



The last day, Thursday, June 12, we went to [Asklepion](#).
At the entrance.



A small restaurant just inside the gate.



Ticket sale.



This is just past the ticket control.

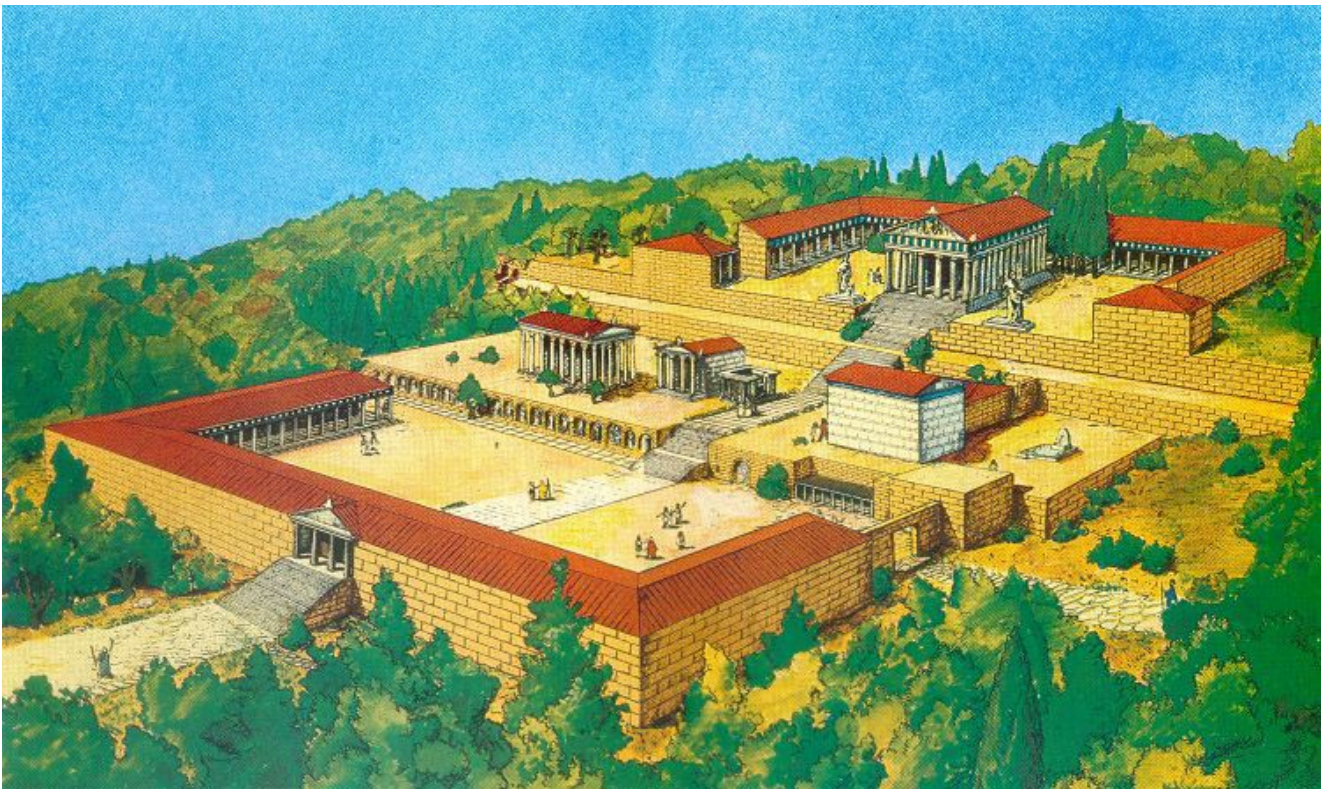


A wide staircase going up to the first plateau.



Supporting wall for the first plateau.

Asklepieion is an ancient medical center located 4 km outside Kos. It is from the first half of the 3rd century BC and it was built after the death of the famous ancient Greek physician [Hippocrates](#) in honor of the god of health and medicine, [Asclepius](#). The characteristic symbol of this institution was a snake, which the Greeks honored because of its ability to choose healing herbs. The doctors at this hospital were also priests and there was also a shrine that was available to anyone who wanted to pray.



It is believed that the place looked like this in its heyday.



Here's a spring.



Here we have gone up the stairs to the 2nd floor and are looking towards the entrance.



Torunn and Svein headed up the stairs.



The stairs up to the third floor.



This is baths.



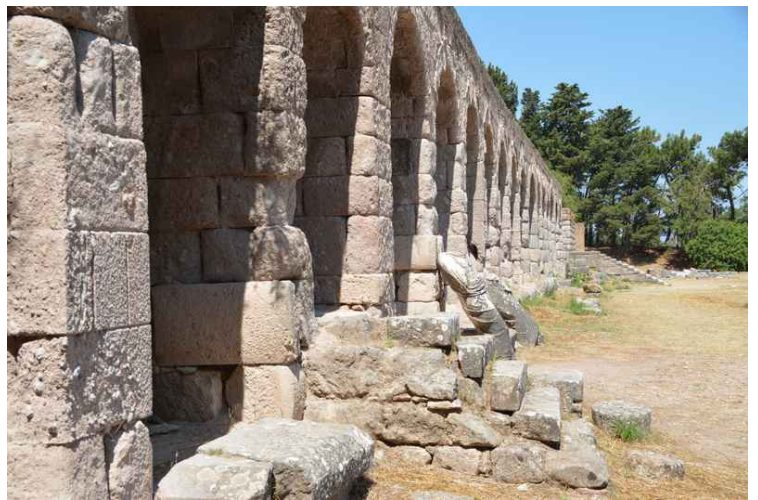
Cones on a thuja tree.



The supporting wall for the third plateau.



There was once a [stoa](#) here, ie a covered portico.



Here we see along the wall for the 3rd plateau.



Remains of statues.



A well.



It grows some moss where the water flows.





The stairs up to the 3rd level.



Remains of a temple.



The minister's residence.



Steps up to the 4th level.



Here was a Doric temple that was dedicated to Asklepios.



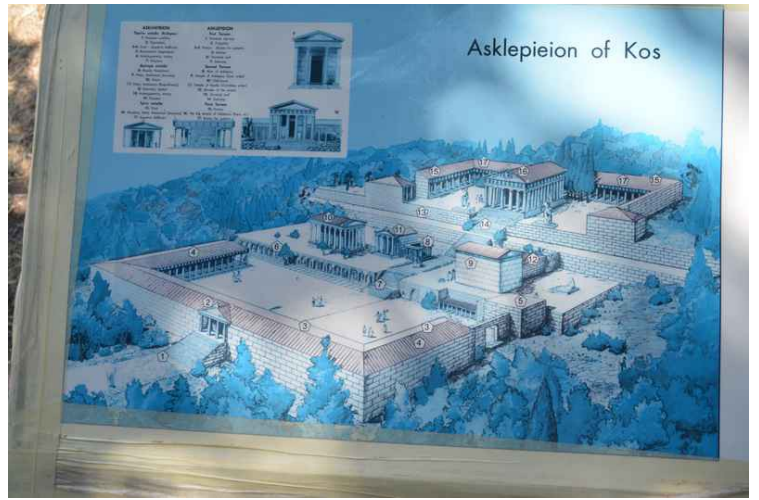
View of the area from the top.



View.



The predecessor of Lego bricks?



Picture of the information board showing how the area might have looked like.



Here we have moved on to Therma. This is the upper parking lot.



A little bar.



The area around.



The sign standing by the road downwards.



There were some who rode on donkeys instead of walking.
We were walking.



It is steep downward.



The upper station for the donkeys.



Anne Berit is talking with one of the donkeys.



There were a couple of donkeys in the enclosure.



The road further down.



The road where we came down.



Almost down.



Here we come to the bottom station of the donkeys.



Just before we get to the hot springs there is a beach.



The beach.



A café/kiosk.



An abandoned house.



[The hot springs.](#)
Another [link.](#)



The hot springs is containing elements such as potassium, sodium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur and chlorine. It is said to be an ideal treatment for eg rheumatism and arthritis. The beach and the hot springs were discovered in 1934 by the Italian archaeologist Laourentsi.





Up in the steep bluffs went goats that grazed on the small bushes that grew there.



Then we had to walk up the steep slopes towards the car in the parking lot.



Ready to move upward.

Svein was still a little dull after pneumonia and penicillin, so he did not have to walk the steep hill in the sun. He had a beer at the top café instead.



We look across the strait to Turkey which is not so far away.



Hotels in Aklafti/Agios Fokas.



Apartments a little further up the hill.



The road ahead.



We had lunch at a restaurant located by the beach.
It's called AGKYRA.



I had mussels.



Views of Turkey.



View to Ayarlar in Turkey.



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The last day was spent packing, breakfast, check out and taxi to the airport. The plane was on time and we were at the airport in Gardermoen at approx 1400. Then we had to collect our luggage. It was not long to wait before the shuttle bus was going to Kongsvinger. From Kongsvinger station we took a taxi home.