



Myrina



Lemnos

It does exist! An unspoiled island with a very Greek flavour, relatively few tourists, excellent sandy beaches, a characterful port, and a direct flight...

Lemnos lies halfway between the shores of Asia Minor and the slopes of Mount Athos. Indeed you can see Athos on a clear day, and they say that the holy mountain casts its shadow on Lemnos twice a year.

The island resembles a huge butterfly, its many bays giving a coastline of some 260 kms. It is the eighth largest Greek island, which means plenty of scope for exploration. Beaches are superb, even within Myrina, being uncrowded, sandy and safe, and there are many to choose from. The interior



is rural and gently hilly. Lemnos is a very traditional Greek island, where priorities remain agriculture and fishing rather than tourism. That said, excursions do run (notably boat trips, a round-island coach trip and a day-trip to legendary Troy and Gallipoli in Turkey (Moudros on Lemnos was the base for the disastrous WW1 allied campaign); bicycles, cars and small boats can be rented; and there is a range of water sports, including a PADI dive school.

Myrina, the capital, is the best place to stay. Bisected by a dominant Venetian Castro, it really is most attractive. The harbour is archetypal with an array of cafés and restaurants, and plenty of small shops in the narrow lanes behind. Elegantly crumbling neo-classical buildings and good sandy beaches lie to either side.

At Poliochni the remnants of four cities have been found – the most ancient predates Troy and is a site of world significance, being possibly the oldest known town settlement in Europe. More recently, Lemnos has witnessed



the familiar Mediterranean roll-call, Romans, Venetians, Genoese and Turks all having left their mark.

Legend has it that Aphrodite, having been upset by the local women, gave them all such halitosis that their husbands imported new wives from Thrace! The Lemniot ladies promptly drugged them all and threw their bodies over the cliffs. As one local guide book put it, 'After this event a society of Amazons was created, till the Argonauts reached the island... The island was successfully repopulated.'

They do say these old tales often have a factual basis. Could that old man sitting in the coffee shop be a direct descendant of Jason himself?



Lemnos Information

Getting to Lemnos

Thursday Day flight Gatwick to Lemnos (note: outbound flight via Samos). Then 40 mins by coach or taxi. It is also possible to fly from Heathrow via Athens (daily flights) – supplement on request. For flight details see page 173.

Car & Motorboat Hire

See pages 170-1 for details.

Representative

Based in Myrina.

Early Booking Offers

For departures before 20/7 and 23/8 onwards, if booked by 29/2 (note: excludes 1 wk holidays dep 23/8)

SOTIRIS APTS

- 2 wks for the price of 1 for depts 24/5, 05/7, 12/7, 19/7, 23/8, 20/9
- £40 per person off 1 week on above dates
- £40 per person off all other valid dates (all durations)

For conditions see page 7.



The Lemnos Hotel is below the castle (yellow building)



Lemnos Hotel Myrina

■ 2 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning

The Lemnos is a traditional Greek harbour hotel which has been refurbished. The hotel offers a friendly, comfortable base from which to enjoy the island atmosphere of this pretty port.

The hotel has 29 rooms on its 3 upper floors served by a lift. Although not large, all are nicely furnished and some retain the hotel's original features such as wooden floors. All are air-conditioned, have a fridge and ensuite shower/wc (a couple are with bath). Our prices are based on rooms to the front which have a balcony with harbour/sea views.

Sandy beaches are not far away – a 5 minute walk to the town beach and 15 minutes to Riha Nera the other side of the castle.

If you like fish, the tavernas by the harbour serve the freshest you could find.



Myrina Town Beach

Kostas Studios Myrina

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Family Unit for 2/5 ■ Air Conditioning ■ Free WiFi

For those who would like to stay in the harbour side of town, these studios should suit. They are tucked away in a quiet residential street towards the back of the town, yet a 5 minute walk brings you to the harbour and the long sandy beach to one side.

There are eight studios in total, on the upper two floors. All are twin-bedded, with air-conditioning, free WiFi, sat. TV, light kitchen facilities (cooking rings,

fridge), ensuite tiled shower/wc and balcony, with views either to the village (and perhaps some partial sea views) or to the the hillside behind. Most can take an extra bed for a child. Some studios can interconnect via their balcony gate to make a Family Unit for up to 5 persons.

Kostas is very traditional Greek accommodation – simple, family-run and very hospitable in the heart of the village.





Sotiris Apartments



Riha Nera Beach

Sotiris Apartments Myrina

- Self Catering
- Studios for 2/4
- Apartments for 2/5
- Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

Fully refurbished, and offering high modern standards, the Sotiris Apartments are the pick of the town accommodation. With lush pretty gardens to the front they enjoy a quiet residential location convenient for both beach (3 minutes to Riha Nera) and town (10 mins, 20 to the harbour). A reasonable choice of tavernas can be found within a 10 minute stroll.

The accommodation is housed in two 3-storey buildings. Most are studios, spacious and nicely furnished in a tasteful modern style. All have twin beds (can be placed flush together) with fitted kitchen area (2 rings, full fridge), shower room/wc, air-conditioning, telephone and large front balcony or terrace. Those on the ground floor are slightly stepped back from one another and combine well for families – they all have a good-sized garden patio with sun umbrella; those on the upper floors have sunblinds and enjoy views to Myrina's castle, especially attractive at night when floodlit. All have space enough for a full-sized third bed if



required, and some can even sleep four.

The apartments comprise a double bedroom and a second room containing fitted kitchen area (mini-oven, rings, fridge) and one or two full-sized beds – an extra (fifth) bed can be placed here for a child. One (the larger) is ground floor and possesses a nice-sized garden patio (recommended for families).

All units are spacious, light and airy with air-conditioning included at no extra charge.

Highly recommended, you won't find a better location or standards in Myrina.



Watersports

A range of water-based activities and sports can be pre-booked from Plati beach (near Villa Afrodite) or Riha Nera beach on the outskirts of Myrina (near Sotiris Apts) . Free transfers will be provided to/from Plati for clients staying in Myrina. If you have children aged c 7 years plus wishing to learn, Babis at Plati is an experienced teacher (over 20 years) and speaks very good English - and we have some excellent value Family Tuition packages for sailing and windsurfing.

Sailing (Plati)

10 hours use of available Pico or Laser Funboat dinghy for 1 adult or 1 adult and 1 child. Also catamaran for 2 persons (previous experience required). To be taken at any time during your holiday (min. 2 hour sessions).

	Low Season	12/7-29/8
Per boat	£114	£130

Water-skiing (Plati or Riha Nera)

10 sessions (each of c. 10 mins., longer for beginners) to be taken at any time.

	Low Season	12/7-29/8
Per person	£155	£177

Learn to Waterski course (Plati only): +£39pp on above prices. For family tuition for up to 4 persons the supplement is £78 total.

Windsurfing (Plati)

Use of all available equipment for a total of 10 hours at any time.

Per person (all season) £100

Learn to Windsurf course (5 x 1 hour lessons): +£39pp on above prices. For family tuition for up to 4 persons the supplement is £78 total.

Motorboats (Riha Nera)

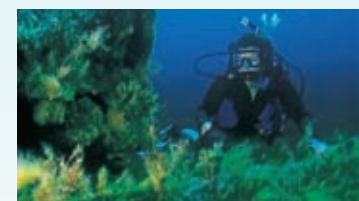
Motorboats are for up to 4 persons. No previous experience required. Prices are per boat per day.

Boat	Low Season	12/7-29/8
25hp	£39	£55

Min. 3 days hire, which should be booked consecutively but can be changed in resort if adequate notice is given. See page 171 for general boat hire conditions.

Scuba Diving

A PADI dive centre operates from Myrina offering a range of dives and courses which can be booked locally - see our island representative for details.





Plati Bay

Villa Afrodite Plati

- 4 Star Boutique Hotel
- Bed & Breakfast for 2/5
- Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool
- Free internet connection/WiFi

Surrounded by gloriously flower-filled gardens, Villa Afrodite offers high standards and great comfort. It is at Plati 2 kms from Myrina. Plati has a long uncrowded sandy beach with water sports and a couple of seasonal tavernas. The old village, a 15 minute walk above, has a taverna of its own.

The hotel is just a 3 minute flat walk from the beach. Beautifully designed, all 30 rooms/ suites are very well-appointed with air conditioning, free ADSL internet access, a fridge and bath or shower.

With the exception of two garden level rooms adapted for the disabled, all Sunvil's rooms boast large covered balconies with views to the sea. Standard Deluxe rooms are on the first floor; Superior rooms and two Suites occupy the top floor.

Superior rooms are twin-bedded (there is one double), spacious and boasting top quality furnishings and décor, including

designer furniture, flat-screen tv, tea and coffee-making equipment, bathroom amenity pack, CD and DVD player, complimentary fruit basket and wine on arrival, granite-tiled floors and very nice bathroom with bath and shower. All, again, possess a generous covered sea-facing balcony - and being top floor, these have the best views. (Some additional Superior rooms are on the middle floor, only used if our allocation is full).

There are also three 2-room Suites. Two occupy the top floor and sleep up to 4. No. 12 has two front bedrooms with sea view balcony, bathroom and kitchen. No.14 has two bathrooms but no kitchen - due to the layout this suite would be suited to couples or families, not four adults. A further two-bedroom, two-bathroom Suite for families of up to 5 is on the upper ground floor.

There is a ground floor reception and breakfast room where a rich buffet is laid out every morning. To the front is a



freshwater pool (78 sq.m), with a poolside bar and furniture. Pool and beach towels are provided on request. Light meals and snacks are available from around midday to early evening. Lobster is a speciality, and a weekly BBQ is planned.

Myrina is easily reached by the free hotel transfer service if requested (morning and early evening), taxi (inexpensive) or on foot (30 mins). Last year a bus service operated twice daily three times a week.

Villa Afrodite is one of our top properties in Greece and we think genuinely hard to fault.



Plati Beach

Special Offer

For stays completed by 26/7 and commencing 30/8 onwards, approx. reduction per room per week:
 Deluxe SV £37-£74 (and up to £150 Sep)
 Superior SV £52-£93 (and up to £230 Sep)
 Suite £63-£143
 Reduction varies according to season - please enquire for details.



Top floor balcony (Suite)



Varos Village reception and breakfast area

Varos Village Hotel Varos

- 4 Stars
- Bed & Breakfast or Half Board
- Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool
- Free WiFi
- Family-friendly Pricing for under-12s (please enquire)

This unusual hotel project has involved the sympathetic reconstruction of five stone village buildings, previously derelict, now housing a mix of 42 luxurious rooms and suites. The hotel is therefore in the heart of this characterful Lemnian village but not over-intrusive.

The accommodation combines tradition – thick stone walls, terracotta-tiled floors and beamed wooden ceilings – with contemporary levels of style and comfort. Beautifully furnished, room facilities include modern shower room, sat tv, cd player, air conditioning, safety-deposit box, hairdryer, beach/pool towels, light kitchen facilities and fridge, and balcony, terrace or courtyard. Junior Suites for 2/3 are open

plan with a living area and the larger two-room Suites can sleep up to 4 (some are open-plan maisonette-style, with bedroom up and living room down). All room facilities are included in the price. WiFi is available, also free, in the hotel's public areas (pool, reception, restaurant).

The main square of the village is a 1-3 minute walk and here is reception, bar and lounge (all housed in an old kafeneion) and the hotel's traditional 'Ouzerie' restaurant where breakfast can be taken outside. A seasonal (non-hotel) café, village taverna and mini-market are also here.

On the hill at the edge of the village, a 5-6 minute walk from the various accommodations, is the magnificent

freshwater swimming pool (460 sq m, depth 1.40m), fitness room, massage and pool bar area. A handful of suites are located here, some in a couple of restored windmills.

The sandy beach of Kotsinas (a small pretty fishing port boasting three good tavernas) is 2 kms distant and served by the hotel's free shuttle-bus service during the day, and here the hotel has its own beach bar, free sun loungers and umbrellas. Myrina is some 25 minutes by road, and can be reached by local bus (out am, return early pm) – however car hire would be necessary for those who wish to explore further, and essential for those staying after mid-September when the hotel restaurant and pool close.

A most imaginative concept, superbly realised and something very different to most 4-5 star hotels in Greece. A great deal is included in the price here and we think this, coupled with the high standards on offer, makes for excellent value. For further information see the



hotel's website www.varosvillage.com.

Half Board Supplement Adult £140; Child 2-12 £93. Dinner is taken at the hotel's taverna restaurant near the village square.

Early Booking Offer

For bookings made by 31st March the following reductions apply per room per week:

Single room	c £37-£74
Double room	c £45-£85
Junior Suite	c £52-£100
Suite	c £60-£116
Windmill Suite	c £74-£132

Discount varies according to season – please enquire for a costing

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