







OPEN DOORS OPEN CITY

30 Years Rhodes Unesco World Heritage





28-29-30 September / Σεπτέμβριος **2018**



9th Open Doors celebrates 30 years Rhodes Unesco World Heritage. Like every year, for the past 9 years, the last weekend of September traditionally revolves around Open Doors, the Rhodian version of the European Heritage Days.

The theme of this year is 'Open Doors - Open City, 30 Years Rhodes Unesco World Heritage City' on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the inclusion of the Old Town in 1988 on the World Heritage List, recognizing its outstanding universal value to mankind. The official opening will take place on Friday evening 28 September in the historic grand council chamber of the palace of the Regional Government in Mandraki with a variety of thematic lectures followed by a festive reception on the great balcony overlooking the harbour.

In the days after, Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September, the focus is naturally on the Old Town. The loggia of the 'Kastellania' on Hippokratous Square will house the Open Doors 2018 Information Center. There you can get maps, refreshments, unique Open Doors memorabilia and obtain information about the event and its program.

On the first floor of the building will be a thematic presentation. In contrast to previous years, and in accordance with the inclusion of the historic center in its entirety on the Unesco World Heritage List, no individual buildings have been opened (save for the Kastellania). We invite the visitor to consider the city as a historic whole, to experience it as one large open air museum, instead of a mere collection of buildings, where you can roam freely and discover something new on every street corner. Specially designed maps highlighting 30 of the most important monuments, some of them well known, others not, will help the visitor discover the old town in a comprehensive and individual manner. Tour guides will provide thematic tours for groups. As always, a specially designed educational program for kids will be available as well.

Detailed information about the program will be published in the week before the event. If you have questions, contact us at <u>rhodesriches@gmail.com</u>.

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