



Karlovasi city



History

It is located 32 Km west of Samos Town. In the old days it was mentioned as Karlovasia (plural of Karlovasi) because it was comprised out of three communities. New, Middle and Old Karlovasi upper the port. They were all independent villages and built on the hills that are surrounding the valley. During the 1950's they were united along with a Karlovasi settlement and thus comprised the Municipality of Karlovasi.

Nikos Dimitriou in his book "Samian Folklore" supports the idea that the origin of the name derives from the surname "Karlovas" which is probably the correct interpretation.

It was first inhabited in the beginning of the 17th century with its first inhabitants being Samians that had migrated to Chios island to avoid pirate raids and then returned back. Afterwards Peloponnesians, Cretans, Icarians, Naxians and others followed. Old Karlovasi was built first, well hidden in woody area and then the other villages followed build on hills and far from the sea out of fear for the pirates. Last was the harbor where building began in the 8th of September 1871 and last was Ormos settlement.

Karlovasi is the headquarters of the Mathematical school of the Aegean University and is a major commercial center. Many inhabitants are also occupied in viniculture and the olive oil business.

Since its early days in Karlovasi there were many tanneries operating that were destroyed during the 2nd world war and the following civil war. The Tanning Museum and the ruins along at the coast show the size and the wealth that they had brought to the city. This industry was flourishing in Karlovasi not because there were plenty of leathers but because there were plenty of pine barks as well oaks that were used for the production of tannic acid for the processing of leathers. After the discovery of chemicals for production tannic acid the industry has diminished.

Monasteries

Three km southeast of Karlovasi, next to the road that leads to Konteika village, located the monastery of Profitis Elias (Prophet Elias) on an altitude of 200 meters. Its construction began in 1739 by the monks Neophilos and Gregorios.

Do not miss

West of Karlovasi located the beach "Potami" (=river). There is a small waterfall and the church of "Metamorphosi" (=transfiguration) that dates back to the 11th century and is the oldest church surviving on the island. Potami is a waterfront settlement that is developing because of tourism. Western of "potami" (40 and 55 min

walk) located two beaches with great natural beauty, the Small and Big Seitani beaches, both are protected areas since they are the habitat of the Monachus-Monachus seal.

Where to go

- Visit the Folklore museum with 1,200 exhibits which covering a chronological period from 1870 to 1955 and combine elements of rural and urban folklore. Tel +30 2273 350871
- Visit the Tanning Museum which exhibits leather processing tools, machinery, processed leather, photographs, historical information, etc. Tel +30 2273 350871
- Walk at tanneries area at the area of Ormos Karlovasi
- Visit the imposing churches at the city
- Walk at the market at the center of Neo Karlovasi, at the streets N.Vliamou & I.Zaimi street
- Visit the old town "Palaio Karlovasi" above the port of Karlovasi

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Karlovasi city fast facts

Population : 7.400 persons

Region area : 2.21 km².

Density : 3.5 persons per m²

Altitude : 0 - 43 m

Postal Codes : 832 00

Position : width 37°47'30.95" A
length 26°42'17.80" B

