

## SAMOS 17. - 24. AUGUST 2019

We booked a last minute deal to Samos at [apollo](#). When the plane leaves early in the morning we find it most comfortable to travel to Gardermoen the night before. We therefore booked a room at the [Park Inn by Radisson Oslo Airport Hotel West](#) and we reserved a space for the car at [Gardermoen Parkering](#), which is right next to the hotel.



Here we are at the entrance to Gardermoen Parkering.



From Gardermoen Parking we look directly at the hotel.



On our way to the hotel we took a picture showing how much rye berries there are on the trees this fall.



Here I check in.

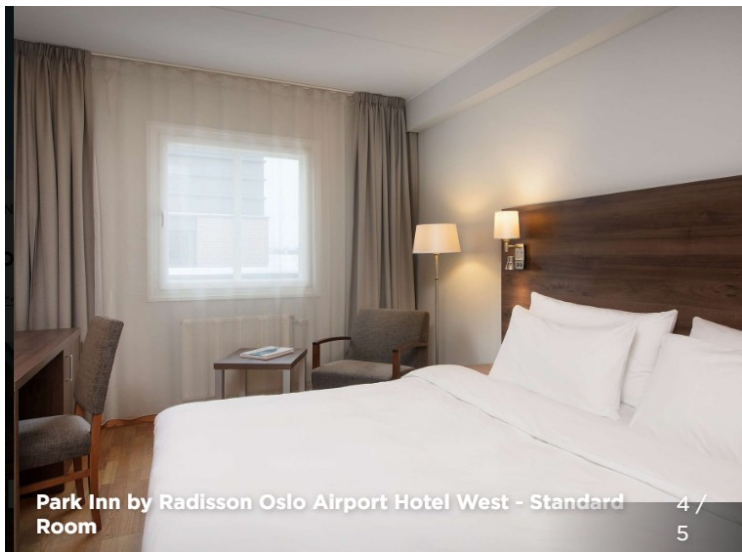


This is inward.



This is out towards the entrance.

Meanwhile, Anne Berit is taking pictures of the restaurant. It hasn't opened yet.



Our room looked something like this.

From the room we could see cars parked at Gardermoen Parking and we could see the airport further afield.

When the restaurant opened, we went there to eat.



I had grilled sea crab for appetizer.



Anne Berit had ham with asparagus.



For main course I had steak.



Anne Berit had salmon.

Early the next morning we had some to eat for breakfast. Then we took the Shuttle bus to the airport. The ticket price was included in what we paid to have the car in the parking lot.

På [UNESCOs verdensarvsliste](#) står helligdommen [Heraion](#) og [Eupalinos tunnel](#), som er antikk ingeniørkunst. First, a little about [Samos](#).

The island is located in the archipelago called [the northern Aegean islands](#) off the coast of Turkey. It is separated from the Turkish mainland by the [Mycale Strait](#) that is 1.6 km wide.

In [ancient Greece](#), the island was a center of [Ionian](#) culture and was a powerful city-state. The great mathematician and philosopher [Pythagoras](#) was born on Samos. So was the philosopher [Epikurus](#) and the astronomer [Aristarchus of Samos](#). Samos produced a wine that was sought after in antiquity and is still produced.

Samos has been ruled by the Persian Empire, Athens, Sparta, Egypt, the Selev Empire, the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, Genoa, the Ottoman Empire. In 1834, Samos became a partially independent state, but subject to the Ottoman Empire, Samos was united with Greece in 1912.

Business in Samos is mainly based on agriculture and tourism. The foremost agricultural products are grapes, honey, olives, olive oil, citrus fruits, dried figs and almonds, besides flowers. Muskatell is the most important grape. The island is also known for the tobacco industry and ceramics.

[UNESCO's World Heritage List](#) includes the sanctuary of [Heraion](#) and the [Tunnel of Eupalinos](#), which is ancient engineering art.



The map to the left shows where Samos is situated.

We were to stay in Kokkari, which is northwest of Samos town.



Here we have landed at [Samos International Airport](#). We flew with SAS. We had ordered food on board, but I found the food to be so poor that I didn't eat much.



Here I sit on the transfer bus to the terminal.



When we had received our luggage, it was to find the bus that would take us to our place of residence. Here the bus is ready.



Right at the airport there is a lake called Glyfada. There are not many lakes on the Greek islands.



In the outskirts of Pythagorion we passed [Pythagorion Archaeological Museum](#). Here we see some of the excavations done.



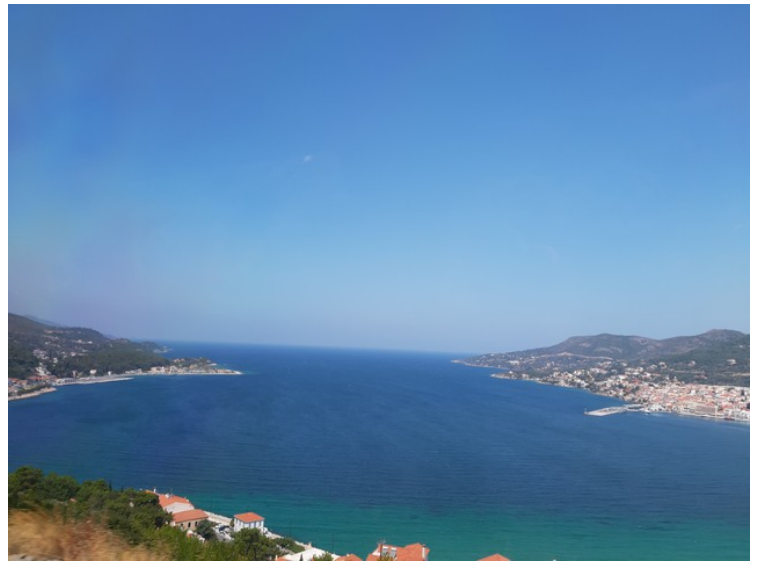
Here we look down towards Samos marina which lies just east of Pythagorion.



The bus drove to many different hotels to get people off. Here we look over the Mycale strait towards Turkey.



Then we got to the north side of the island. We look down at Samos town or [Vathy](#). It lies at the bottom of a fjord.



A few more pictures of Vathi.



In Kokkari we had booked an apartment at [Archangelos Village](#).



We got the apartment shown in this photo.

When we arrived we were greeted by a guy who took care of our suitcases and we were welcomed by a lady who runs the hotel and she showed us around the apartment.



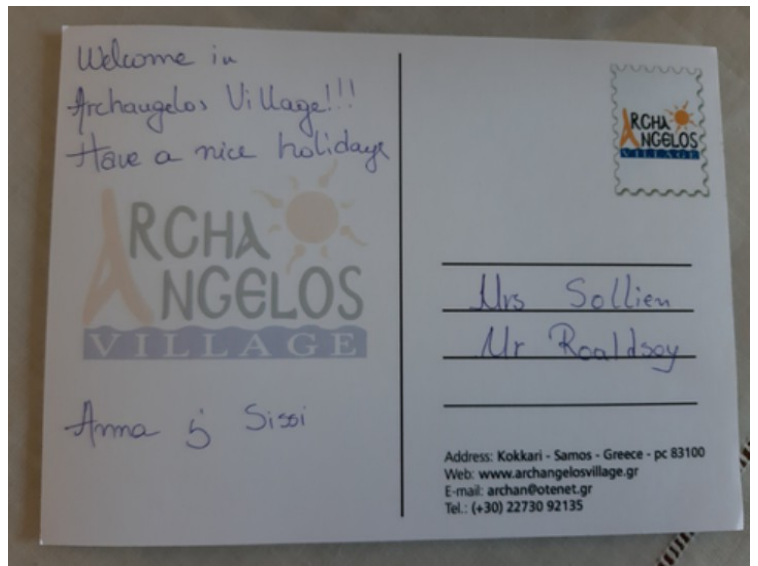
On the table in the living room lay a hotel binder.



There was also a fruit platter and a bottle of liqueur.



This is the front of a postcard.



At the back it was addressed to us with a wish for a nice holiday from Anna and Sissi.



We also received a welcome drink of choice and a dish of baked goods. We chose beer as a welcome drink.



Here I am acclimatizing.



This is in the bedroom. There was a heavy mosquito net around the bed. We didn't see any mosquitoes while we were there. There was also mosquito netting in front of all the windows, so the only place where mosquitoes could enter was when we had the door to the patio open.



As we looked out the window of the bedroom we looked across the fields.



This is the living room with kitchenette at the rear. At the back we see the small terrace.



From the balcony we looked out onto a jacuzzi bath which was located on the roof of the building next to us.



The large terrace looks like this.



There are also two sun loungers here.



The apartment was very nice, among the best we have ever had. The only thing we could put our finger on was that there was some rotten wood in the door frame out to the large terrace. Here, there was an ant colony that had found a living quarter. We had to be very careful not to leave food crumbs anywhere, because then the ants would be crawling there after a short while.



Here I sit on the terrace one evening.

Each morning we got fresh rolls that were hung in a crocheted bag on a hook outside the door.



The hotel was built along a pedestrian street.





Some pictures from the street.



This is the front door to the reception.



Opposite the reception is the pool which belongs to the neighboring hotel.

It was decorated with many kinds of figures everywhere. Here are pictures of some of them.



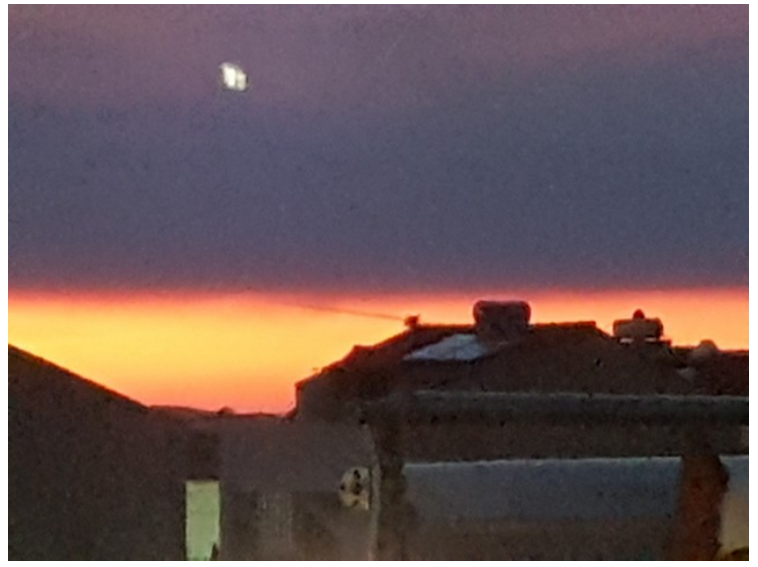
Nice bougainvillea.



This seating area was just below our stairs.



This is the first time we've seen. There were pigeon figures on all the roofs. We have the theory that it is to prevent live pigeons from sitting on the roof and leaving behind pig shit.



There were many fine sunsets when we were there. We tried to take pictures, but they were not as good as reality.



There were several restaurant nearby. The closest is called [Meltemi](#). [TripAdvisor](#).



We ate here several times, both lunch and dinner. We thought it was the best restaurant nearby.



When we come in we go through the inside restaurant, and tables are set out towards the beach. We always sat outside, because there was always fresh breeze, so it didn't get as hot as inside. It was also possible to rent loungers and umbrellas on the beach, and there were tables here as well that one could use.



As a rule, there were strong winds, so there were pretty big waves every day.



This is one of the days. Waiting for the food.



Another day. Have eaten the food.



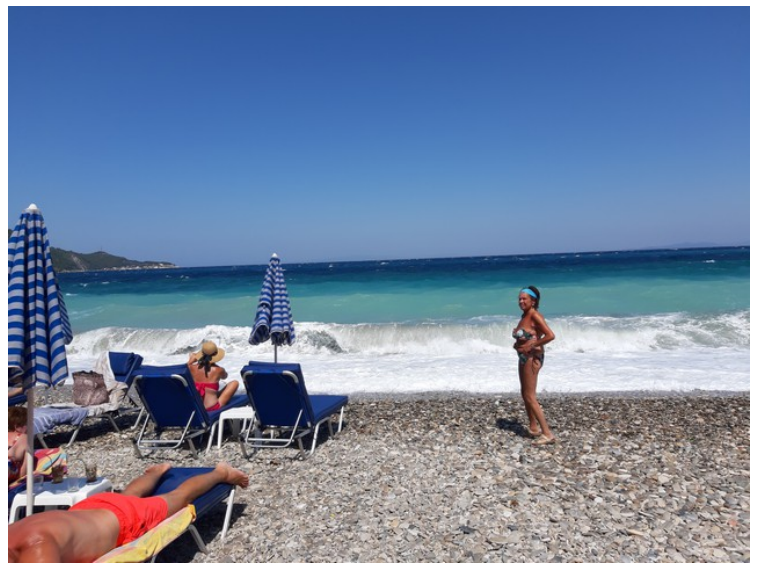
Here they use paper cloths with maps of the island.



Every afternoon they moved the restaurant tables out on the beach. The chairs also had to be moved. One of the waiters carried large loads of chairs. Another was a specialist in carrying tables. It was a bit of a job. I expect they got a lot of guests in the evening who would eat out on the beach. The next day, all the tables and chairs were in place inside.



I pay in the payment terminal inside.



Big waves.



We ate at [Mythos restaurant](#) once. Here we are heading into the room. A roof is made over part of the outdoor restaurant. We sat down there. [TripAdvisor](#).



Here we sit and look towards the entrance. The food was OK, but we did go there only once. We liked it better at Meltemi.



When we had eaten, we took a picture of this tree painted on the wall in the entrance.



On the way back to the apartment, we took a picture of this ornament standing in a niche in the wall of the hotel.



Another da day we went to eat at [Dionyssos restaurant](#).  
[TripAdvisor](#).  
This is a picture on one of the walls.



Anne Berit is ready to order food and drinks.



So am I.



This is the restaurant seen from the street.  
We went here only once, although the food and service  
were perfectly OK.



One day we walked east towards the harbor. Along the  
main street are various shops and restaurants.



An Italian pizza restaurant.



Several restaurants along the beach.



Here we come to a headland before we reach the harbor.



We walk along the harbor promenade.



We see the harbor further ahead.



Here the boats lie in shelter from the wind behind the pier.



There is a small beach here too.



A restaurant out on the promontory.



The pier.



The lighthouse at the tip.



There is a small height inside of the harbor, but we did not go up there.



The promenade goes up a small hill.





There are nice planted everywhere.



Here the promenade goes down again. Below are a number of restaurants.



We came here.



We sat here for a while and had some snacks and ouzo.



This is the harbor promenade further afield.



The wave splash goes high above the restaurant tents at the bottom of the bay.



There was a duck flock that swam to and fro in the harbor.



The wave splash went high also where we sat.



Here we look inward into the fjord in the direction of Samos town (Vathi).



Here we are on our way back to the apartment. We walk past one of the restaurants in the harbor.



On our way back.



A picture of a door.



Then the stay came to an end here, We got help to carry our luggage to where the bus will pick us up on the way back to the airport.



We got a goodbye gift before we left the hotel.



In the bag was a soap from Samos.



Also, there was a photo with magnet on the back so that it can be hung on the refrigerator door, so that every time we approach the fridge, we will be reminded of Kokkari on Samos.