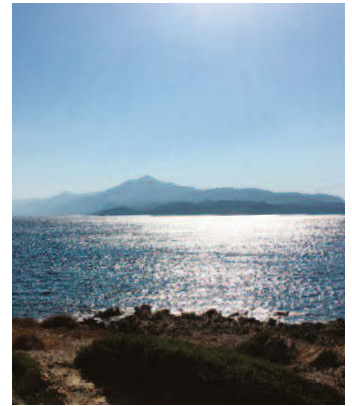


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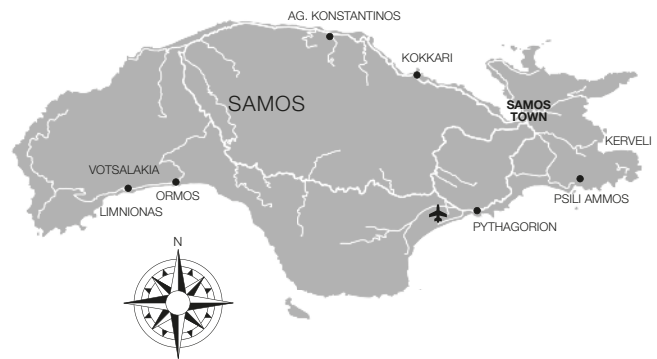
This Aegean island is recognised as one of the sunniest places in Europe






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 biggest 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 Evpalinas 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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Situated on the south east side of the island close to the port of Pythagorion and just 5km away from Vathy, the islands capital, Villa Luna has an enviable position with uninterrupted views over the Aegean Sea.

With a very modern, contemporary feel, the villa has a luxurious pool and garden complete with four poster double sun beds, decked areas and a separate children's pool. The interior has a well equipped kitchen, comfortable lounge and 3 bedrooms all with sea view balconies.

Villa Luna shares grounds with its sister Villa Rosa. Each has its own pool to the front, with privacy ensured by a high garden fence. However, they would combine very well for larger parties of up to 12.

-  3 bedrooms
-  2 bathrooms
-  car hire included
-  swimming pool
-  air conditioning
-  WiFi



Accommodation: ground floor of an open-plan sitting room, dining and kitchen area leading to covered terrace; bathroom with shower. First floor of two double bedrooms and one twin all with sea-facing balconies; One large family bathroom with Jacuzzi bath.

Facilities: air conditioning throughout; satellite TV/DVD Player (including sports and movie channels); PS3 games console; washing machine; dishwasher; barbecue; Wi-Fi.

Private swimming pool: Main pool 23.8 sqm & depth 1.2m – 2.2m
Child Pool 2.5sqm & depth 0.6m

Amenities: Pythagorion with its picturesque semi-circular harbour has a wide promenade lined with cafes and tavernas, is just over 2km away. Several small coves are within a few minutes' drive and Psili Ammos with one of the best beaches on the island is just 3km away.