LÉSVOS 7. - 14. SEPTEMBER



<u>Lésvos</u> (Lesbos) is the third largest island in <u>Greece</u> and the eight largest in <u>the Mediterranean Sea</u>. Here lives about 90 000 people and a third live in the main city <u>Mytilene</u> that lies south east on the island.

The largest villages are <u>Kalloni</u>, <u>Gera Villages</u>, <u>Plomari</u>, <u>Agiasos</u>, <u>Eresos</u> og <u>Molyvos</u>.

Lesbos is lush and green, and is therefore called the «emerald island». Eleven million olive trees cover around 40 percent of the island together with other fruit trees. Forests with pines, chest nut trees and some oak trees amounts to about 20 percent, and the rest is scrub and copcewood, grassland, or urban areas. In western parts of the island lies the worlds second largest <u>petrified forest</u> of genuine giant spruce.

In accordance with classical Greek mythology a god called Lesbos was protector of the island. <u>Macareus</u> was after the saying the first (legendary) king, who with his many «daughters» gave name to many of the largest villages on the island.

Lesbos was a member of the <u>Delian League</u> (479–428 BC). Was in the Middle Ages a duchy. In the 1300s Lesbos belonged to the Genoese family Gateluzzio. 1462–1913 Turkish, 1913 Greek, 1915–18 occupied by the British. During WWII occupied by the Germans.

This time we traveled with <u>Ving</u>. The plain departed from Gardermoen at 17.35 and was at the airport in Mytilini at 22.15. We were going to stay in Molyvos, on the other side of the island, and the bus trip took about 2 hours, such that we were not at the hotel until one o'clock in the night. The hotel is called <u>Sea Horse Hotel</u>. It lies right by the harbor in Molyvos.



This is the view from our terrace. We are looking inwards the small harbor.



This is the entrance to the harbor.



There are restaurants along the whole quay.

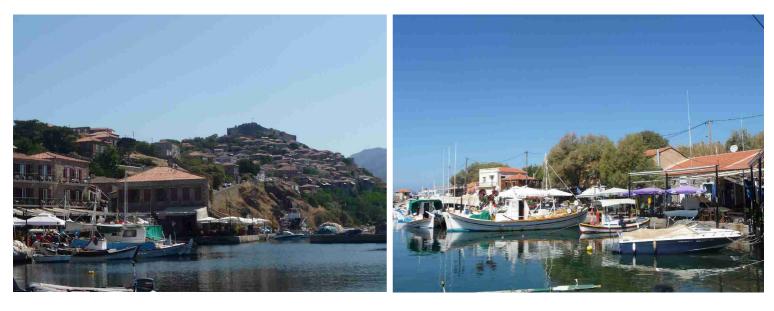


It is late morning and no guests.



Artistic impression.

A picture from the harbor.



Looking toward the entrance to the harbor. We stayed at the hotell to the left. The old town and the fort on the top in the background.

From the harbor.



Two of the restaurants by the harbor.

The street, leading to our hotel.



A small restaurant.

View down to the beech in Molyvos.



This is the way we have to go to get from the harbor to the beach.

Along the beach are various restaurants.



Another restaurant.

View from the beach towards the harbor.





Further ahead we go past some fig trees.

Was it fig leaves like this that Adam and Eva used?



Here are a lot of olive trees and we are looking up to the fort on the top of the town.

Here we have zoomed a little.



There grows other trees too. Here is a tree, which is loaded with berries.

Here are the berries.



A donkey is standing in here, and it is very curious about what we wnat.

Olives.



We are returning to beach promenade again. Here is a bar We enter this restaurant. The owner was from Sweden and in an old boat.

was married to a Greek. She has lived here for 17 years.



Here a view towards the harbor where we stay.

There is a cat here too.



These bushes with berries, which resembles blackberries, grow along the edge to the sea.



It looks like if these wasps like the berries.



We have beer and later on Ouzo.

Cheers.



Looking south along the coast.

A speed boat is towing three rubber boats along at full speed.



It goes with a lot of splashing.

Here we get a glimpse of the harbor.



Back in the hotel we have an excellent sunset.

One day we are at the beach.



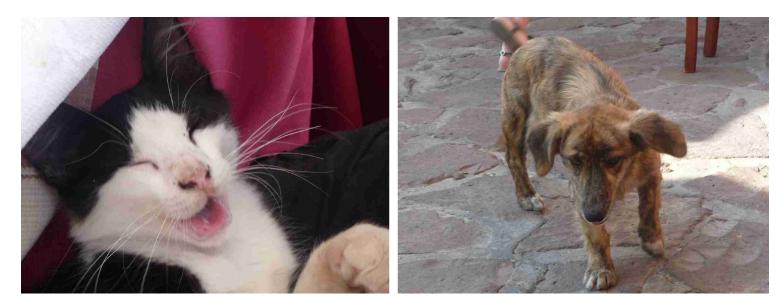
Later in the day we are sitting at a restaurant, and this cat is getting on very well with Kjell.

It is laying down to sleep.



While sitting there a tourist boat is coming alongside the quay.

The octopus is hanging for tendering.



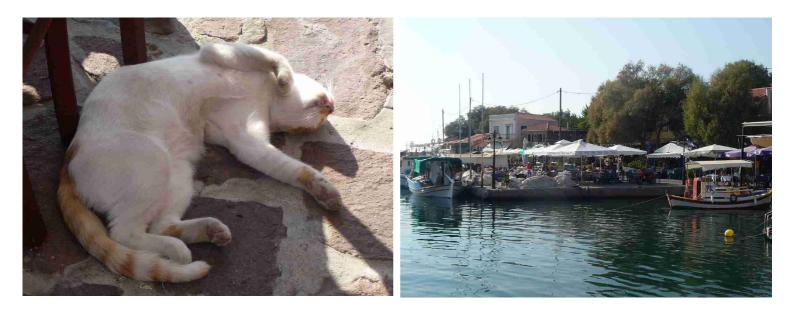
The cat is yawning.

There are dogs here, too.



The dog also like to be scratched a little.

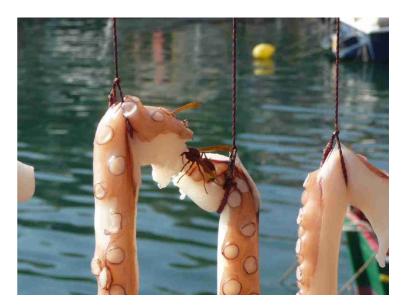
The cat is still asleep.



More cats.



Looking across the harbor.



The wasp is eating octopus.

The octopus arms are tendering.



The fishing boat is preparing for the evenings trip.



Another tourist boat is coming in.



The tourists goes ashore. The guy to the left is Dimitri. He owns the hotel, which we stay at.

The dog wants to go on board.



Tourists has gone off and new ones have gone onboard.



The boat is backing out from the quay.



Here it is continuing.

Small fishes are swimming in the surface.



This is the restaurant right outside our hotel.



A nice flower on a creeper right behind the hotel.



Here we are going on a donkey trail.



The donkeys are ready saddled.





The are chewing straw while waiting.

Patient animals.



Kjell has got his donkey.

Here he is making friends with it.



In the start the trail went out in the bush. We ha plenty to do to stay in the saddle. Furthermore we had to lead the donkeys in the most difficult stretches.

Here we have a break at a taverna at the top.



We had beer and something to eat.

Here the donkeys get the rest of the bread. They were in an enclosure while we were eating.



Anne Berit has got her donkey back.

Ready to continue.



Good pace.

The rest of the trail was on good roads.



We were about 20 persons participating on the trail.



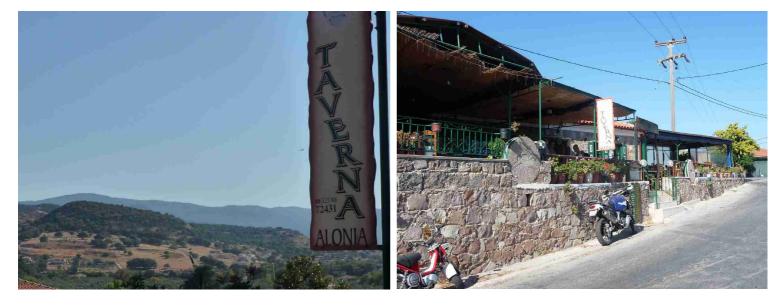
Here we are looking back on the hill where we had been.

View downwards to Molyvos.



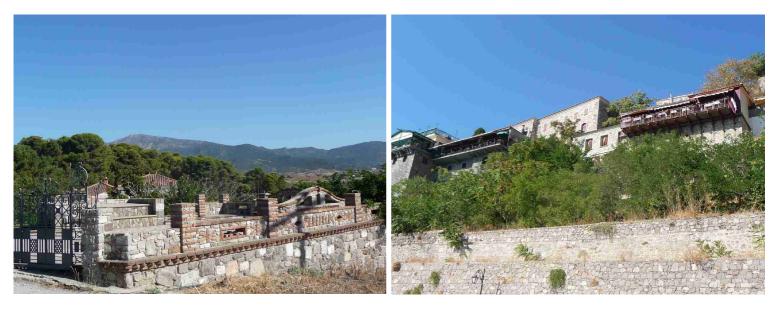
Approaching the town.

Soon back where we started. It was a nice trail.



When we were finished with the trail, we neded some refreshments at this taverna.

It looked like this from the outside.



Some nice walls just below the taverna.

On our way back to the hotel we take a picture of the houses, which are laying high in the town.



Terraces far outside the walls.



Back at the hotel we can see that one of the biggest fishing boats is taking in a large net. They are probably going to set it in the evening.



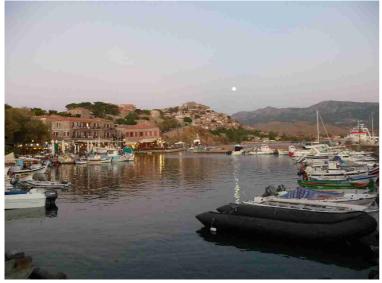
In the evening there is a full moon.



At the back side of the hotel.



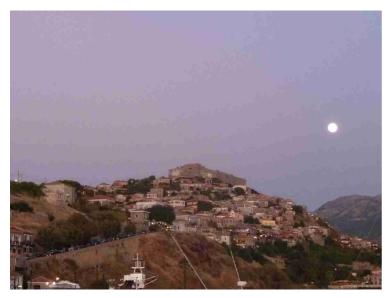
A lot of flowers.



On an evening stroll furthest in the harbor.



Here we are looking across to the hotel where we stayed.



The moon has moved a bit.



A restaurant beside the hotel.



The boats ar lying quite densely in the harbor.

Kjell is visited by another catt.



It looks to have a good time.

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