

# This isn't the sort of place you come to for late nights and getting wrecked. Then again...

The most colourful and boisterous of the festivals (or *festas*) which take place here throughout the year is the *Imnarja*, which is preceded by a lavish picnic which lasts throughout the night. The native dish *fenkata*, or stewed rabbit, is consumed in plentiful quantities - as is the locally-produced wines - while marching bands, fireworks and singing competitions add to the merriment. This is also the place where the apostle St Paul was shipwrecked in AD60 and where Homer's adventurous hero Odysseus is believed to have become enchanted by the nymph Calypso following the loss of his craft. In more recent times, HMS Stubborn and HMS Hellespont came to grief just off the coast, and the wrecks now make for fascinating scuba exploration locations. **WHERE IS THIS PLACE?**

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