Samos in Eastern Aegean

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About Samos

Samos is part of the North Eastern Aegean Islands and is located in the southern part of the group, near the Turkish coast, from which it is separated by the narrow Mykale Straits (3km wide).

It is the most visited island of the North-Eastern Aegean but keeps its beauty and attractiveness. The island is particularly green, with verdant mountains.

Despite the catastrophic fires which burned an important part of the island a few years ago, Samos has kept enough of its forests and vegetation for still being impressive. With this greenery, idyllic beaches of pure white sand and crystalline waters are completing the lovely landscapes of the island.

Samos holiday has something for everyone: busy beach resorts and, in its hinterland, unspoiled villages and terrific mountain vistas. Apart from its beautiful landscapes and its traditional character, Samos is also known for its excellent wine which is made from the local Muscat grapes and is exported in all Greece and around the world.

Holidays in Samos are ideal for the wonderful nature, the impressive mountainous and verdant landscape and the plethora of interesting archaeological sites. In fact, the last years, Samos is developing as a mountain climbing destination. All these form a particular atmosphere and charm all visitors who have the chance to visit this magical island.
Best Villages in Samos

**Vathy**

**Location:** On the eastern side of the island

**Description:** Vathy (or Samos Town) is the capital and largest port of the island. The village spreads on the slopes around the port and gives nice view to the sea.

**Sightseeing:** Archaeological Museum

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**Kokkari** (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

**Location:** 10 km north west of Vathy

**Description:** Kokkari is a picturesque tourist resort that amazes visitors with its special atmosphere. Fishing boats and yachts moor in its small port.

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**Karlovassi** (Rating: ★★★★ by Greeka members)

**Location:** 32 km north west of Vathy

**Description:** Beautiful mansions and impressive greenery distinguish this small village, on the northern side of Samos. This is one of the prettiest villages on the island.

**Sightseeing:** Monastery of Prophet Elias
Pythagorion

**Location:** 11 km south west of Vathy

**Description:** One of the most beautiful villages on Samos, Pythagorion gets popular in summer as a lovely tourist resort. It is built around the port and distinguishes for its traditional architecture and the beautiful waterfront.

**Sightseeing:** Castle of Lykourgos Logothetis, Folklore Museum, Monastery of Panagia Spiliani, Pythagorion Archaeological Museum, Roman Baths, Samiopoula Island, Transfiguration of the Christ, Tunnel of Eupalinus

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Best Beaches in Samos

**Tsamadou**

**Location:** 13 km north west of Vathy

**Description:** Tsamadou is among the most beautiful beaches in Samos. Surrounded by lush greenery and with crystal water, a part of this beach is for nudism.
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**Potokaki**  
**Location:** 14 km south west of Vathy  
**Description:** Potokaki is a lovely, pebbled beach close to Pythagorion, on the southern side of the island. It is organized with sunbeds and umbrellas and it gets very busy in summer.

**Lemonakia** (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)  
**Location:** 13 km north west of Vathy  
**Description:** Lemonakia is a picturesque beach close to the tourist resort of Kokkari. It is organized and has soft sand on the shore.

**Heraion**  
**Location:** 17 km south west of Vathy  
**Description:** Heraion is a lovely fishing port on the southern side of the island. It is named after the famous temple of Hera that is located in close distance from the beach.  
**Sightseeing:** Heraion Sanctuary
Psili Ammos
Location: 11 km south east of Vathy

Description: Psili Ammos is a large, sandy beach that gets very popular in summer. Located in close distance to Vathy, Psili Ammos is organized with many sunbeds and umbrellas.

Tsabou
Location: 15 km north west of Vathy

Description: A large bay that is sometimes affected by winds, the lovely beach of Tsabou is ideal to relax and unwind, away from crowds.
Best Sightseeing in Samos

**Heraion Sanctuary**  
**Location: Heraion**  
The tradition said that in this village goddess Hera was born and grew up. This is why a sanctuary to Hera (Heraion) was constructed in the ancient times. The temple was destroyed in the 6th century BC for unknown reason. Its renovation was never completed. Later on, the sanctuary was turned into a Christian church.

**Tunnel of Eupalinus**  
**Location: Pythagorion**  
This tunnel is dried today but it used to be the aqueduct of the ancient city of Samos and one of the greatest technological achievements in the ancient times.

**Monastery of Panagia Spiliani**  
**Location: Pythagorion**  
The Monastery of Panagia Spiliani is located on top of a hill in Pythagorion. Its location offers wonderful view of the village and the port.
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