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Ancient Tenea

About

In the south of Corinthia, near **Chiliomodi**, lies one of the most exciting archaeological stories of recent years. Tenea was known from ancient sources, but its exact location stayed uncertain — until excavations of the last few years began to uncover the city itself.

The myth and the finds

Tradition held that Tenea was founded by captives from **Tenedos** after the Trojan War. The city was known for its prosperity and for the saying that followed it in antiquity: it was neither so large as to carry the burdens of a great city, nor so small as to count for nothing.

Excavation has revealed housing, streets, baths, a cemetery with rich grave goods, and Roman-era mosaic floors. It was in this same area that the celebrated **Kouros of Tenea** came to light back in the 19th century — one of the finest surviving examples of Archaic sculpture, today on display in Munich.

Practical notes

- About 15 km from Corinth, easily reached from Chiliomodi.
- This is an active excavation, so the area open to visitors changes from season to season.
- Check before travelling whether the site is open at the time of your visit.

Useful information

Best time to visit	April–June & September–October (mild, uncrowded)

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