

Earth from space: Aegean islands

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The largest and most populous of the Greek islands, Crete is home to numerous beaches, fertile plateaus, [caves](#) and high mountains.

Located at the centre of the island, Mount Psiloritis (also known as Mount Ida) towers over the others at 2454 m. According to Greek mythology, the god of [sky](#) and thunder – Zeus – was born in a cave here.

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While most of these islands are peaks of a submerged mountainous terrain, Milos and Santorini (the two backward-C-shaped [islands](#)) are volcanic.

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