

SAMOS

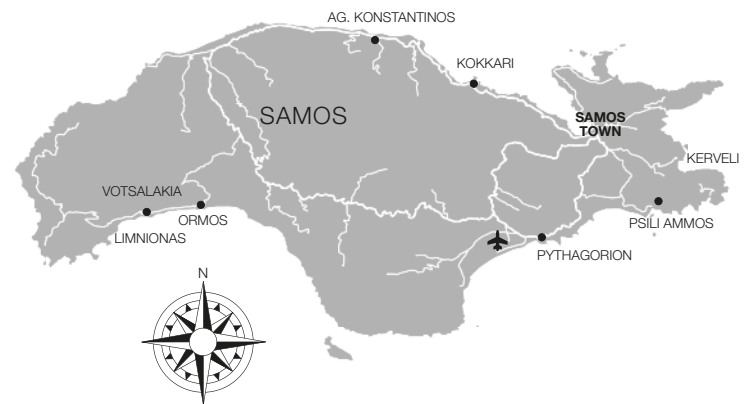
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With the shores of Asia Minor almost in view, the island of Samos shares a rugged and mountainous interior with lush plains covered with vineyards and olive groves, and – in spring – colourful swathes of wild flowers. Its coastline curves between pine-clad cliffs with pebbled bays and long, sweeping beaches of golden sand.

The island is recognised as one of the sunniest places in Europe. Perhaps the reward of the goddess Hera, whose temple – larger than the Parthenon in Athens – once rose outside the relaxed harbour town of Pythagorion. After all, it was the Samos-born astronomer Aristarchus who first identified that it is the earth that rotates around the sun.



Samos offers such variety that everyone should be able to find what they want from a holiday here

PYTHAGORION

Pythagorion is Samos's largest settlement on the south coast (although there is not much competition!). Boasting a handsome semi-circular harbour it has a wide promenade lined with plenty of cafes and restaurants from which to enjoy the comings and goings. Pythagorion is in fact a UNESCO World Heritage site. The island's tyrant ruler, Polykrates, had his capital here in the 6th century BC, and evidence of his original harbour walls can still be seen. There are the remains of Roman Baths to the west and the castle above the harbour dates from the 19th century. The remarkable feat of ancient engineering that is Eupalinas Tunnel, in the hills above, was made to ensure the water supply in times of siege and was bored for over 1000 metres through the mountain in 550 BC. Even older (8BC) is the Temple of Hera some 5 kms to the west. Behind the harbour, narrow lanes and cobbled streets

add to the characterful small town atmosphere. Boat trips run to local beaches and include a picnic lunch; to Kusadasi in Turkey, from where you are taken to ancient Ephesus; and to Patmos for the day. The town has a small but perfectly serviceable sandy beach just past the harbour, and to the west is the very long, clean sand/pebble beach which has sunbeds and umbrellas for hire, and seasonal watersports.

PSILI AMMOS

Psili Ammos is popular with Greek families, as it is the best sandy beach in the area. Only 3km from Villa Luna, it enjoys lovely sea views to Turkey across the strait. With clear blue shallow water – ideal for children, it has a selection of traditional tavernas serving a variety of seafood dishes and local flavours. A ten minute walk, past a wildfowl reserve, brings you to the long, uncrowded Mykali beach, its gleaming white pebbles leading into a turquoise Blue Flag sea.









VILLA LUNA

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We wanted something special for the first villa on Samos in our collection, and that's just what Villa Luna is, with jaw-dropping views of Turkey and comfortable, modern facilities. The large home has three rooms, each with private balconies, making it ideal for a family or group that values their own space. The luxurious pool for adults and separate pool for children further cements Villa Luna as an ideal destination for families.

You can fill your days visiting the local beaches or with trips around the island. The property is just a short drive away from the picturesque port of Pythagorion (2km). Choose between eating in one of the town's friendly tavernas or in the villa's own al fresco dining area. You may even have the opportunity to share dinner with the villa's hospitable owner Stathis, who is often cooking up a selection of meats on his neighbouring patio.

Coming with a larger group? No problem – you can book Villa Luna with its neighbour, Villa Rosa, for groups of up to 12 people.

-  Sleeps up to 6
-  3 bedrooms (2D-1T)
-  2 bathrooms
-  Car hire included
-  Swimming pool
-  Air conditioning
-  WiFi
-  Early booking offer

The setup

Ground floor:

- Open-plan sitting room with dining and kitchen area
- Bathroom

First floor:

- Two double bedrooms
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom
- Swimming pool (23.8sqm and depth 1.20m-2.20m)
- Children's pool (2.5sqm and depth 0.6m)

