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We consider the k -Grassmannians of a number of polar geometries of finite rank n . We classify those subspaces that are isomorphic to the j -Grassmannian of a projective m -space. In almost all cases, these subspaces are parabolic: they are visible in the diagram of the geometry. However, there are some interesting exceptions that we'll discuss. Results as these can be used to show that an automorphism of a polar grassmannian is induced by an automorphism of the underlying polar space. (Received January 22, 2007)