

### *Traditional Settlement of Hydra*



The roots of Hydra's social structure are to be sought in the second half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century and later, in the framework of the inland settlements made under Ottoman coercion.

Hydra reached the height of its achievement as a result of its nautical power during the later years of the 18th century and on down to 1815.

The settlement is defensive in character. The buildings are continuous, and boundary walls are high with apertures, especially at the junction of narrow and

irregular roads. The settlement is concentrated along the length of a central path, parallel to the slope of the land. Kiapha forms part of the traditional settlement of Hydra.

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