

EROS

Greek name Ἔρως

Latin name Cupido or Amor

Name in your language

Parents Ares and Aphrodite

Role god of love

Home Mount Olympus

Attributes bow and arrows, lyre, roses

Pets dolphins

In Greek Ἔρως means “love”. Eros is the all-powerful god of love. Armed with a bow and arrows, the graceful winged god was shooting both men and women, who instantly fell in love with one another. But mythology recounts an incident when Eros fell victim to his own arrow. And this is the story of Eros and Psyche (ψυχή in Greek means: “soul”). Psyche was the most beautiful girl on Earth, and men stopped worshipping Aphrodite to admire her. In anger, the goddess Aphrodite ordered her son Eros to cause Psyche to fall in love with the most monstrous creature on Earth. But, when Eros saw Psyche, more lovely than any girl he had ever seen, he hurt himself with his own arrow – either accidentally or on purpose – and fell in love with Psyche. He took her to his magical palace and, after many difficulties and misfortunes, they ended up married. Psyche ascended to Mount Olympus, and the marriage was held there with great pomp. The couple had a child named Ἡδονή (Hedone in Greek means “pleasure”), born from the union of “love” and “soul”.

