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About Lesbos

Lesvos, this large Greek island, is famous for producing the best ouzo of Greece and for being the land of the famous Greek female poet **Sappho**, who lived in the 7th century BC and wrote wonderful poems about her lesbian relationships as well as hymns, love songs and poems on various themes.

Lesvos is also the birthplace of the writer Aesop, of the philosophers Aristotle and Epicurus, of the famous poet Odysseas Elytis and of the painter Theophilos.

From the first time, while the ferry approaches the port and the small **statue of Liberty**, you will feel amazed.

Apart from its rich cultural background, the island of Lesbos has a lot to offer: amazing medieval and Ottoman architecture, impressive landscapes, beautiful beaches, nice thermal springs, many sea caves and a lush green nature. In fact, a popular activity on Lesbos is **birdwatching**.

The architecture of the island has also many important structures to show, such as the buildings of the old port authority, the National Bank, the girls' school, Tarsi Hammam, numerous churches and two castles.

Villages of Lesvos

Mytilene

Location: On the south eastern side of Lesvos

Description: Mytilene is the capital and main port of the island. It is a modern town that still keeps some of its Medieval architecture. The Old Town of Mytilene gets lively with the nightlife and the interesting museums.

Sightseeing: Agios Athanasios, Agios Therapon, Archaeological Museum, Byzantine Museum, Folklore Museum, Medieval Castle

Plomari

Location: 40 km south west of Mytilene

Description: Plomari is an economic and tourist centre for the southern side of Lesvos. It is constructed around a bay and gives gorgeous view to the Aegean.

Sightseeing: Barbayannis Ouzo Museum

Agiassos

Location: 24 km west of Mytilene

Description: Agiassos is one of the most picturesque and beautiful villages on Lesvos. It is famous for its fine potteries and wood carvings that can be bought from the popular art shops.

Molivos

Location: 60 km north west of Mytilene

Description: The official name of this village is Mithymna, but locals refer to it as Molyvos. A strong castle dominates over this traditional place. Its long beach makes Molyvos a popular tourist resort.

Sightseeing: Molyvos Castle

Beaches of Lesvos

Vatera

Location: 50 km south west of Mytilene

Description: Vatera stretch along an immense, sandy beach on the south western side of Lesvos. Fishing boats and yachts moor in the lovely port of Agios Fokas.

Petra beach

Location: 57 km north west of Mytilene

Description: This large organized beach is a big touristy resort, Umbrellas, sun beds, showers and changing cabins are available on the beach, as well as various restaurants and taverns.

Skala Eressou

Location: 85 km west of Mytilene

Description: This is a long and organized beach with sun beds, umbrellas and beach bars.

Skala Kalonis

Location: 42 km north west of Mytilene

Description: This is a popular resort with umbrellas and sun beds, lined by cafes and restaurants. The sand is soft and the water is shallow.

Agios Isidoros

Location: 40 km south west of Mytilene

Description: Agios Isidoros is a long, sandy beach close to Plomari. It is organized with sun beds, umbrellas and many watersports centres.

Sightseeing in Lesvos

Petrified Forest

Location: [Sigri](#)

This forest, 12 km from Sigri, is a rare natural site and was petrified because of the intense volcanic activity of the area. In 1985, it was officially declared a natural monument.

Medieval Castle

Location: [Mytilene](#)

The Castle of Mytilene was originally built in the Medieval times but it has undergone many transformations by the Genovese and the Turks. This is one of the strongest castles in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Monastery Of Limonas

Location: [Kaloni](#)

This monastery was founded in 1523 and was used as a spiritual centre during the Ottoman occupation. The large halls of the monastery have been turned into an interesting museum, housing various treasures and marvels.

The monastery also houses a rich library with more than 15,000 documents and 450 manuscripts that date from the 9th and 19th century. Women are not allowed to enter the monastery.

Roman Aqueduct

Location: [Moria](#)

This Roman Aqueduct dates from the 3rd century AD and constitutes one of the first big technical accomplishments of the late Roman architecture. It opened as an archaeological site in 1995.

Molyvos Castle

Location: [Molivos](#)

The Castle of Molyvos stands on top of a hill with pine trees and offers gorgeous view of the area. This is a strong castle with many signs, coat of arms and other distinctive elements.

Ipsilou Monastery

Location: [Andissa](#)

This Byzantine Monastery of Ipsilou was founded in the 9th century AD to honour Saint John the Theologian. It is located on the way from Andissa to Sigri, at an altitude of 511 m.

Barbayannis Ouzo Museum

Location: [Plomari](#)

This museum actually works as a distillery and presents the process of producing ouzo, a traditional beverage of Lesvos. You can also taste and buy ouzo there, the traditional beverage of Lesvos.

Agios Raphael Monastery

Location: Thermi

This monastery is said to be miracle-working and hosts the skull of Agios Raphael. It was built on the site of two previous monasteries and this is a sacred place of pilgrimage. Saint Raphael is the protector of the island.

Birdwatching

Location: Kaloni

Birdwatching is very popular on Lesvos. Although there are many birdwatching spots all around the island, the most famous is the salt lakes close to Kalloni, in the centre of the island.

Some Accommodations in Lesvos

Heliotrope

Location: Mytilene

Class: 3 Stars

Number of rooms: 48

Type: Hotels

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