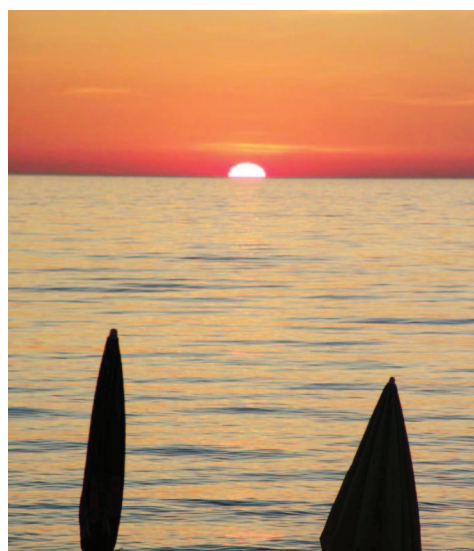




LESVOS GUIDE - ACTIVITIES

Welcome to Skala Kalloni, in the center of the island of Lesbos! It is the best spot for excursions around the island.



SHOPPING

Skala Kalloni offers souvenir shops and grocery stores which are open daily until late at night.

Kalloni (5' driving distance) provides many more shopping options. The opening hours for shops are: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday - 9: 00-14: 00, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9: 00-13: 30, 18: 00-21: 00, Sunday - closed.

To buy traditional souvenirs from Lesbos, one should visit Mantamados (25 'driving distance) and Agiasos (25' driving distance), both famous for their handcrafts made out of wood and pottery.

NIGHTLIFE

Scala's restaurants are the best places to try local recipes, such as the delicious sardines of the gulf of kalloni, stuffed zucchini flowers, oil cheese saganaki and "sugania"-stuffed onions. Skala Kalloni also offers bars and cafes for cocktails, dancing and nightlife. For more choices, you should visit Molyvos (20 ' driving distance) or Mytilene (25' driving distance).





BIRDWATCHING / NATURE

Kalloni's bay, protected by UNESCO, is a haven for hundreds of birds from early April to October. Lesvos also has some rare and unique species of flora and fauna such as orchids, dragonflies and reptiles. Therefore, Skala Kalloni is the spring and summer meeting point for bird watchers and all kinds of naturalists.

SWIMMING

Skala Kalloni has an organized beach. It is ideal for families with young children, as it is particularly shallow and warm. It is also suitable for surfing, kite surfing and water sports as it is a closed bay, shallow and with high winds.

Lesvos offers numerous options for organized or secluded beaches/coves all around the island. One should visit the beach of Vatera (45 ' driving distance), the largest organized beach of Lesvos, and Skala Eressos (45' driving distance).





EXCURSIONS – POINTS OF INTEREST

In the traditional village of **Agia Paraskevi** (10' driving distance), lies the Olive Oil Museum and the ancient temple of Napeos Apollo (Klopedi). Every summer, the unique festival of the Bull also takes place in this village.

Molyvos (20 ' driving distance) with its imposing castle and its traditional settlement is a reference point for Lesbos. Walking on its cobbled paths, one can shop and enjoy the nightlife.

Mantamados (25' driving distance) is also a traditional village, celebrated for its handmade ceramics. The Monastery of Taxiarches in Mantamados is the most important religious destination of Lesbos.

To the north, one should visit **Skala Sikamnias**, and dine at its picturesque harbor, overlooking the church of Panagia Gorgona.

The village of **Petra** (distance 20 ') is also a top destination. Climb to the renowned church of Virgin Mary of Petra, at the top of the rock that overlooks at the center of the village.

In the western part of the island, **Sigri** (50 ' driving distance) is located, which hosts the Natural History Museum of Lesbos and the Petrified Forest (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Close by lies **Eressos**, home to the ancient poet Sappho, which also boasts a magnificent beach.

To the south of the island, lies **Plomari**, home of the renowned drink, ouzo. One should take a tour of the ouzo museums and visit the beach of Ayios Isidoros.

