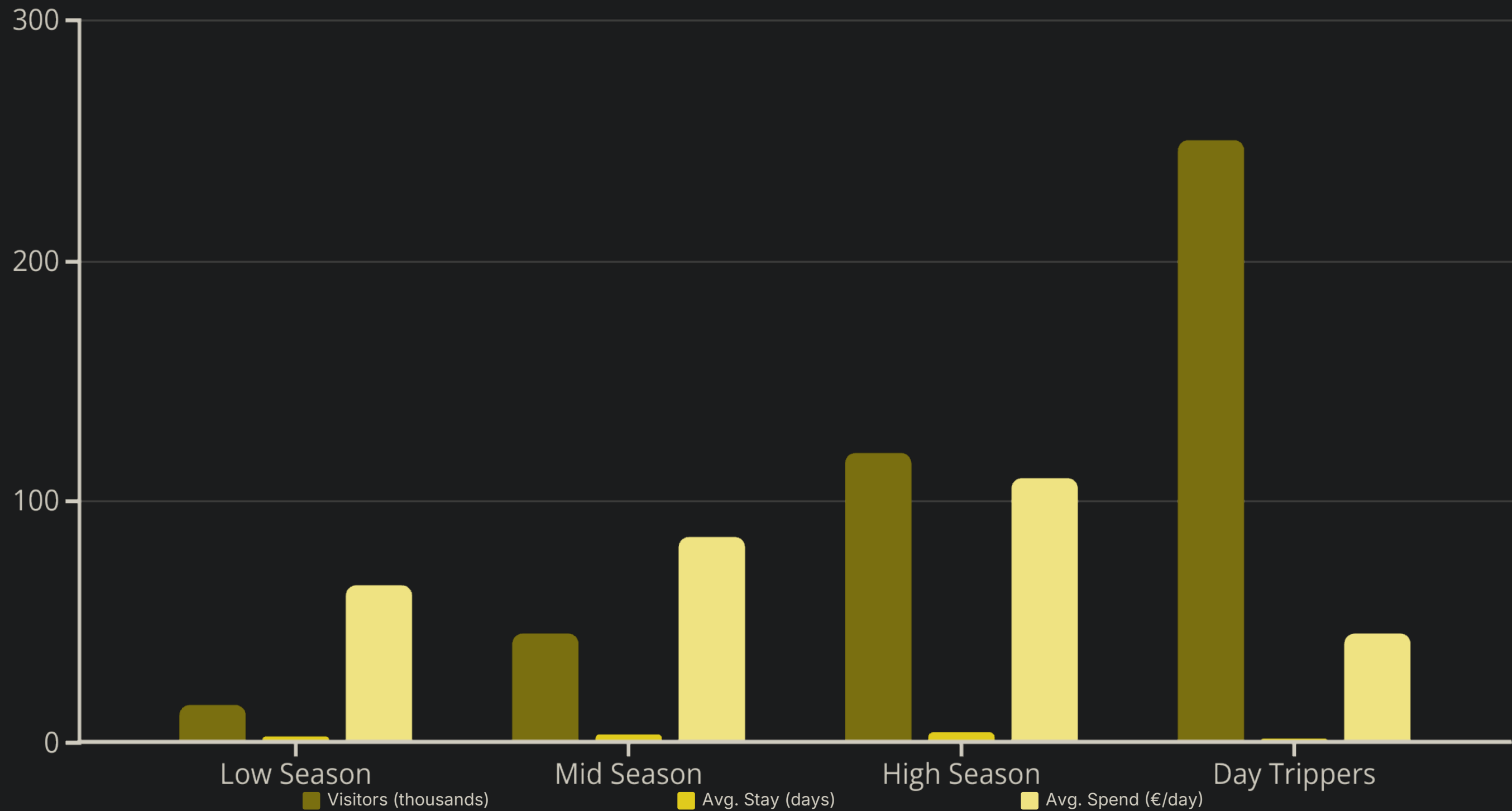
Annual September celebration with traditional music, folk dancing, and culinary demonstrations featuring Aegina's famous pistachios. An authentic Greek cultural experience.

Aphaea Temple

Well-preserved 5th century BC Doric temple on a pine-covered hill. Forms the "sacred triangle" of antiquity with the Parthenon and Temple of Poseidon at Sounion.



Tourism Statistics



Future Tourism Potential

