

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 sandy and safe, and there are many to choose from, including lovely Plati just outside which has a coveted Blue Flag (one of five awarded to the island in 2019). 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 and a round-island coach trip); bicycles, cars and small boats can be rented; horse riding and a range of water sports is available at Plati and there is a PADI dive school.

Myrina, the capital, bisected by a dominant Venetian Castro, really is most a most attractive little town. The harbour is archetypal with an array of cafés and restaurants, and plenty of small shops in the narrow lanes behind. Elegantly crumbling neoclassical buildings and good sandy beaches lie to either side, the most popular of which is Riha Nera - busy in season it offers plenty of sun beds (free of charge if you buy a coffee, drink or snack), a traditional taverna restaurant and a handful of beach bars serving food (music here). Romeikos in the next bay has

no facilities but is lesser populated. 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. 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 270.

Car Hire

See pages 268-9 for car hire details.

Representative

Based in Myrina, visits all areas.

Sotiris Apartments Myrina

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 popular Riha Nera) and town (10 mins, 20 to the harbour). A reasonable choice of tavernas can be found within a 5-10 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, room safe, 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.

The Apartments:
Self Catering
Studios for 2/4
Apartments for 2/5

Air Conditioning
Free WiFi
(balconies and reception area)



Lemnos Experience Week

Our island representative, Annette, has been introducing our guests to the delights of Lemnos for many years, sharing her extensive island knowledge, contacts and insider tips. Her passion for the island is infectious, as evidenced by the many regular guests who return year-on-year. Our one week activity and experience holiday on Lemnos has been designed by Annette, based on the feedback and requests she has received.

The holiday will operate for departures on 21st May and 24th September 2020 and costs £795 per person if booked before 31st January - prices after this date may vary depending on availability. Prices are based on 2 persons sharing a studio at Sotiris Apartments for 7 nights with flights from Gatwick and transfers - single supplement £160. The accommodation can be extended for an additional week or two if desired - please ask for a price.

The holiday includes the following activities, aimed to give you a greater insight into the island's history, culture and landscape than most visitors see. Please note that the minimum number of participants for this holiday to operate is 6 persons and we reserve the right to amend the programme locally depending on conditions.

Ouzerie and traditional evening meal

An evening visit to a family-owned ouzerie (Lemnos is known for its high quality ouzo). The tour includes a chance to taste the local ouzo, before dining at a traditional village taverna. The meal served is prepared by grandmother using local produce and cooked in the traditional way of the island.

Half day walking excursion

A 5km guided stroll of the island's countryside. It is only on foot that you allow yourself the time and peace of mind to appreciate the landscape around you; the sights, sounds and smells. Your destination is the village of Kontias, where refreshments and a simple meze will be served.



Full day island tour

Explore further and gain a richer appreciation of this Aegean island on a full-day coach tour, with guide. You'll visit archaeological sites, small villages and even have time for a swim.

Sunset cruise

This evening we have included a sunset cruise for you. This is a relaxing trip which offers a chance to see dolphins and, weather dependent, a wonderful sunset behind the iconic outline of Mount Athos.

Cookery lesson and tasting with Rena

Mrs Rena, an excellent cook, will teach you how to make two traditional Greek dishes. Whilst the food is cooking her husband will give you a tour around their olive groves and farm. Lunch will be the fruits of your labour, accompanied by local cheeses, salad and a dessert.



Lemnos Hotel Myrina

The Lemnos is a traditional Greek harbour hotel and 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 simply and comfortably 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. For couples wanting more space we'd recommend booking a triple room, which comprises two rooms containing a double and a single

bed and has a larger front sea view balcony.

Breakfast can be taken at the hotel's ground floor cafe (local charge) or at any of the nearby harbour cafés.

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.

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
2 Star Free WiFi
Room Only (reception area)



The Lemnos Hotel is below the castle (yellow building)



Myrina Town Beach



Myrina



Archontiko Hotel Myrina

Centrally located in the old part of Myrina, just behind the main pedestrian shopping street, the Archontiko building dates from 1851 and is built in the Turkish style.

The hotel has 13 twin and double rooms with bath or shower on its three floors. They are nicely done with warm traditional decor and furnishings, wooden ceilings and stone-clad walls. Mod cons include air conditioning, TV, room-safe, mini-fridge and tea-making facilities. WiFi is provided but the signal can be erratic in some rooms due to the thickness of the old walls.

Because of the age of the building there are no balconies but a pair of rooms on the top floor each have an enclosed terrace with seating and

picture windows giving views to the castle and (over rooftops) the sea. There is also a 2-room suite with a double sofa-bed in the living room. A good traditional Lemnian breakfast is taken on the ground floor.

A further six lovely new rooms – similar in style/facilities and all double bedded with a small balcony and cubicle shower – plus a second 2-room suite (which also has a jacuzzi bath) are housed in the stone-built annexe building next door. This building has a garden courtyard with tables, chairs and a sun terrace, where breakfast can also be taken.

Being just a 2-3 minute flat walk from the sandy beach of Romeikos and 5 minutes from the harbour, the Archontiko makes an excellent base for those who like to be central and stay in a hotel of some character and history.



Myrina

The Hotel: Bed & Breakfast
Traditional Hotel (3 Stars) Air Conditioning
Free WiFi

Plati Beach Hotel Plati

Occupying a prime location at the centre of beautiful Plati Beach, this small family-run hotel offers comfort, warm hospitality and plenty of space for peaceful relaxation either in the expansive gardens or on the beach immediately to the front.

The hotel has 22 nicely renovated rooms, all with air-con, WiFi, TV (with BBC World), walk-in shower, mozzie-screened windows, safety deposit box, mini-fridge, hairdryer and individual balcony or patio.

Classic double rooms are first floor and for max. 2 persons. They all have twin beds (can be double) and side-sea views over the gardens from their balcony. Garden rooms on the ground floor are larger (a double plus a single bed) and have a wider patio-terrace

providing direct access to the garden and beach - some side-sea views are possible.

The top floor houses Suites for couples and families of up to 4 persons - open-plan or two separate rooms with a double plus one or two single beds (one may be a sofa-bed). These rooms have excellent sea views from their terraces but if you are tall (over 6') please note the low ceilings, especially in the shower room.

The surrounding gardens are lush and well-tended, and lead down to the Blue Flag sandy beach where the hotel has its beach bar and restaurant. Sun beds are free subject to a minimum purchase of 5 euros per person.

It is a half-hour walk to Myrina harbour (taxi cost c. €8) but Plati has a number of tavernas and a mini-market, either by the beach or in the old village up on the hill behind.



Plati beach

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
3 Star Free WiFi
Bed & Breakfast



Ammos Suites Plati

Ammos Suites opened in 2014 and certainly meets today's demanding accommodation standards. It is built 600m (a 7 minute walk) to the south of beautiful Plati beach, which has a coveted Blue Flag, sunbeds (free if you patronise the cafe behind), water sports and a choice of taverna restaurants. This would be an ideal choice for those wanting complete peace and quiet, even in the height of the season.

The 12 studio-style suites here are of a modern, open design and tastefully furnished in a minimalist style. All are spacious and possess double or twin beds, bathroom with bath or shower, and open front sun terrace with sea views. Facilities include sat TV (BBC World), AC, hairdryer, room safe, tea-making

facilities, WiFi and kitchenette. All units have a living area containing one or two full-sized sofa-beds, and one is adapted for disabled use.

Some are completely open-plan, others have a room divider between the sleeping area and living room / kitchen area. There are lovely sunset views over the sea from all balconies.

The large freshwater pool has steps in (depth 1.0m-1.4m) and drinks are available during the day.

Four tavernas (some seasonal), a mini-market (will deliver) and a choice of beaches can be found within a 10-15 minute walk, and it is 30 minutes to Plati Village on the hill. Myrina is 4 kms - a taxi should cost no more than €8 (2019) but car hire here is recommended.



Plati beach

The Hotel: Swimming Pool
Bed & Breakfast Air Conditioning
Suites for 2/4 Free WiFi



Villa Afrodite Plati

Surrounded by gloriously flower-filled gardens, Villa Afrodite is a stylish boutique hotel of just 30 rooms, and offers high standards and great comfort. It is at Plati, 2kms from Myrina. Plati has a long Blue Flag sandy beach with sunbeds (free if you patronise the cafe behind), water sports and a handful of seasonal tavernas. The old village, a steep 15 minute walk up the hill, has a pair of traditional tavernas in the square.

The hotel is just a 3 minute flat walk from the beach. Beautifully designed, all 30 rooms/suites are very well appointed with top quality furnishings and tasteful decor. Rooms are mostly twin bedded (but usually placed flush together) and possess air-

conditioning, free ADSL internet access, a fridge, flat-screen TV (BBC World), hairdryer, bathrobe/amenities and tea-making facilities. Most rooms (including all top floor rooms) have a lovely modern walk-in shower - some have a bath with shower above. All ours have a generous balcony with views to the sea. There are also ground floor rooms with garden views, some of which have been adapted for disabled use.

There are also three 2-room Suites. Two occupy the top floor and sleep up to four. No. 12 has two front bedrooms (a double and a twin) with a spacious sea view balcony, bathroom and light kitchen facilities (2 rings). 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 2-bedroom/2-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 good buffet is laid out every morning. To the front is the freshwater pool (78 sq.m), with a poolside restaurant and bar operating from lunchtime onwards - fresh local lobster is a speciality - and a weekly Greek BBQ night is planned. The hotel offers use of a washing machine for a local charge of €5.



Myrina is easily reached by taxi (inexpensive) or on foot (30 mins).

For a holiday of total relaxation in stylish surroundings, Villa Afrodite is genuinely hard to beat.

Half Board: £98 per week



The Hotel:
Boutique Hotel
Bed & Breakfast

Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free internet connection/WiFi

LEMNOS		Guide prices per person in £s departing during								
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - early Jul & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (mid Jul - early Sep)				
		From		To		From		To		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	
Ammos Suites	Superior Suite	2 BB	870	1148	1162	1760	1220	1843	1280	1902
		3 BB	821	1050	984	1385	1023	1440	1074	1491
		4 BB	734	876	895	1198	924	1239	972	1286
Archontiko	Standard Room	2 BB	776	962	826	1062	858	1102	951	1246
	Suite	2 BB	862	1132	913	1228	936	1264	1033	1410
		3 BB	799	1008	844	1083	860	1108	937	1218
Lemnos Hotel	Standard Room	2 RO	753	916	826	1030	826	1038	869	1081
	Triple Room	3 RO	727	863	773	925	773	931	814	971
Plati Beach	Classic Room	2 BB	804	1016	858	1133	897	1183	943	1229
	Garden Room	2 BB	830	1070	874	1156	905	1199	951	1246
	Family Suite	2 BB	928	1264	964	1346	1004	1400	1054	1450
		3 BB	817	1044	852	1109	878	1145	923	1190
Sotiris	Studio	2 SC	792	950	828	992	828	1002	898	1071
		3 SC	736	839	771	877	771	884	837	950
		4 SC	847	1060	886	1106	886	1126	978	1212
		1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	773	912	809	953	809	969	898
		3 SC	736	838	771	877	771	891	858	970
		4 SC	714	794	748	831	748	844	833	922

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Villa Afrodite	Superior Sea View	2 BB	800	1008	893	1224	952	1296	1074	1492
	Superior Top Floor	2 BB	827	1063	924	1275	972	1336	1115	1574
	Standard Garden View	2 BB	852	1144	885	1267	1004	1400	1156	1656
		3 BB	806	1053	839	1096	878	1145	992	1327
		4 BB	784	1008	816	1030	836	1058	930	1204
	Suite	2 BB	986	1381	1142	1720	1201	1803	1382	2108
		3 BB	856	1122	970	1359	1010	1414	1142	1628
			4 BB	792	993	885	1178	915	1219	1023

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