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Areopoli and Limeni

The gateway to the Inner Mani, a little over an hour south of the cottage. Areopoli is a stone town of towers and lanes where the Mani rose against the Ottomans in March 1821. Just below, Limeni is a turquoise harbour with the Mavromichalis tower on the water and tavernas by the sea.

From the cottage

Limeni about 1 hour 5 minutes; Areopoli about 1 hour 10 minutes.

Best for

History, tower houses, swimming and a long seafood lunch.

Combine with

The Diros Caves, about 15 minutes further south.

Everyday needs

Shops, bakeries, pharmacy and cash machines in Areopoli.



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1. Areopoli: Taxiarches square
2. Limeni harbour
3. Neo Itylo beach
4. Castle of Kelefa
5. Itylo village

See and do

- **Taxiarches church, Areopoli.** The 18th century church on 17 March 1821 Square, with a tall bell tower and carved zodiac signs. Here the Maniots under Petrobey Mavromichalis declared the revolution.
- **Pikoulakis tower.** A restored tower house holding a museum of Mani churches (check the seasonal hours).
- **Castle of Kelefa.** A large Ottoman fortress above the bay, free to wander.

Swim

- **Limeni.** Ladders and rocks into very clear, deep water right by the tavernas. Only in a calm sea, and never dive in.
- **Neo Itylo.** A long pebble beach at the head of the bay, calmer and good for children.

Eat and shop

- **Limeni waterfront** for fish and seafood with your feet almost in the sea.
- **Areopoli** for tavernas on the squares, bakeries and local products.
- **Evening.** Areopoli is pretty after dark when the lanes are lit.

Through the year

- **Mid March.** Several days of celebrations around 17 March in Areopoli.
- **Summer.** Limeni is busy at lunchtime; go early for a table by the water.
- **Winter.** Areopoli stays open; some Limeni tavernas close.

Good to know

- The road south from Kardamyli via Agios Nikolaos and Itylo is scenic and winding; allow extra time.
- Parking in Limeni is limited; there is space along the road above the harbour.
- Michael, our local manager, is a phone call away for recommendations.



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