

Meet Chonkus Maximus: The Lovable Greek Cat So Big He's Becoming a Tourist Attraction

Move over Santorini sunsets — there's a new reason to book a flight to Greece, and his name is Chonkus Maximus.



Los Angeles, California Jul 23, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - This delightfully rotund feline has taken the internet by storm after photos of his majestic belly and unapologetically lazy lifestyle began circulating online. Locals in a quiet Greek village (who've asked not to be named, out of fear of feline overcrowding) say Chonkus has lived in the area for years, but only recently rose to fame after a tourist posted a

TikTok of him sunbathing on a taverna chair — like a seasoned old man who’s seen it all.

A Local Legend, Now a Global Star

At first glance, Chonkus might seem like your average stray. But spend five minutes in his presence and you’ll understand why travelers are now detouring from their island-hopping routes just to catch a glimpse. With a belly that swings like a hammock and a confidence that rivals Greek gods, Chonkus doesn’t walk — he saunters.

“He’s not just a cat. He’s a vibe,” says one American backpacker who rerouted her ferry plans just to visit him again. “He looked me in the eye and I knew I wasn’t in control anymore.”

Internet Royalty in the Making

Chonkus Maximus has already inspired memes, fan art, and even knockoff merchandise. Some are calling him the “Moodeng” of the Mediterranean — a reference to the now-famous Thai hippo that inspired a tourism boom in 2024.

Local shop owners have started offering free sardines to anyone who shows proof they met Chonkus. One café has even created a “Chonkus Cappuccino” — heavy on the foam, just like he is.

Protect the Chonk

As his fame grows, some animal lovers are calling for protection efforts to ensure Chonkus lives a long, happy, chunky life. While no one owns him, the whole village watches over him like a deity with fur.

Want to See Him for Yourself?

Catch him lounging on a stone wall, blocking doorways like a sleepy bouncer, or flopping next to tourists who dare walk by without offering a snack. But be warned — once you’ve seen Chonkus Maximus, Greece’s beaches will never impress you the same way again.

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