



Samos

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



With some 160 kms of coastline and a rugged mountainous interior to explore, you will encounter magnificent scenery, traditional inland villages, small fishing hamlets, established seaside resorts and many fine beaches.

Of course, with attractions like these, and an international airport to boot, Samos receives its fair share of visitors. But tourism here is aimed towards the upper end of the market and, besides, being about 50 miles long the island is large enough to absorb its summer influx.

The north and west attract many walkers in early and late season. Springtime and early summer see carpets of wild flowers. Pine-forests clad the lower mountain slopes – the highest peak being Kerkis in the west at 1437m – and tracks link village to village. Gentler walking can

be found through the olive groves and vineyards lower down.

Wherever you go you will find good beaches. They range from peaceful little pebble bays, with few people and one taverna, to longer stretches of sand or shingle with water sports and sunbeds for hire. Those on the north-east coast, picturesquely backed by cliff and pine, are popular and feature on all the postcards; those in the south are more sheltered and sandy towards the west. In common with all Aegean islands, Samos can be windy in the high summer months.

Samos has a good bus service, especially along the north coast from/to Samos Town (aka Vathy), and the roads are also generally in good condition, making it an easy island to explore. Sea excursions include guided day trips to famous

Ephesus in Turkey, the historic island of Patmos and a boat trip BBQ, all operating out of Pythagorion.

Samos has a fair amount of history of its own, as evidenced by remains in the environs of Pythagorion (which is itself named after the island's most famous son, Pythagoras). The most impressive of these are the ancient Temple of Hera and Eupalinus Tunnel, both dating from the 6th century BC. The former was a very important sanctuary indeed – vast but never actually completed; the latter an aqueduct over 1000m long bored through the mountain rock – an amazing feat of engineering.

Finally Samos is known for its wine (the Golden Samena in particular is excellent). Perhaps that's why the temple remains still unfinished!

SAMOS INFORMATION

Getting to Samos

Thursday Day flight Gatwick to Samos or daily via Athens connecting with a short domestic flight. Then 30-90 mins. by taxi or coach (see resort descriptions).

Multi-Centre Options

Samos with Ikaria, Patmos - please see relevant resort pages for important transfer info. Samos can also be included in a tailor made island hopping itinerary with many of the Dodecanese islands e.g. Lipsi, Leros, Kos, Kalymnos - please enquire for details.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details. Cars booked to accommodation are delivered in the morning and collected in the evening.

Representative

Our Samos representative visits all areas.

Our chosen areas

North Samos Kokkari

Transfer time 40 minutes

With its three good beaches, long colourful waterfront and picturesque fishing harbour, all overlooked by the characterful old village above, **Kokkari** is an ever-popular choice amongst all ages and nationalities.

Kokkari enjoys quite a cosmopolitan atmosphere – especially in the evenings. There is a wealth of eating places to choose from, ranging from traditional taverna to upmarket bistro, and some nightlife. Kokkari also has a couple of internet cafés.

The main pebble beach stretches for half a mile. Around the corner are two pretty shingle bays. A string of Samos' most famous beaches begins only a 20 minute walk to the west with Lemonakia.

A good bus service links Kokkari with Samos Town and Karlovassi. All excursions pick-up from the village, mountain bikes can be rented, there is a windsurf school, and the mountains behind offer fine walking opportunities.



Tsamadou beach near Kokkari



Kokkari



Pythagorion

South East Samos Pythagorion & Kerveli

Transfer time 10-30 minutes

Named after the island's most famous son, the ancient mathematician Pythagoras, **Pythagorion** is Samos's biggest settlement on the south coast (there is not much competition!). Boasting a handsome semi-circular harbour 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 6 kms to the west, reputed to be the largest Ionic temple in Greece but all that remains is one gigantic column out of the 155 original pillars. The site of the temple is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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.

Between Pythagorion and Samos Town, peaceful **Kerveli** is a completely relaxing little seaside spot on the undeveloped east coast of the island.

Kerveli looks towards Turkey, and is undoubtedly one of the loveliest and most sheltered bays on Samos, accessed only via a narrow road that winds down through beautiful wooded countryside and olive groves. A pair of excellent, friendly tavernas, one hotel, a shingle beach with tamarisk for shade and a turquoise sea, all against a backdrop of thickly wooded hills.



Kerveli

South West Samos Ormos & Votsalakia

Transfer time 45-60 minutes

The peaceful south-western corner of Samos contains some of the island's finest beaches and scenery.

Ormos is a delight – a small traditional fishing village built around a working harbour, with a line of cafés and tavernas strung along the waterfront, a selection of useful local shops, a handful of apartments and just one hotel. Boat trips ran last summer from the newly expanded harbour. The small sand/shingle village beach has sun beds and umbrellas, and a longer 'wild' beach starts just beyond. A 15 minute walk over the headland brings you to a well liked alternative beach just before Votsalakia.

Ormos is a delightfully authentic and friendly little spot and the village provides everything you should need for a relaxed holiday in very 'Greek' surroundings.

A mile to the west over the headland, and easily walkable from Ormos, **Votsalakia** (sometimes called Kambos) also offers a quieter holiday but with the facilities of a small resort. Votsalakia spreads itself along its very long, fine beach and has a good choice of restaurants, café-bars and small shops. Cars and bicycles can be rented. The main sand/pebble beach is one of the longest on Samos – nearly two miles – with sun beds available, and offers good swimming in a very clean sea.

The whole region is fine walking country. Hikers will enjoy the trail up Mount Kerkis to Evangelistria monastery (a steep 3-4 hours – cheats can get closer by car and just walk the last bit!); whilst more casual rambles must walk the 2½ km track above the sea from Limnionas to the wonderfully named 'Taverna at the End of the World', where you can swim from the beach below before taking a well earned lunch.

For all areas here car hire is recommended for further exploration as excursions and the bus service are very limited. If you have a car for a few days you can also drive to Pythagorion for a day trip to Ephesus and Turkey.



South West Samos near Votsalakia

Kerveli Village Hotel Kerveli

This most comfortable hotel is built in lush natural surroundings overlooking beautiful Kerveli Bay and has stunning views towards Turkey.

Some of the 62 rooms are in the main building, but most are in separate buildings dotted around the carefully landscaped grounds. Below, reached by steps, is a pair of shingle coves and a pontoon from which you can swim into deep water. Sun beds and umbrellas are free for hotel guests and snorkelling equipment can be hired.

Hotel Facilities include Wifi (local charge 2-3€ per day), a scuba diving school, tennis court, mountain bike hire, a children's play area and a courtesy bus to Samos Town three times daily (except Sundays). The pool is of a good size. The mature gardens are beautiful, and there are plenty of places from which to sit in sunshine or shade and admire the views.

Breakfast, bar lunches and buffet evening meals can be taken either in the restaurant or on the pool terrace overlooking the sea. Two good local tavernas can be found within a 5-10 minute walk.

Rooms are tastefully furnished and

have air conditioning available in the afternoons and evening during hotter periods (usually mid-June to mid-September). All rooms possess a safety deposit box (local charge 1€ per day), TV, fridge (local charge 3€ per day), hairdryer, bath or shower and balcony or patio with garden view or views to the sea over the trees. Beach towels cost €1 per day.

Superior sea view rooms have the best views and guests here have free Wifi, safety deposit box, fridge and beach towels. Due to the hillside location and steps we would not recommend a stay here to anyone with mobility problems.

Half Board: supplement £42 per week

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply if booked by 30/4.
Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
3 Star plus Swimming Pool
Bed & Breakfast WiFi
or Half Board



Anastasia Apartments Votsalikia

These popular apartments are quietly located amongst olive trees but an easy three minute walk (no hills) brings you to Votsalikia's long beach, a taverna and a mini-market. A good choice of other tavernas and small shops can be found within a further ten minutes.

The accommodation is housed in two separate buildings in pretty gardens and set back from a very attractive freshwater swimming pool of over 100 sq.m (depth 0.70m – 2.60m) on the ground floor, in a terraced bungalow style.

The two studios are on the ground floor, in a terraced bungalow style.

The studios have an open-plan living room area and double-bedded sleeping area. Spacious and cool, with marble floors and wooden ceilings, they all possess a fitted kitchenette with full fridge and mini-oven, a hair dryer and a shower room with wc. There is plenty of space to sleep a third person on the sofa-bed.

The five 1-bedroomed apartments have the same facilities but are ground or first floor and have the bedroom separate from the living room/kitchen. These can accommodate one extra person on a sofa-bed plus a child on a folding bed.

All units have air-conditioning included in the price, a traditional style of décor and simple comfortable furnishings. Each also has its own furnished garden patio or balcony to the front.



The Apartments: Air Conditioning
Self Catering Swimming Pool
Studios for 2/3 Free WiFi
Apartments for 2/4

Votsalikia

Pantheon Apartments Ormos

Pantheon is a top property in Ormos. Standing quietly amidst colourful gardens at the top of the village, a path leads you down to the harbour in just 200m.

There are 15 exceptionally spacious apartments here housed in three buildings. The studios are double bedded and have a well equipped kitchen area (3-ring mini-oven and fridge), bathroom with shower (some with small bath also), full sized sofa bed and generous covered front terrace. Views are good, whether they look to the village, pool, sea, mountain or garden. Facilities include WiFi, TV (BBC World), mozzie-screened windows, hairdryer, and room-safe.

The 1-bedroom apartments have the same facilities but are twin bedded and have the addition of a large separate living room (also air conditioned) with an extra bed (a folding bed can also be put in for a child).

All are very nicely furnished in a traditional style, with care, quality and attention to detail.

The 80 sq m pool, set a little away from the accommodation, has furnished surrounds and a children's section.

The very helpful owners cannot do enough for their guests. Very good value - you will not find better in Ormos!

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €7 per day.

Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made before 30/4 - please enquire or check website availability for a costing.

The Apartments:

Self Catering
Studios for 2/3
Apartments for 2/4

Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Ormos

Kerkis Bay Hotel Ormos

This charming small family-run hotel is situated just behind the harbour. The hotel has its own well liked seafront restaurant and all the facilities of the village as well as the beach are just a few minutes walk away. Although the hotel has free WiFi in public areas guests may use the hotel's computer for internet access at a small local charge.

The 25 rooms, a mix of twins and doubles, were renovated in 2010 and attractively furnished in a stylish fashion, some having a traditional flavour. They are housed in two buildings, one of which has a lift. All have air conditioning, TV, en-suite shower rooms, room safe, telephone, hairdryer, fridge and a balcony.

Sunvil's rooms are to the side which are quieter and have south-west facing balconies with lovely views over the village towards Mount Kerkis which rises behind.

The hotel also has some suites which have a double bedroom plus a living room with an extra bed and

a sofa-bed. Other facilities are as per the standard rooms with the addition of an ironing board & iron. All suites have a bath as well as shower and a small balcony.

A very sweet little village hotel, extremely friendly and in a super location. Particularly good for anyone with walking difficulties (request building with lift) and, being on the front, everything you should need - shops, tavernas, beach - are within just a few minutes' (flat) walk.

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

Yiorgia Apartments Kokkari

These very popular 1-bedroom apartments offer a good standard and great views over the picturesque old harbour and sea.

Entrance is into a nicely fitted kitchen/diner with electric hob or full cooker and a full size extra bed. The double or twin bedroom has air conditioning and there is a nice bathroom with half-bath, shower above and hairdryer. Amenities include free WiFi, TV and room safe.

Furnishings are good quality and décor traditional and attractive. Each apartment has at least one spacious private covered balcony with beautiful views over the rooftops to the pretty harbour and, to one side, the open sea.

Although the location is quiet, Kokkari's main beach starts just around the corner and a wide choice of seafront cafes, bars, tavernas and restaurants can be found within just a few minutes' walk.

Please note that access is via a number of steps and would be unsuited to those with mobility problems.

We also offer the Ahinos Apartments next door - a pair of maisonettes with a ground floor living room and upstairs bedroom - see our website for details.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €6 per day

The Apartments: Air Conditioning
Self Catering Free WiFi
Apartments for 2/3



Kokkari



Kokkari Beach



Kokkari main beach as viewed from Lemos Hotel

Lemos Hotel Kokkari

The Lemos Hotel occupies an enviable location. It directly overlooks the sea above the start of Kokkari's long main beach just around the corner from the old harbour.

The hotel has 3 floors housing just 9 rooms and 3 suites. Rooms are very neatly furnished in simple attractive style. All are twin-bedded and have air-conditioning, TV, a fridge, safety deposit box, shower room and a balcony with good sea views.

The Suites are similar in description with the addition of a living room containing a sofa-bed for or adult or two smaller children.

Please note that the hotel is some 20 steps up from the seafront, and that breakfast is taken at a nearby cafe.

This is our favoured area in Kokkari. Here you have fine views with everything close to hand, yet you are away from the main seafront hubbub.

Air Conditioning: Available at a local charge of 5 euros per day.

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
2 Star Free WiFi
Bed & Breakfast (reception area)



Kokkari



Villa Penny Near Kokkari

Villa Penny is one of our top properties in Greece and offers the highest standards and best views we have seen in the Kokkari area, not to mention one of the friendliest owners, the remarkably hospitable Dimitris. It is located on a hill across the road from well-known Lemonakia beach, a 15 minute walk from Kokkari.

The freshwater pool measures 100 sq m (depth 0.65m-2.2m) and is only for the seven apartments here. It also has a small splash pool ideal for children. WiFi is available free of charge throughout the property, including around the pool area.

Three of the 1-bedroom apartments are on the raised ground floor (one is first floor). They are fully air conditioned (both rooms), spacious, light and cool, each comprising an open-plan living room with one or two sofa beds (full sized) and an LCD TV with USB slot (bring your own films); a kitchen area with hob, mini-oven and

fridge; twin or double bedroom; and a bathroom with hairdryer, bath and shower attachment. All are very well furnished and equipped and possess a free room safe and an iron and board. Each has a wide front terrace affording lovely views over Lemonakia in one direction and/or Kokkari Bay in the other.

The 2-bedroom apartment is on the top floor, and of a similar description with the addition of a second bedroom (one double, one twin). Picture windows give great views from the large living room, and its balcony runs the length of the apartment.

Two new units are to one side, a 1-bedroom apartment on the ground floor (twin beds plus two sofa beds in the living room) which has a spacious garden patio terrace to itself, and a beautifully light and airy open plan Junior Suite above which has the top floor to itself (double bed plus sofa bed). Both are very spacious (c 60

sq. m.), furnished and equipped to the same high standards as the others and boast gorgeous views towards Kokkari.

Due to the location, this property would not be suitable to anyone with walking difficulties without a car. Popular white-pebble Lemonakia Beach, quickly reached in under 5 minutes via a short cut down the hill, has two good tavernas. Of course a much wider choice can be found in Kokkari a 15 minute walk away but bring a torch for late night returns. Or, a taxi from Kokkari will take you for only a few euros.

The Apartments:
 Self Catering
 Apartments for 2/4 & 4/6
 Air Conditioning
 Swimming pool
 Free WiFi

SAMOS		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 Wk	
Anastasia	Studio	2 SC	764	880	799	920	799	927	866	970
		3 SC	721	797	755	833	755	838	820	878
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	805	964	842	1006	842	1016	912	1060
		3 SC	749	852	784	891	784	897	850	939
		4 SC	721	796	755	833	755	838	820	878
Kerkis Bay	Standard Room	2 BB	878	1006	930	1122	976	1176	1041	1241
		3 BB	848	963	893	1059	932	1104	994	1166
	Suite	2 BB	964	1176	1000	1276	1060	1346	1128	1414
		3 BB	905	1076	940	1162	988	1217	1052	1281
Kerveli Village	Standard Garden View	2 BB	967	1234	1079	1398	1079	1456	1194	1570
		3 BB	928	1169	1032	1319	1032	1371	1140	1480
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	998	1292	1106	1453	1106	1532	1243	1668
		3 BB	955	1221	1056	1369	1056	1440	1185	1569
	Superior Sea View	2 BB	1048	1398	1170	1579	1170	1640	1288	1759
		3 BB	1001	1316	1113	1482	1113	1538	1225	1650
Lemos	Standard Room	2 BB	1006	1284	1083	1406	1083	1418	1152	1488
	Suite	2 BB	1045	1362	1162	1564	1162	1579	1234	1652
		3 BB	948	1185	1038	1331	1038	1343	1106	1411
Pantheon	Studio	2 SC	892	1020	966	1136	966	1187	1075	1296
		3 SC	833	921	894	1009	894	1043	985	1135
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	931	1097	1026	1254	1026	1304	1132	1410
		3 SC	859	972	933	1088	933	1121	1024	1211
		4 SC	833	919	896	1014	896	1039	978	1121

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ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS		From		To		From		To	
			1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk
Villa Penny	Junior Suite	2 SC	1020	1298	1057	1340	1057	1392	1166	1502
		3 SC	1020	1298	1057	1340	1057	1392	1166	1502
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	964	1204	1001	1245	1001	1282	1095	1375
		3 SC	944	1165	981	1205	981	1234	1068	1321
	2 Bedroom	2 SC	1058	1376	1096	1419	1096	1473	1207	1584
		3 SC	938	1152	975	1192	975	1228	1067	1321
		4 SC	886	1049	922	1087	922	1114	1006	1198
		5 SC	842	1005	878	1043	878	1066	958	1145
		6 SC	842	1005	878	1043	878	1063	955	1140
Giorgia	1 Bedroom	2 SC	922	1104	998	1281	1057	1351	1125	1420
		3 SC	861	997	922	1126	961	1174	1026	1239

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