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LESVOS ISLAND

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Lesvos' unique wealth of geological monuments, landscapes of natural beauty and areas of ecological value have contributed to the island's recognition as a UNESCO Global Geopark.

Impressive geosites dominate every corner of Lesvos, where imperious and enigmatic structures suddenly appear, creating unforgettable scenes, where even the most humble rock can tell us a story. Fossil sites, volcanoes, hot springs, geological formations, faults, waterfalls and coastal landforms constitute evidence of the history of the Aegean over the last 300 million years.

Western Lesvos is dominated by the Petrified Forest, which has been designated a «Natural Monument». It is one of the finest and rarest geomonuments worldwide. Its creation was a result of volcanic activity that caused volcanic materials to cover and fossilize trees in their natural growth positions. Systematic excavations in the parks of the Petrified Forest have un-





covered unique fossils, which serve as records of the history of the earth and the evolution of life in the past. They are also indicators of the climatic conditions, the palaeoenvironment and palaeogeography of the Aegean. 18 million years ago, intense volcanic activity created the large volcanoes of Lepetymnos, Vatuoussa, Agra and Mesotopos. Volcanic eruptions shook the region and created breath-taking volcanic landscapes and landforms throughout central and western Lesvos. Minerals and rocks such as quartz and opal, ignimbrite, andesite, alum, bentonite, lead, zinc, magnesite as well as the abundant hot springs are just some of the valuable natural resources that have been made use of throughout the passing of time.

Lesvos also displays a rich biodiversity. Due to favorable soil and climatic conditions, the island possesses a reach flora. More than 1400 taxa (species and subspecies) of plants make up the island's vegetation, and without exaggeration Lesvos could be described as a "Botanical Paradise", replete with exquisite and rare aromatherapeutic plants, trees and shrubs. The distinctive ecological value of the island was further emphasized through the integration of three areas labelled as "Special Areas of Conservation" and six areas categorized as "Special Protection Areas for Avifauna" into the European Ecological Natura 2000 Network. Natura 2000 is a network of protected natural areas that extends throughout the European Union and aims to ensure the long-term conservation of the most valuable and currently most threatened species and habitats.

The three Special Areas of Conservation of Lesvos are:

- a. The western Peninsula – Petrified Forest
- b. The Gulf of Kalloni and the shoreline
- c. The Gulf of Gera, the Dipi Marsh and Mount Olympus.

The lengthy geological history of Lesvos is reflected in the island's complicated geological structure and the vast numbers of geosites which are sites of particular geological interest.

The rich natural environment of Lesvos, including the climatic conditions, the fertile soil, the hot springs and the mineral resources, established favorable conditions for human settlement starting in the Stone Age.

In Lesvos, we encounter many historic and prehistoric archaeological sites, medieval castles, byzantine monasteries and traditional villages.

The rich architectural heritage has been using local building materials, thus repurposing the geological heritage.

Lesvos is the birth place of many important figureheads of literature and the arts, such as the poetess Sappho, the philosopher Theophrastus, the poet Alcaeus, the philosopher Pittacus and Terpandros the musician, but also more recent personages such as the painter Georgios Jakobides and the Nobel poet of the Aegean, Odysseas Elytis.

The island offers its visitors a chance to get to know and visit the five organized parks of the Petrified Forest, a network of impressive geosites, landscapes and landforms, important habitats, accessible archaeological sites and monuments, all of which highlight the longstanding presence of humans on the island and their close relationship with the natural environment and its resources.

The island also possesses a unique network of museums that covers a variety of topics.

Visitors can access an array of ecotouristic enterprises, engaging educational programs, marine and agro-touristic activities and cultural festivals, but also enjoy some hiking in an exceptional natural environment once walked by Aristotle and Theophrastus themselves.

Lesvos' recognition as a UNESCO Global Geopark is based on the commitment of the local authorities, the scientific organizations and the local community to the protection and the promotion of the aspects of its geological, natural and cultural heritage. This is an effort that has the support of many scientific, cultural, educational, professional and social organizations of Lesvos, which support the initiatives and actions of the Lesvos Geopark.

The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest coordinates activities for the promotion of the geological heritage and the geosites of Lesvos.

In the frames of the project GEO-IN "Geotourism in Insular Geoparks" of the INTERREG VA Greece-Cyprus Cooperation Program 2014-2020, Lesvos Island Geopark cooperates with the Geoparks of Psiloritis and Sitia in Crete and the Geopark of Troodos in Cyprus on a joint development of innovative actions and the promotion of these four regions as alternative tourism destinations.



AEGEAN SEA

KEY TO MAP

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN ROAD 56 (asphalt-surfaced) MAIN SURFACED ROAD SECONDARY SURFACED ROAD UNSURFACED ROAD DEFT ROAD FOOTPATH / BRIDGE / TRAIL SEA CONNECTION MAIN CONNECTION STREAM BEACH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SETTLEMENT PEAK CHURCH / MONASTERY CAMPING WINDMILL WIND GENERATOR PORT / MARINA WETLAND RECREATION AREA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE CASTLE CHURCH / MONASTERY (MONUMENT) OLD BRIDGE MUSEUM / COLLECTION ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER RECREATION AREA |
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GEOSITES OF LESVOS

FOSSIL SITES

- Petrified Forest Park (Bali Abalos)
- Petrified Forest Park (Sigi)
- Petrified Forest Park (Phalos)
- Petrified Forest Park (Mitsopoli)
- Mythimna (Aghia Myrtini)
- New fossil sites
- Vigla volcanic dome
- Proftis Ilias volcanic dome
- Skala Sakamoni (Phongos Conglomerate)
- Panagia Iliet Columnar Lavas (Tachalia Island)
- Achiodon ignimbrite
- Alyfada dike

VOLCANIC SITES

- Isoliou dome - Columnar lavas
- Eressos dome (Kocobiti)
- Eressos dike
- Motlos dome, Akropolis of Eressos
- Pithari dome
- Messopoli Caldera & domes
- Vitonissa Caldera & domes
- Vitonissa ignimbrite erosional landforms
- Pleurostoma volcanic breccia
- Fila dike
- Arenas dome
- "Candle" volcanic erosional structures
- Mythimna dome
- Pelopi columnar lavas
- Pelopi volcanic neck
- Pelopi dike (Jokali)
- Castle of Mythimna columnar lavas

GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SITES

- Anassos cave (Gialli)
- Voulgari gorge (Vitonissa)
- Takiri gorge
- Pionari beach-voe formations

TECTONIC STRUCTURES

- Tria Marmaria - Kyrti gorge
- Anassos fault
- Aghia Paraskevi fault
- Clypeus tectonic window
- Larisa fault
- Gulf of Gera fault
- Aghia
- Ophiolite tectonic nappe
- Fylaktyros
- Tachalia facies sediments of Mytilene

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Many impressive geosites have been detected in every corner of Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, enigmatic proudly standing structures which shape an exceptional landscape where even the most humble rocks have a story to tell us.

Based on internationally recognized criteria, the Lesvos geosites are categorized as follows:

- Fossil geosites.
- Volcanic geosites.
- Geomorphological sites.
- Tectonic – Stratigraphic geosites.
- Waterfalls.
- Hot springs.

FOSSIL GEOSITES

- 01 PETRIFIED FOREST PARK (BALI ALONIA)
39°12'31.09"N 25°53'49.47"E
- 02 SIGRI PETRIFIED FOREST PARK
39°12'39.58"N 25°51'19.15"E
- 03 PLAKA PETRIFIED FOREST PARK
39°12'16.01"N 25°51'9.76"E
- 04 NISSIOPI PETRIFIED FOREST PARK
39°13'9.19"N 25°50'22.31"E
- 05 MYTHIMNA (AGIA KYRIAKI)
39°20'57.89"N 26°10'20.57"E
- 71 MORIA: MEGALODON FOSSILS
- 72 GAVATHAS - THE FIRST ANIMAL FOSSIL OF THE LESVOS PETRIFIED FOREST
- 73 LAPSARNA: FOSSILS OF THE LESVOS PETRIFIED FOREST SMALL ANIMALS
- 74 VATERA: VERTEBRATE FOSSILS 2 MILLION YEARS OLD (VRISSA COLLECTION)

VOLCANIC GEOSITES

- 06 IPSILOU VOLCANIC DOME - COLUMNAR LAVAS
39°13'51.97"N 25°56'7.26"E
- 07 ERESSOS DOME - LACOLITH
39°9'29.72"N 25°55'44.14"E
- 08 ERESSOS DYKE
39°9'56.51"N 25°54'51.03"E
- 09 MASTOS VOLCANIC DOME - ACROPOLIS OF ERESSOS
39°8'1.66"N 25°56'6.33"E
- 10 PORTOS - MESOTOPOS VOLCANIC DOME
39°9'25.42"N 25°58'31.31"E
- 11 MESOTOPOS VOLCANIC CALDERA & DOMES
39°7'36.41"N 26°0'34.21"E

- 12 VATOUSSA VOLCANIC CALDERA & DOMES
39°13'48.87"N 26°3'12.72"E
- 13 VATOUSSA SPHEROIDAL EROSIONAL LANDFORMS
39°14'19.12"N 26°2'44.91"E
- 14 PTEROUNDA VOLCANIC BRECCIA
39°12'40.65"N 26°3'21.88"E
- 15 FILIA DYKE
39°15'30.52"N 26°8'45.30"E
- 16 ANEMOTIA VOLCANO
39°15'26.02"N 26°6'41.78"E
- 17 "CANDLES" EROSION STRUCTURES
39°15'16.16"N 26°9'31.72"E
- 18 MYTHIMNA VOLCANIC DOME
39°22'5.88"N 26°10'38.88"E
- 19 PELOPI COLUMNAR LAVAS
39°18'56.05"N 26°15'7.56"E
- 20 PETRA VOLCANIC NECK
39°19'36.42"N 26°10'33.33"E
- 21 PETRA DYKE (AVLAKI)
39°19'20.56"N 26°9'52.56"E
- 22 CASTLE OF MYTHIMNA COLUMNAR LAVAS
39°22'23.39"N 26°10'52.70"E
- 23-24 LEPETYMNOS VOLCANO - PROFITIS ILIAS AND VIGLA DOMES
39°20'6.55"N 26°14'52.47"E
- 25 SKALA SYKAMNIA - PANAGIA GORGONA LAVA FLOW
39°22'27.03"N 26°18'10.67"E
- 26 PANAGIA COLUMNAR LAVAS (TOKMAKIA)
39°18'53.89"N 26°26'47.12"E
- 27 ACHLADERI IGIMBRITE
39°10'48.72"N 26°17'43.75"E
- 28 ALYFANDA DYKE
39°6'34.01"N 26°32'10.44"E
- 43 MYTHIMNA DYKE
39°21'31.83"N 26°11'33.48"E
- 44 AGRA CALDERA
39°9'5.18"N 26°4'12.79"E

GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SITES

- 29 ANTISSEA CAVE (SPILIOS)
39°15'31.54"N 25°58'56.10"E
- 30 VOULGARIS GORGE (VATOUSSA)
39°14'2.60"N 26°1'8.00"E
- 31 TSIKNIAS GORGE
39°14'56.26"N 26°14'13.09"E
- 32 PLOMARI BEACH - ROCK FORMATIONS
38°58'6.91"N 26°23'22.17"E

TECTONIC - STRATIGRAPHIC GEOSITES

- 33 TRIA MARMARIA - KRYFTI GORGE - TECTONIC NAPPE
38°59'45.63"N 26°17'37.87"E
- 34 ANTISSEA FAULT
39°13'9.75"N 25°58'26.28"E
- 35 AGHIA PARASKEVI FAULT
39°14'35.05"N 26°16'11.07"E
- 36 OLYMPUS TECTONIC WINDOW
39°4'26.86"N 26°21'14.49"E
- 37 LARSOS FAULT
39°7'21.85"N 26°27'17.43"E
- 38 GULF OF GERA FAULT
39°6'56.41"N 26°29'54.61"E
- 39 AGRILIA
39°0'33.73"N 26°35'45.52"E
- 40 OPHIOLITE TECTONIC NAPPE
39°7'21.85"N 26°27'17.43"E
- 41 FYKIOTRYPA
39°6'42.31"N 26°34'1.36"E
- 42 TABAKARIA LACUSTRINE SEDIMENTS OF MYTILENE
39°7'34.19"N 26°32'54.36"E

HOT SPRINGS

- 53 POLICHNITOS HOT SPRINGS
39°4'25.68"N 26°12'0.61"E
- 54 GULF OF GERA HOT SPRINGS
39°6'45.74"N 26°29'55.53"E
- 55 LISVORI HOT SPRINGS
39°6'3.51"N 26°12'3.76"E
- 56 ARGENOS HOT SPRINGS
39°22'34.81"N 26°15'57.41"E
- 57 LOUTROPOLIS THERMI HOT SPRINGS
39°10'54.66"N 26°29'54.37"E
- 58 EFTALOU HOT SPRINGS
39°22'45.81"N 26°12'58.29"E
- 59 KRYFTI HOT SPRINGS
38°59'45.63"N 26°17'37.87"E

WATERFALLS

- 60 PESSA WATERFALL
39°7'23.09"N 26°16'2.68"E
- 61 MAN'KATSA WATERFALL
39°16'36.36"N 26°21'32.75"E
- 62 NYCHTERA WATERFALL (KLAPADOS)
39°16'27.63"N 26°11'29.80"E
- 63 KOUKOUGHIA WATERFALL (SKOUTAROS)
39°18'41.31"N 26°9'6.32"E
- 64 POTAMIA WATERFALL
39°13'1.08"N 26°7'50.52"E
- 65 VRONDI WATERFALL (PARAKILA)
39°11'29.97"N 26°7'17.13"E
- 66 VATHYLMNOS WATERFALL (CHIDIRA)
39°12'30.60"N 26°2'13.11"E
- 67 METHALIA WATERFALL
39°11'32.76"N 25°58'12.97"E
- 68 NIGIDA WATERFALL
39°4'4.57"N 26°14'26.59"E



GUIDED BOAT TRIPS



SEA TOUR IN NISSIOPI MARINE PETRIFIED FOREST PARK

People who visit the Lesvos Petrified Forest will have the unique opportunity to admire the marine part of it in the coastal zone of the isle Nissiopei, as well as its land part with the unique findings of petrified trees that are 20 million years old. Visitors will travel to the isle Nissiopei and the marine part of the Lesvos Petri-

fied Forest by the special new boat of the Museum. Through the glass bottom boat visitors will be able to observe not only the unique fossil sites that are now under the sea but also the unique geological formations and structures.

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SEA TOUR IN NORTH LESVOS COAST

A wide selection of day trips such as sunset recreation, fishing and more are offered to guests of northern Lesvos by the traditional Santa Elena boat. Starting from the port of Molyvos and Petra can get acquainted with the coastal landscape but also enjoy swimming and many other activities.

Information:
Lesvorama Travel & Shipping Agency
 M. Goutou 22,
 PC. 81108 Mithymna Lesvos
 Phone: 0030 22530 72291
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 E-mail: info@lesvos-cruises.com
 www.lesvos-cruises.com

SEA TOUR IN PLOMARI AREA – PANAGIA KRIFTI

Starting from Plomari Marina, visitors can discover beautiful coastal places such as Panagia Krifti, Vatera Beach, Agios Fokas, Tarti Beach, Agios Ermo-
 genis through a variety of sea routes by boat.

Information:
Aspasia Sea Cruizes
 Plomari Lesvos
 Phone: 0030 22520 32898,
 0030 22520 32825,
 0030 6977570711
 www.imperial-lesvos.gr/aspasia.htm



WATER ACTIVITIES



SAILING

Lesvos is a particularly interesting island not only for experienced sailors but also for people who just want to sail around the island. The Offshore Sailing Club of Lesvos and the Sailing Club of Mytilene will contribute to the accomplishment of the above goals.

The Offshore Sailing Club of Lesvos is located in the port of Mytilene. It organizes seminars with theoretical and practical courses twice a year. The club has quite a number of offshore vessels and it organizes every year a race around the island "Periplus of Lesvos", while participating in races of other groups. It also sends a significant number of vessels in the Aegean Regatta.

For all those who want to learn sailing the Sailing Club of Mytilene operates sailing learning schools for adults and children >7 years

old. The schools include courses of all levels varying from beginners to racing teams. The Sailing Club of Mytilene organizes offshore sailing races, as well as optimist sailing races and participates with vessels and crews in major sailing events throughout Greece.

Information:

Offshore Sailing Club of Lesvos.
Right Mole, 81100, Mitilini, Lesvos
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www.oscl.gr

SAILING CLUB OF MYTILENE



Information:

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ALTERNATIVE SAILING



Alternative sailing operates on Lesvos based in the Mytilini Marina and Molivos harbor. Its trips are a combination of sailing and the wealth found in abundance on Lesvos and the Northern Aegean. Apart from the thrills of a one or more days trip enjoying the wind, the sails, the sun chasing the sea waves, the picturesque harbours, the hidden coves unreachable by land, the numerous little isles, Alternative Sailing takes you on board the traditional tastes, the biodiversity and the culture of Lesvos island offering a unique life experience.

Alternative Sailing co-operates with other alternative enterprises in planning trips where sailing can be combined with cycling, scuba diving, bird and flora watching, hiking, climbing and many other activities offered by Lesvos nature.

Information:

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WIND SURF - KITE SURF



If you love Wind surf and Kite surf, you will definitely find your beach whatever the wind is.

Moreover, at the northern end of the Gulf of Sigri, the Wind Surf – Kite Surf Centre of Sigri offers courses for all levels of learners.

Information:

Sigri Surf, 81112 Sigri, Lesvos
Tel: 30 22530 54600,
0043 (0)6507152779
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<http://www.sigrisurf.com/>

DIVING ACTIVITIES

The long coastline of the island of Lesvos combined with the enormous wealth of the bottom of the sea create the ideal conditions for those who seek for the magic of underwater exploration. Shipwrecks, colourful corals, various sea species and the unique morphology of the seabed create dozens of destinations suitable for diving.

LESVOS SCUBA LESVOS SCUBA OCEANIC CENTRE



Lesvos Scuba Oceanic Centre has been operating since 2002 and offers full dive services to both locals and visitors.

It operates from Yako II Beach Bar in Petra Beach.

It's instructors are qualified and officially recognized by the Greek Government and PADI – CMAS.

Lesvos Scuba Oceanic Centre follows the PADI educational system and standards, offering a full range of courses, covering the needs of complete novices and experienced divers. All courses are fully supported with the latest educational material (manuals, CD's, DVD's etc.)

It uses Scubapro diving equipment (regulators, BCD's, suits, etc.)

Dive with us, no matter what your experience is, with one of our qualified instructors and enjoy the beauty and calm waters the Mediterranean Sea has to offer!

Information:
Lesvos Scuba Oceanic Centre
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0030 6981026085
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HOT SPRINGS

GULF OF GERA HOT SPRINGS



The "Therma" hot springs gush up along the great NW-SE fault which defines the eastern shore of the gulf. This fault has an impressive fault scarp. The healing water begins its way to the surface from the bowels of the earth and springs near the locations of hot springs.

During its long way through the earth, it passes through various rocks that enrich it in valuable substances for our health. With a temperature of 39,7°C, these sodium chloride springs contain ammonium chloride, potassium nitrate, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride etc. The creation of the thermal springs is connected with the active tectonic of the island and the intense volcanic activity which occurred in the Northeast Aegean 21.5 – 16.5 million years ago.

Information:
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0030 6944051212
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www.thermaspalesvos.com

ACTIVITIES IN NATURE

HIKING TRAILS

THE LAVA PATHS



For those who love hiking a series of walking routes have been marked that unite the Geotopes of Lesvos. They are called "The Lava Paths". The areas of the paths are of a particular geological, archaeological, cultural and aesthetic interest. The trails are marked every 500 metres with special information panels and rest places. The footpaths begin from the main routes and they include

- Petrified Forest Park – Eressos 6.5 km long
- Petrified Forest Park – Hamandroula Park – Tschliontas – Natural History Museum – 13 km long
- Sigri – Sigri Park – Plaka Park – Eressos, 15 km long
- Gavathas – Lapsarna, 7 km long
- Lygeri – Lapsarna, 6 km long

Information:
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HIKING TRAIL NETWORK



Today in Lesvos there is the network of walking routes from the Company of Local Development of Lesvos (ETAL S.A.) supported by LEADER, in cooperation with the municipalities of the island. There is a development plan with 18 paths covering the entire island with the special characteristics of each region.

Visit the beautiful forests of chestnut trees, the olive paths, the traditional farming paths, walk on the pavement of "patoumenis" at Agiasos, enjoy the cool waters of the bay of Gera and Kalloni under the shadow of olive groves, meet the unique nature of the Petrified Forest, visit the castle of Molyvos, observe rare birds in the wetlands, stroll around the traditional villages, relax in the traditional cafes and get refreshed in thermal baths.

Information:
Lesvos Local Development Company,
ETAL S.A.



MOLYVOS HIKING TRAILS



A network of trails of unique beauty can be discovered in the area of Molyvos. Beautiful landscapes, flora and fauna, farms, traditional villages and cafes, hot springs, valleys, churches and many other different images offer the guests unique experiences. The trails are graded and marked by the Molyvos Tourism Association.

A booklet-map which contains a detailed description of the suggested hiking and cycling routes and useful data (distances, estimated time, degree of difficulty, flora-fauna route, etc.) is available.

Information & pick up of the booklet – map of the routes:
Molyvos Tourism Association
Tel. 0030 22530 71990
E-mail: info@visitmolivos.com

HIKING ACTIVITIES:

OREIAS LESVOS HIKING CLUB



Oreias Lesvos Hiking Club invites his friends to enjoy the nature and discover the countryside of



Lesvos Island, to enjoy the historical and religious monuments of Lesvos, to taste local dishes, to participate in events with traditional dances and music but also to photograph the small and big wonders around us.

Information & map of the routes:
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DISA TRAVEL

Walking on Lesvos is always an adventure. There is so much to see and so much to enjoy that we strongly recommend experiencing the authentic Lesvos while hiking through its countryside. DiSa-Travel have put together some beautiful and interesting walks – short and long – in different regions of the island. Their hikes lead you through unspoilt countryside, through shady pine forests, to beautiful beaches and to places with fantastic views. DiSa-Travel shows you local and sometimes unique flora and fauna, beautiful villages, churches and monasteries, tavernas with tasty local food, and all the little secret places that we know from the local people.

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BIRDWATCHING

The wide variety of habitats of Lesvos and the position of the island in the Eastern Mediterranean make Lesvos unique because of its variety of birdlife. In recent years more than 300 species of birds have been observed on Lesvos (bird migration, nesting, overwintering, seasonal presence). The ideal period for birdwatching is from March to late May and again from late September to late November

Bird observatories



Two observatories have been erected in the Bay of Kalloni. The first one next to the rural road Mytilene – Kalloni after a bypass to Polichnitos, and the second one in the area of Alyki in Agia Paraskevi, after the junction to the village of Agia Paraskevi on your left.

The birds can also be observed in the village of Skala Kallonis, just before entering the village, as well as in the wetland of Larso – Ntupi and in the salt flats of Polichnitos.

The islands opposite Petra, Ai-Giorgis, Glaronisi and Mirmingi, constitute a protected wild bird zone. There is also an ecological bird observatory at Ai – Giorgis

Finally, you can find a Bird Observatory in Nisiopi too, the small islet opposite Sigri, where you can go by a boat, which belongs to the Natural History Museum of Lesvos Petrified Forest.

BIRDWATCHING ACTIVITIES

LESVOS BIRDWATCHING



Lesvos is a very popular destination for birdwatching. Get your personal, local birding guide while on the island during the best time to visit: in Spring (end of March to beginning of May) and Autumn (end of August to October) but also the year round. LESVOS BIRDWATCHING offers birdwatching courses at a regular basis so it doesn't matter what your level in birding really is!

Lesvos is very close to the Asia Minor coast and is the Aegean Island with the most numerous wetlands that also holds an impressive variety of different and extensive habitats. The usual bird list of a week's stay in spring could exceed 120, while the island's list has more than 330 recorded species. The "star" birds of the island are the Kruper's Nuthatch (*Sitta krueperi*) and the Cinereous Bunting (*Emberiza cinerea*).

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LESVOS BIRDWATCHING
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NATURE ACTIVITIES

Every tour in the Lesvos Geopark is a completely different experience, in a different landscape and a different atmosphere. You will not get bored for a second! We will take you to places you will not easily be able to find yourself, off the beaten track. Our goal is to show you the beauty of the nature, not to rush through the landscape..

PANDORA TRAVEL LESVOS



Pandora's Nature tours covers the whole island. You can combine them as you like! And when you agree with us that one day is not enough to explore the beauty of Lesvos' nature, we are happy to create a tour with overnight along the track.

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CYCLING

Get to know the island's history and feel the aura of the thousand-year-old marbles. Lean on a petrified log while you are in our petrified forest and feel the uniqueness of whole Lesvos as a geological miracle. Wonder around our olive groves, which offer us that 'golden' oil to our



food. Smell the resin in vast pine forest. Become familiar with our unique animals, birds and plants, which grow in the wild only on our island. Cool off in our clean, blue seas or just let the sun caress your skin. Try our local cuisine and enjoy the exceptional flavours.

CYCLING ACTIVITIES:

LESVOS RIDE



Lesvos Ride is a group of people where our love for the mountain bike brought us together. Our passion for cycling brought us closer and made us inseparable and our obsession led us to the most remote areas of our island. We were able to ride every spot of the island and discover Lesvos in a completely different way from the one we thought we knew.

Having such experience over ten years but also with certified guides from the Mountain Bike Instructor Award Scheme (MIAS), the people of Lesvos Ride are capable of making your cycling holidays or even a



one day excursion even more delightful, safe and of course unforgettable.

Information:
Phone: 0030 6945934834,
0030 6980681184
E-mail: lesvosride@gmail.com

HORSE RIDING

A wide network of paths unfolds around the island, connecting the neighboring villages to each other and leading to amazing landscape, ancient ruins and fantastic beaches. And all of this offered to you by a horse, a unique experience one its own!

HORSE RIDING ACTIVITIES:

TOUMBA ECO FARM

Toumba Eco Farm is located in the south part of Lesvos, in the region of Plomari. Having taken its name by the land's morphology, Toumba

(meaning "hill"), lies 500 meters over the sea surface and provides one of the most amazing views. Looking north and west one can see the green hills of mount Olympos of Lesvos whereas, to the east and south, there lies the open sea facing the coasts of Asia Minor, Inousses, Chios and Psara.

The Farm was founded and organized in the 1990s by Kostas Moukas.

Toumba Eco Farm provides its own horses, suitable for beginners and advanced riders, mountain bikes for rides in the nature and full information for walking around the area, following the paths available. During summer season, one can go down 9 kilometers to the beautiful Agios Isidoros (Saint Isidoros) beach, to swim in the crystal – clear waters.

Information:
TOUMBA ECO FARM
Phone: 0030 6981923432,
0030 6946024485
E-mail: ecofarmtoumba@gmail.com





The Museum Network of Lesvos is an initiative of the bodies managing the museums of Lesvos that are recognized as such by law.

The network aims to raise the awareness of the local population and particularly the young people about our heritage, to promote the museum collections in Greece and abroad and to encourage visitors to experience the museums of Lesbos.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM
OF MYTILENE**



The Archaeological Museum of Mytilene (new building) presents the religious, economic

and political aspects of daily life from the 3rd century BC to the 4th century AD. Among many other artifacts on exhibit is the famous mosaic of the "House of Menander".

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811 00 Mytilene
Tel: 0030 22510 40223
E-mail: efales@culture.gr
Website: http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/1/gh151.jsp?obj_id=3484

**ERESSOS ARCHAEOLOGICAL
COLLECTION**

The exhibition comprises three sections: a) religion and worship (votive reliefs and sculpted



works) b) burial customs (tombstones, clay sarcophagus, offerings) and c) daily life. The semi-outdoor space hosts sizeable architectural items, votive reliefs and Hellenistic and Roman period altars.

Address: Skala Eressou,
811 05 Eressos
Tel. - Fax: 0030 22530 53037
E-mail: efales@culture.gr
Website: http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/1/gh151.jsp?obj_id=18301

VARELTZIDAINA MANSION



The Varelzidaina Mansion is one of the few surviving mansions

of Lesvos from the end of the 18th - early 19th century. It is an important example of urban architecture of the late Ottoman period of Lesvos, with its characteristic floor plan, thematic decoration, and typical functional and construction details.

Address: Petra, 811 09 Lesvos
Tel. - Fax: 0030 22530 41510
E-mail: efales@culture.gr
Website: http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/2/qh251.jsp?obj_id=16441

**ECCLESIASTICAL
BYZANTINE MUSEUM**



The collection includes icons of Byzantine and folk art from the 13th to the 20th century. Besides the main collection of icons, ecclesiastical objects such as carved wooden objects, liturgical vessels, sanctuary doors, vestments, manuscripts etc. are on display.

Address: St. Therapon Square,
811 00 Mytilene
Tel .: 0030 22510 28916
E-mail: ebmmyt@gmail.com
Website: www.ebmm.gr

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE LESVOS PETRIFIED FOREST



The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest is located in the heart of the protected area of the Petrified Forest. It was founded in 1994 for the study, research, promotion and protection of the Lesvos Petrified Forest.

A visit to the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest is an unforgettable experience. Unique fossils from the Petrified Forest, the natural processes that led to its creation and the Aegean's geohistorical development are presented in modern facilities.

A seismic table that simulates large and destructive earthquakes provides the museum's visitors with a realistic experience of seismic tremors, and knowledge needed to understand the phenomenon and the preparation for the event of an earthquake.

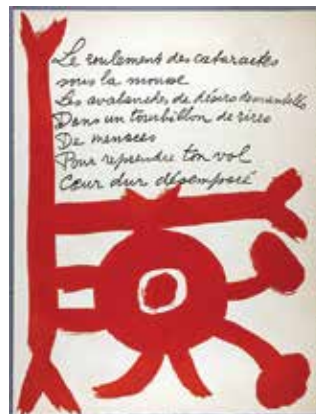
The museum plays an essential role in the cultural, economical and social development of the area. International conferences, exhibitions, lectures, screenings and various events have been conducted in its facilities. The summer cultural events of the "Festival of the Earth" and also



the Agrotourism Festival are organized successfully each year. A variety of educational programs for school groups and students from Greece and abroad are implemented throughout the year. The museum collaborates with the Global Geoparks Network of UNESCO, the European Geoparks Network, scientific institutions, museums, universities and research centers from Greece and abroad.

Address: Sigri, 81103 Lesvos
Tel.- Fax: 0030 22530 54434,
0030 22510 47033
E-mail: lesvospf@otenet.gr
Website: www.lesvosmuseum.gr

MUSEUM-LIBRARY OF STRATIS ELEFThERiADIS-TÉRIADE



The Museum - Library houses, preserves and presents the entire collection of Stratis Eleftheriadis - Tériade's life work of as an editor and publisher. On exhibit in its halls are works of famous artists, copies of the "Great Books" and VERVE with lithographs by Chagall, Matisse, Picasso, Léger, etc. as well as copies of medieval manuscripts.

Address: Varia, 81100 Mytilene
Tel.: 0030 22510 23372
E-mail: info@museumterriade.gr
Website: <http://museumterriade.gr>

THEOPHILOS MUSEUM



Funded by Stratis Eleftheriadis - Tériade, the Theophilos Museum was built in Varia where the folk painter Theophilos was born and where he spent his childhood. In 1965, Tériade donated the museum to the Municipality of Mytilene along with 86 paintings by Theophilos from his private collection.

Address: Varia, 811 00 Mytilene
Tel: 0030 22510 41644
Website: http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/1/gh151.jsp?obj_id=3435

MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY OF MYTILENE



The gallery presents one of the most important collections of paintings donated to the Municipality by George Simo - Petris and his sister Elli Simou. On display are the works of great painters and engravers, Greek and foreign, as well as a remarkable collection of work by Lesvian painters.

Address: Adramytiou 46,
811 00 Mytilene
Tel. - Fax: 0030 22510 48002

MUNICIPAL GALLERY OF MYTHIMNA

The Municipal Gallery of Mythimna is housed in the home where Argyris Eftaliotis lived. It was inaugurated in August 1981 with 77 paintings donated either by the artists themselves or by art collectors. The gallery today contains paintings of older painters such as Giannoulis Halepas, as well as paintings of a generation of younger artists.

Address: Mythimna, 811 08 Lesvos
Tel.: 0030 22530 71323,
0030 6947174563, 0030 6983611849

MUSEUM OF INDUSTRIAL OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION OF LESVOS



This museum in Agia Paraskevi is housed in the complex of the old communal mill (1911 to 1967). Original equipment once again functional, digital presentations and the sound of the factory's "Bourou" whistle bring back to life the production process of olive oil and the cycle of work related to oil production. The museum is operated by the Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation (PIOP).

Address: Agia Paraskevi,
811 02 Lesvos
Tel: 0030 22530 32300
E-mail: piop@piraeusbank.gr
Website: <http://www.piop.gr>

VRANA OLIVE PRESS MUSEUM



This architecturally unique industrial monument was built in



1887 by Nikolaos Vranas, grandfather of the Nobel laureate poet Odysseus Elytis. On display are rare archival material, antiques from when the mill was still in operation and an art exhibit.

Address: Papados, 811 06 Lesvos
Tel.: 0030 22510 82007
E-mail: info@vranasmuseum.gr
Website: www.vranasmuseum.gr

"GEORGIOS JAKOBIDES" DIGITAL MUSEUM



The first fully digital art museum in Greece can be found in Chidira on Lesvos, the birthplace of the painter Georgios Jakobides. Utilizing new technologies, the museum faithfully showcases the life and work of the renowned Greek painter.

Address: Chidira, 811 10 Lesvos
Tel.: 0030 22530 51128
E-mail: info@jakobides-digital-museum.gr
Website: www.jakobides-digital-museum.gr

LOCAL THEMATIC MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

REFUGEE MEMORIAL MUSEUM 1922 IN SKALA LOUTRON

Visitors to the museum have the opportunity to learn about Asia Minor from the first Greek colonization to the evolution of the regions where Greeks settled until 1922 and the settlement of refugees in Greece. The museum's collection includes household utensils, tools, weapons, traditional costumes, jewelry, pictures, photos, printed matter.

Skala Louton, Lesvos 81100
Tel.: 0030 22510 91277

CULTURAL CENTER OF AGIASSOS

The "Anaptyxi" cultural center (anagnostirio) of Agiassos was established in 1894 as a collective body, in an attempt to promote general education, literature and art pertaining to the Society of Agiassos. It continues to this day to offer valuable cultural activities in the Library Reading Room. The center also supports music traditions, amateur theatre, the carnival and a Folklore Museum.

Agiassos, Lesvos 81101
Tel.: 0030 22520 22240,
0030 22523 50560

SOAP MUSEUM OF PLOMARI

The Soap Museum of Plomari is housed in the former Pulia soap factory, which is today the Cultural Center of Plomari. The Soap

Museum of Plomari exhibits soap manufacturing tools, wood and metal seals, packaging and wrapping of soap, labels, dryers, scales, pots and photographs.

Address: Plomari, Lesvos 81200

Tel.: 0030 22520 50101,
0030 22520 32320

FOLKLORE MUSEUM OF PLOMARI

The Folklore Museum of Plomari is located on the main square of Plomari. The exhibits reflect the rich folklore and naval tradition of the area and include local traditional costumes, household utensils, coins, historical documents, furniture, photos, and tools.

Address: Plomari, Lesvos 81200

Tel.: 0030 22523 50109

FOLKLORE MUSEUM OF RESIN COLLECTION OF AMBELIKO

The building itself is located in the courtyard of the Church of Agios Nikolaos of Ambeliko. The exhibition is structured into three main sections: the resin collection which is devoted to objects used by the workers to collect the resin, the folklore collection which includes exhibits such as household utensils, tools, musical instruments etc and the ecclesiastical collection in which are preserved and presented priests' garments, books, holy vessels, pictures etc.

Address: Ambeliko, Lesvos 81200

Tel.: 0030 22520 91287

FOLKLORE MUSEUM OF VATOUSSA

The Folklore Museum of Vatoussa is housed in the Gogos mansion, one of the finest neoclassical mansions of Lesvos. The

exhibition is structured in three sections (ground floor, basement and first floor) and includes objects illustrating the cultural wealth of the village and the region, such as books, agricultural tools, household utensils, photos and furniture.

Address: Vatoussa, Lesvos 81103

Tel.: 0030 22530 51224

BARBAYANNIS OUZO MUSEUM

The Barbayannis Ouzo Museum is located in Plomari, Lesvos, in front of the Barbayannis Ouzo Distilleries. In the museum visitors can see the original equipment used to bottle and label the famous Ouzo Barbayanni Blue, as well as the first alembic constructed in 1858 in Constantinople and used for testing century-old secrets and techniques, and to compose the recipes of the Barbayannis family.

Plomari, Lesvos 81200,

Tel.: 0030 22520 32741

MUSEUM "THE WORLD OF OUZO"

The "The world of Ouzo" Museum is housed in the Plomari Ouzo Distillery of Isidoros Arvanitis. Its purpose is to promote the traditional art of ouzo making which is characteristic for Plomari. Its collections include items used in distillation and bottling, tools traditionally used for the production of ouzo and the first bottle of Plomari Ouzo of Isidoros Arvanitis.

Address: Kambos Plagias, Plomari

Lesvos 81200

Tel.: 0030 22520 31450

E-mail: grammateia@ouzoplomari.gr

www.ouzoplomari.gr



AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVES

Several Women's Agrotourism Cooperatives have been active in Lesvos since the 90s, contributing with their presence to the conservation of the gastronomic culture, the promotion of the island and its economic development.

They are involved in the production of traditional dishes (savory and sweet), in an attempt to offer the purest products of the lesbian earth. Examples of these products are spoon-sweets, jams, pies, pasta, pastries, liqueurs, etc., all handmade with extra care.

The women's Cooperatives have their own workshop and their exhibition room which is a shop at the same time. They offer catering to events, while the Women's Cooperative at Petra owns rooms for rent and operates the restaurant during summer.



AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF AGIA PARASKEVI "SELADA"



The Agrotourism Women Cooperative of Agia Paraskevi "Selada" is located in central Lesvos, in an area of fertile land that yields fruits of unique taste and value. The cooperative continues the tradition and prepares cookies, pasta, olive oil, aromatic oil, spoon and baking sweets, a wide variety of savory.

Information:

Agia Paraskevi, Lesvos 81102

Tel. – Fax: 0030 22530 31196

E-mail: seladacooperative@outlook.com

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF AGRA "TA LEFKA"



Women's Cooperative of Agra «Ta Lefka» was founded in 2006. It is located in the homonymous settlement, on the outskirts of the newest volcano in Lesvos. Produces spoon sweets, syrups, pasta, traditional sweets, foods while also collecting and stan-

dardizing aromatic plants.

Information:

Agra, Lesvos 81105

Tel.: 0030 22530 95568,

0030 6948646351

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF MESOTOPOS



It was found in December 1998. The cooperative's rapid growth is due to the excellent quality of its products but also to the desire of women to exploit the fruits of the Lesbian land through their grandmother's recipes. In the kiosk of the Mesotopos women's cooperative one can find spoon sweets, jams, liqueurs, pasta, cheese products, baking sweets



while also offering the possibility of catering.

Information:

Mesotopos, Lesvos, 81105

Tel.: 0030 22530 96390,

0030 694 4592860

Fax: 0030 22530 96590

E-mail: mesotoposwoman@gmail.com

www.mesotoposwomen.com/

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF MITHYMNA



The Agrotourism Women Cooperative of Mithymna opened in 2004, was dissolved in 2008 and reopened the same year. They prepare sweets, pastries, pies, traditional foods. There is also a restaurant-café where women of the cooperative produce unique quality and tasty dishes using traditional local recipes.

Information:

Mithymna, 81108

Tel.: 0030 22530 71258

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF PARAKOILA



The Agrotourism Women Cooperative of Parakoila is located in northwest Lesvos, next to the gulf of Kalloni. Nature generously gifted it with a unique orange. The women wanted to keep their home place alive, setting up a cooperative in 2001. One can find spoon sweets, jams, liqueurs, pasta, cheese products, baking sweets, natural salt from the salt marshes of Kalloni bay.

Information:

Parakila, Lesvos 81107

Tel. – Fax: 0030 22530 94441

E-mail: info@parakilawomencoop.com

www.parakilawomencoop.com

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF PETRA



It was founded in 1983 and is the first women agrotourism cooperative in Greece. Its members rent rooms throughout the village of Petra. They offer guests a home-made breakfast and have their own restaurant with traditional dishes. They organize excursions to the island and bring tourists in touch with Greek culture.

Information:

Petra Lesvos 81109

Tel.: 0030 22530 41238

E-mail: lwomes@otenet.gr

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF POLICHNITOS



The cooperative was created in 1997 and is involved in the production of spoon sweets, jams and liqueurs, as well as the production of old wood and embroidery images. Also on display are

various herbs, olives, pickles and vine leaves.

Information:

Polichnitos, Lesvos 81300

Tel.: 0030 22520 42260

AGROTOURISM WOMEN COOPERATIVE OF SKALOCHORI



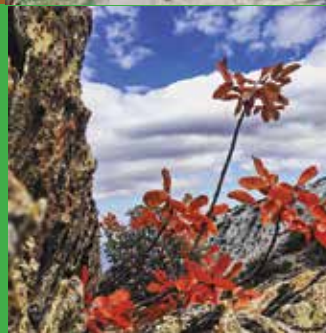
The Agrotourism Women Cooperative of Skalochoi is located in a beautiful, vibrant village in central Lesvos. Founded in 2000 by 49 women and utilizing the traditional recipes they inherited, they produce authentic premium quality products such as spoon sweets, jams, liqueurs, pasta, cheese products, herbs, herbs, almonds.

Information:

Skalochoi, Lesvos 81300

Tel.: 0030 22530 98887

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