



Kastellorizo harbour, c . 1895



French occupation 1915 – 1921. Two postcards.



Italian occupation 1921-1943 – Italian Postcard



The housing density is evident in this 1930s photo.



Emigration in 1938

In the late 19th century, Kastellorizo had one of the highest population densities in the world (782 people per sq. km), according to the New York Academy of Sciences.

The population rapidly diminished after WW1,

and in WW2 the remaining population was evacuated to Gaza in Palestine.

Because of the short notice to evacuate, many people left their personal valuables and belongings in their houses. Many of their possessions were destroyed or looted. Kastellorizo was severely bombed in 1943, and in 1944 there was a disastrous fire that ravaged the island.



Harbourfront 1933 before the devastation



Harbourfront after the devastation