

Before we went to Thailand, we found out that we had some spare time for a trip to Greece. Ving had a cheap charter trip, which we thought looked OK. The trip went to Thassos via Skiathos, where we let out some passengers, and then to the airport outside Kavala. From there we went by bus for 15 minutes to Keramoti, ferry in 40 minutes to Limenas and then the same bus again for 2 minutes until we were at the hotel.



Thassos is positioned farthest north in the Aegean Sea, divided from Thrace on the main land by the 6 km wide Thassos strait. Thassos is a mountainous island. The highest peak on Thassos is Ypsario (1205 m or 3428 ft). The valleys are wooded by chestnut, spruce and pine. Important agricultural products are tobacco, maize, olives, honey and wine. Other trades are animal farming (sheep and goats), fishing and tourism. The mining industry is producing marble, especially in the Panagia-area where one of the mountains near the Thracian sea has got a big marble quarry. An antique marble quarry can be seen utmost at the protected peninsula Aliki. Early in the 1970's Thassos became a base for the petroleum operations in the northern parts of the Aegean Sea.



Limenas is the capital of Thassos. It is built over the ancient city, and there are therefore a lot of old ruins around in the center of the town. There are a lot of Greeks that are coming to Thassos for vacationing. Especially those who are living north in Greece are coming here. The price level is quite favorable at the island, compared to other places in Greece. The food is good and traditional, and so is also the service.

This time we traveled with Ving. They have their own airline company called Thomas Cook Scandinavia.



Arrived at the airport in Kavala. People are struggling with their luggage.



On the way to the port we went through a marsh landscape.



Here in Keramoti the ferry is waiting for us.



The outskirts of Keramoti.



The center in Keramoti.



Fishing boats in Keramoti.



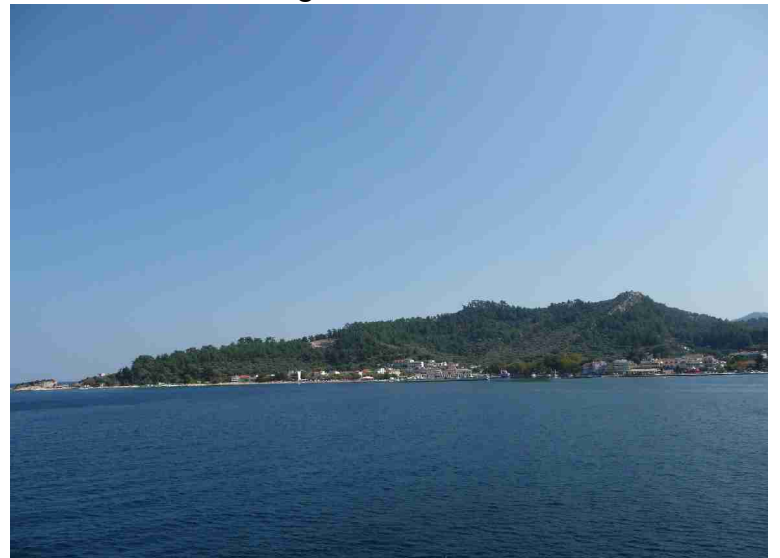
A flat landscape with mountains in the rear.



A lot of seagulls followed the ferries.



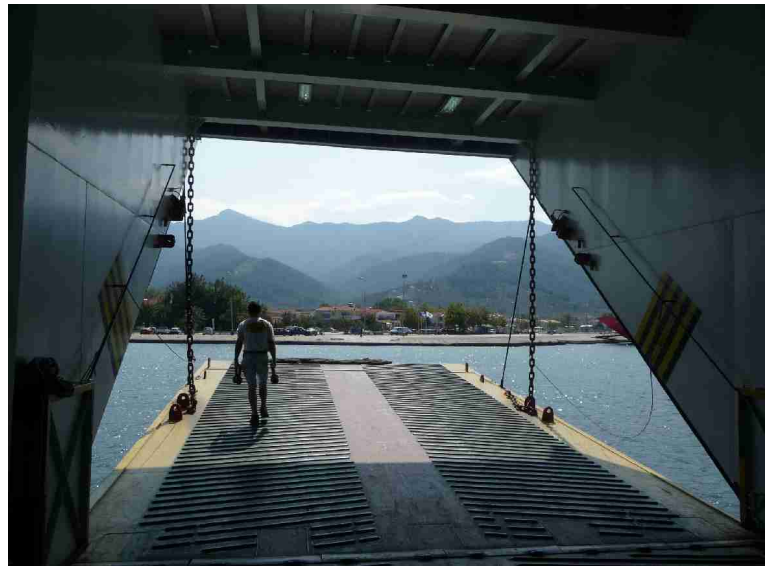
At the ferry.



Approaching Thassos.



The mole for small boats.



Not a second is wasted when the ferries are docking.



Cars and passengers out of the ferry.



Kjell is waiting for the bus to coming ashore.



Here our bus is coming.



Arriving at the hotel we were hungry, so we went to a bar just outside the hotel and bought a pizza.



Then we bought some groceries at the supermarket right beside.



This is the view from our terrace in the evening.



This is the view the next day.



Here we can also see a bit of the neighboring terrace.



This is how it looks like at the entrance from the street.



The entrance view in the evening.



The shopping street downtown.



The harbour for small crafts. The fishing boats are laying in a row.



More boats.



A view back towards the center.



Relaxing with a Mythos beer.



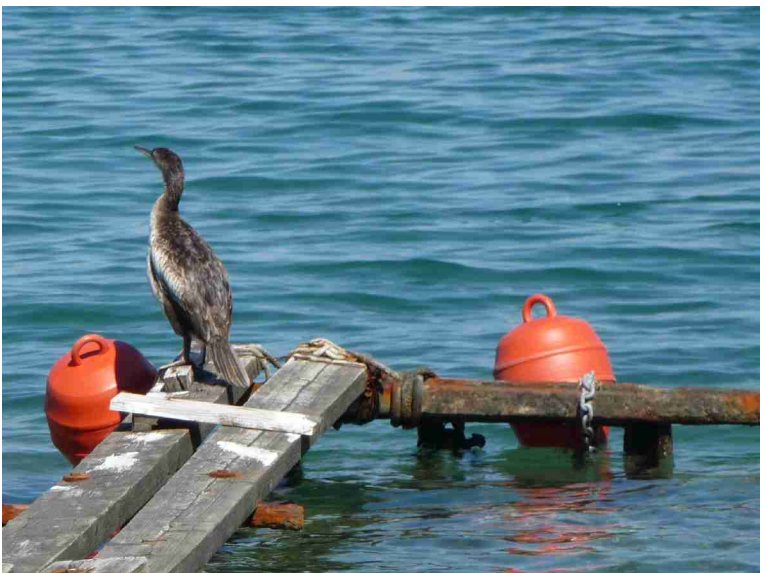
A bee caught in the flight.



Kjell is inside to pay for the beer.



The beach.



Still more boats.



A cormorant bird.



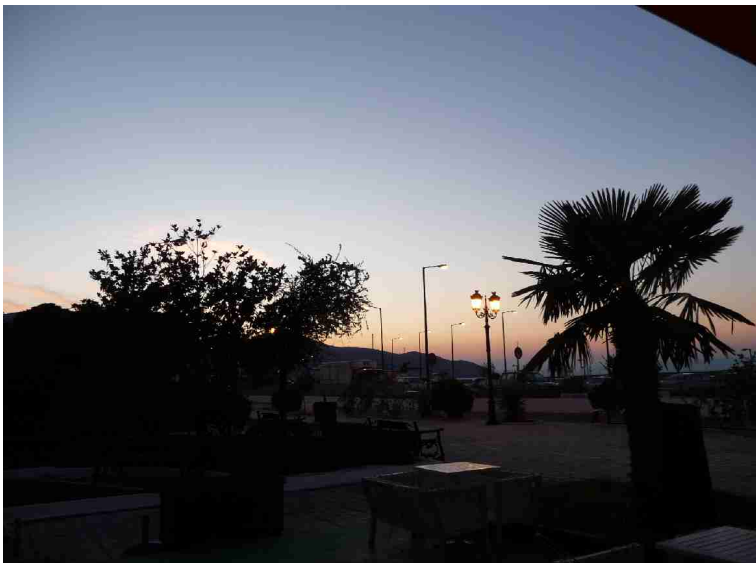
Seagull.



Back at the hotel.



Having dinner in the evening, down by the harbor.



The next day we goes down to the center to have a look at



It is becoming dark when sitting there.



They take care of remnants today and don't build over them.



A puzzle.

ruins from the Roman times.



A bit further on is another area where they are excavating and restoring a bit.



Right besides lies a church.



It was built in 835 and is one of the oldest churches in Thassos. It is dedicated Saint Nicholas.



The bell tower is standing besides.



Church and bell tower.



Nearby the church is an archeological museum. These stone coffins are right inside the gate.



Pillars.



A restored mosaic floor.



Anne Berit is standing besides an unfinished eagle statue from Roman times.



Kjell is looking at an unfinished lion statue from late Hellenistic times.



A tool made of marble.



A peep into the main building.



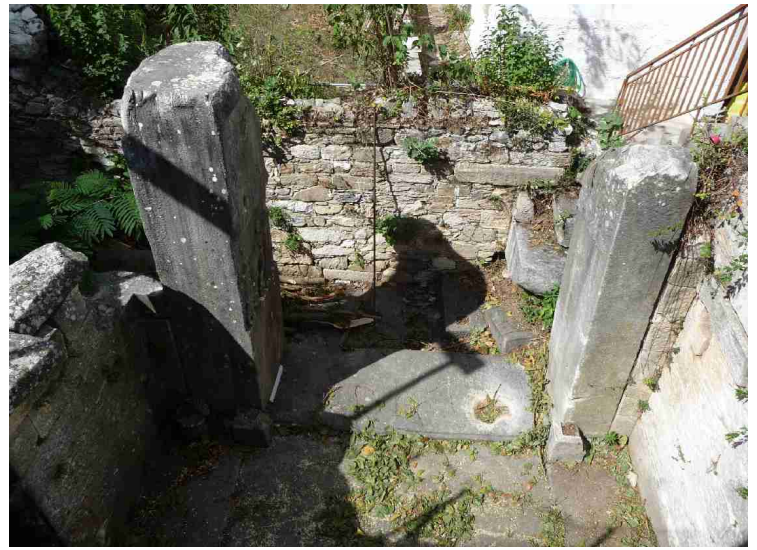
Boats in the harbor.



A tiny boat among the bigger ones.



More boats.



Old remnants of ancient buildings, a gate.



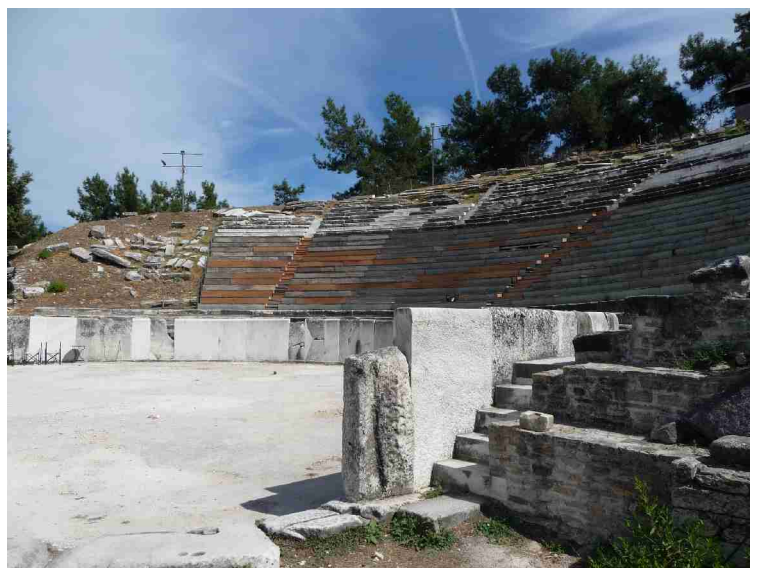
Up in the hills we come past the ruins of a memorial that was dedicated to Dionysus, the theater god.



A bit further up we are starting to get a good view of the city.



Anne Berit is going into the amphitheatre.



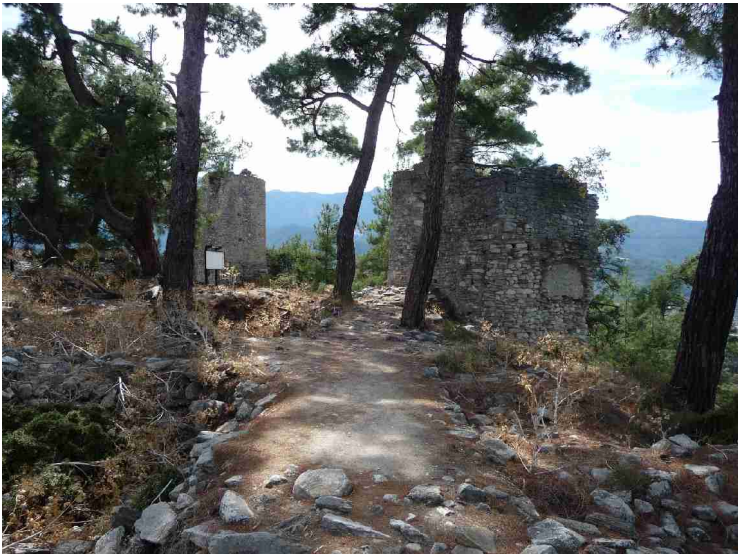
The theater is from the 5. century BC.



Still further up we are passing a small chapel.



Here is a good view of the bay outside Limenas.



This is at the top on the Acropolis, 137 m.



The first walls were built about 500 BC.



Good view over the sea in the direction of the mainland.



There was built an altar for Apollo up here and a treasury for the town of Limenas.



Most of the ruins, which can be seen today are probably from the Middle Ages.



Here we had dinner in the evening.



Kjell is looking after the left-overs.



The cats are going to get them.



There were a lot of cats and all got a taste.

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