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History of Plomari

Megalochori - after named Plomari- was the biggest rural centre of the region, and was constituted by 18 small rural villages, called Plumaria.

In 1841-1843 big fires burned down old Plomari, (Megalochori), while few years later, in 1850, the big frost destroyed the olives of Lesvos and led to desperation the residents of Plomari.

In this difficult economic situation, the sharpness and the motives of Veniamin Lesvios (his origin was from Megalochori), prompted the residents of Megalochori to move to the coastal region of Plomari. According him, this repatriation nearby the sea would encourage the development of trade.

The fishermen and the seamen that lived there moved to the area Ammoudeli, next to the estuaries of river Seduntas.

So, the initial core of Plomari resided by the area Ammoudeli, near the area of Saint Nikolaos, which was named later Archontomachalas, gathering the most urban residences of Plomari.

Northern were assembled more artisans, artists and independent professionals and at the Eastern side, in the area called Tarsanas, resided the naval population.

Plomari had a great economic growth from the end of 19th century up to the second world war. During this time a lot of industries built. Soap-factories, two olive-core factories, flour mills and ouzo distilleries, mainly across the coastline, because the adjacency with the sea helped a lot the production and transportation of the products.

The various art-based laboratories of Plomari, also covered the needs of local population, and the rest region of Lesvos island.



The base of economy nevertheless remained always the olive crop and the industries that coexisted with the harvest of olives.

Olive crop was the only crop in Plomari and the landowners constituted the superior economic layer of city that extended in industrial and trade activities.

The particularity of Plomari stems from the impressive architecture of houses, morals and customs, and the local linguistic difference.

The residents of Megalochori and of the other villages of region were the core of the new village, nevertheless the 19th century seamen from Cyclades, Kythira and Psara islands were installed in Plomari, as well as from Peloponnese and mainland of Greece, which were profited by the prospects of economic growth and the limited Ottoman presence in the region.

Although the adjacency with the sea, Plomari at first remained small and just in 1928, after decades of economical and commercial development, had the harbour and the jetty that characterizes it up today.

The manufacture of harbour gave new impulse in trade and the transportation, up to 1950 when the new road network of island was developed and progressively the roads replaced the sea network that connected Plomari with the Asia Minor, Istamboul, Black See and also with the islander and southern Greece.



The Plomari City... today!

The modern village is structured around the old historic centre and the church of Agios Nikolaos.

It includes the neighbourhoods Platano, Agia Paraskevi, Tarsana, Agora and the Suburb Profitis Ilias.

Eastern of Plomari and at 2km away is the coastal resort of Agios Isidoros and western is the picturesque beach, Ammoudeli.

At the district Tarsanas, gathered the sailors and experienced technicians that made sailing-vessels for the Aegean ports.

The climatic conditions throughout the year, are among the best of the Aegean islands.

Mild winter, unique spring, refreshing summer and an unforgettable Aegean autumn.

At Plomari, on a permanent 24-hour basis, offers health services a well staffed and equipped Health Centre.

Apart from the excellent health services, a modern system of telemedicine functioning there!



PLOMARI...
...OUZO was BORN here!



The production of ouzo in Greece began in mid-1850 and its zenith occurred at the end of the 19th century, having as a production centre, the area of Plomari.

The ouzo production by a modern distillation method, increased in 19th century, after the Greek independence. Lesvos island was the centre of this production. This region even today remains the major producer of Greek qualified ouzo.

In 1932, producers of ouzo developed a new method of distillation by using copper distillers, a method that is considered to be the most appropriate method nowadays.

Plomari is the "mother land" of ouzo.

Ouzo of Plomari is one of the most favourite Greek spirits.

Has its own personality, its own taste, its own legacy and keeps its own secrets, secrets that are so familiar to the local distilleries that produce it.

All these secrets have concentrated, and have made it a product of great importance and high quality.

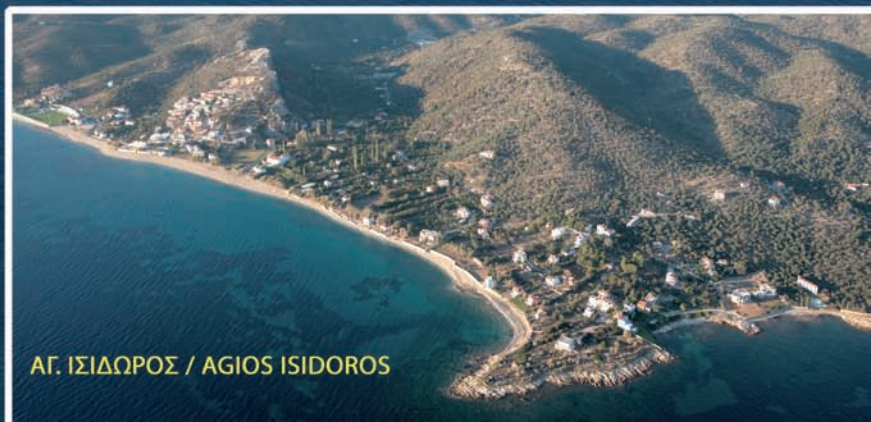
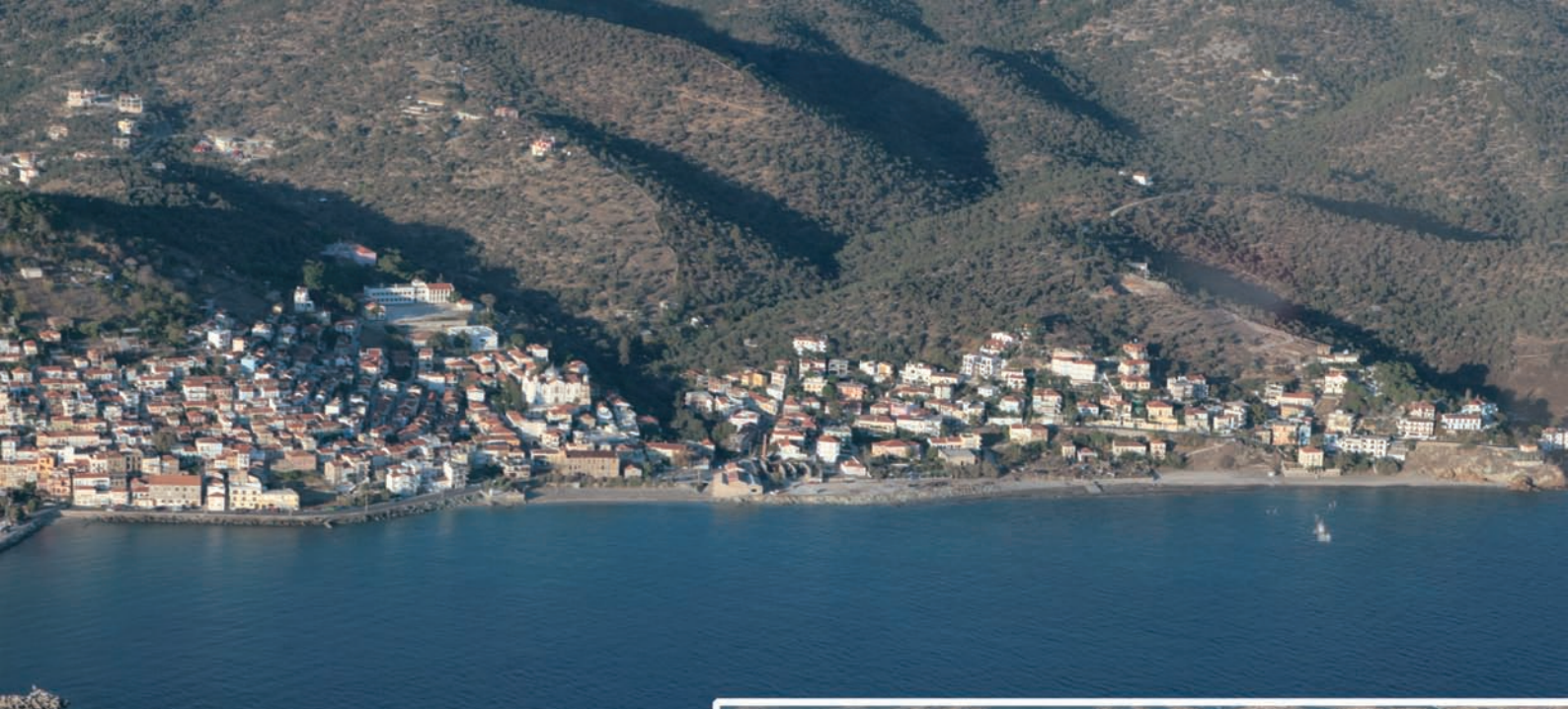
At Plomari you may taste all the varieties of local distilleries and choose which of them suits better to you.



ΠΛΩΜΑΡΙ / PLOMARI



ΜΕΛΙΝΤΑ / MELIDA



ΑΓ. ΙΣΙΔΩΡΟΣ / AGIOS ISIDOROS





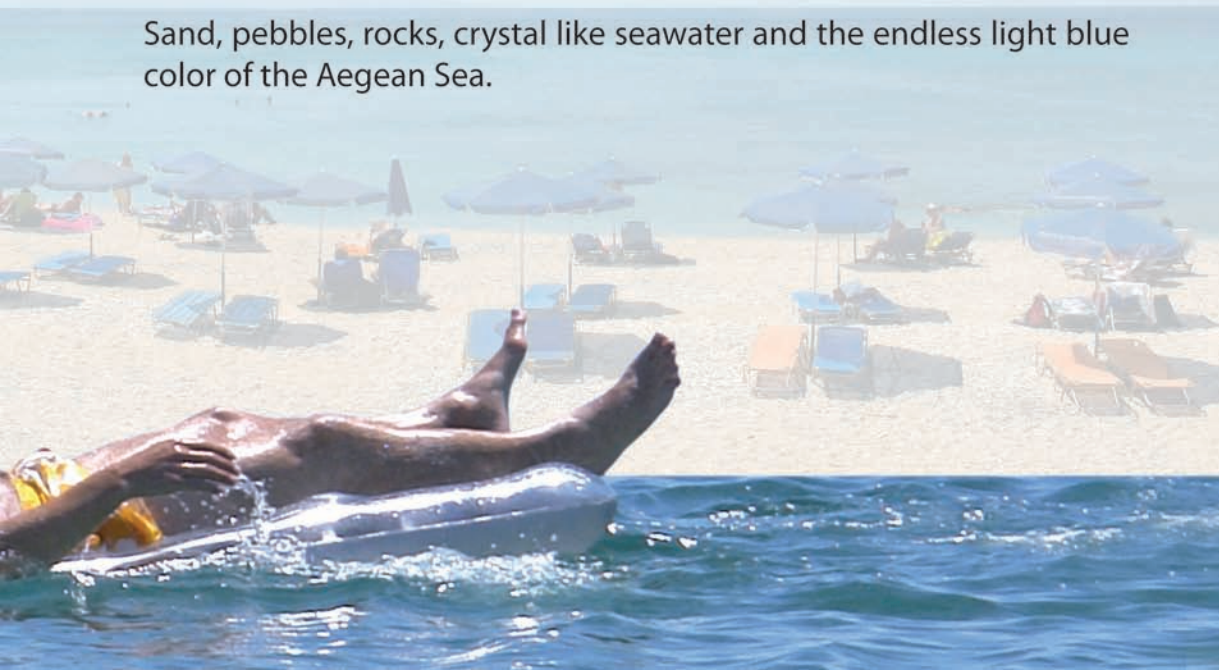
Beaches

At the fantastic area of Plomari, the visitor will be attracted by fantastic beaches.

The beach of Agios Isidoros, will amaze you with crystal clear waters.

Also the beachers of Ayia Barbara, Melinda, Ammoudelli.

Sand, pebbles, rocks, crystal like seawater and the endless light blue color of the Aegean Sea.



Nature & Outdoor Activities

There are many activities that you can do in the really wonderful natural environment of the municipality of Plomari.

Trekking

Special signed paths will offer you amazing sights so you will learn easily about the unique natural beauties of Plomari Municipality.

Horse riding

By riding the calm horses (coming from a farm nearby), you can enjoy the beauties of our Municipality or «getting wet» by the waves of the sea during your coastal rides.

Mountain Biking

Special signed routes for mountain biking for all ages and all levels. You may find bicycles in most hotels of Plomari area.

Bird Watching

For the advanced bird-watchers, in this region you can see unique species of migratory birds especially the months May and September.

Also unique are the blooming flowers in the wider region of the Municipality.



Churches - Monasteries

As in any place of Greece, there are also dozens of churches and chapels across the Municipality of Plomari.

Particularly, do not forget to visit the following:

The Cathedral of Plomari, a three-aisled basilica dedicated to St. Nicholas (1847).

The small church of Agia Paraskevi at the entrance of the town. The temple has been made with white marble, according to the Byzantine design of Orlandos

The church of Prophet Elias at the highest point of Plomari where at the top of the hill, you can admire the unique view.

The chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, where its roof is inspired by the temples of Byzantium.

The chapel of Panagia Krifti, which is engraved inside a rock and accessed only by boat.



Olives and Olive Oil

Olives !

Green crushed, half-ripened, half-bitter and carved, stored in salt-water.

Black, wrinkled and salted from the basket or the jug and pickled with slices of fresh lemon, combined with ouzo, at the fish-taverns !

Olive-oil!

The"ladel" as the natives call it ...Amber-coloured with the chromatic reflection of the sun-light and the sea salt, delicious, exciting, stored in jars in the cellars, with numerous uses:

From mystic offering to the Holly Unction and candle lighting in churches, till being the dominator of the local traditional cuisine, beloved "God" of the local celebrations.

The olive oil of Plomari, has been awarded with gold world awards and has been already preferred, around the world.



Products of Plomari

Salted preserves ! Aegean Sea's sardines stored in white sea-salt, have the first word at the meals, necessary company of ouzo drink at the fish-taverns, firstly soak the salt out of them and afterwards olive oil and slices of onion on the top...beloved friends !

Cheese ! "Ladotyri" cheese, made of fresh sheep and goat milk, matured and then cut on big slices and stored in abundant olive-oil inside earthenware jars, hidden ...at the cellar, has the first word at the mealtime, and ..."Feta" cheese soaks inside pieces of cloth and ..."myzithra" cheese in tiny baskets, fresh or even dried and salted ...

Fishes & Shells ! Chubb-mackerel, bogues, brown pickerels, horse mackerels, sea breams and stripped gray-mullets, squids, octopuses dried in the sunlight and... shell-fishes, fruits of sea, the blessed fruits of the Aegean and the Lesvian fishermen's fatigue

Honey ! Amber and wheat-colored, rosy with the sweet smell of thyme, myrtle, olean-der, all the earthly colors and smells compose this juice of the bees, accompanying the freshly-roasted slices of bread during the workers' break, the traditional sweets and the ...baklava at the marriage's ceremony....





ΠΛΩΜΑΡΙ

Ο σύγχρονος οικισμός είναι δομημένος γύρω από το παλιό ιστορικό κέντρο και την εκκλησία του Αγίου Νικολάου και περιλαμβάνει τις γειτονιές Πλάτανο, Αγία Παρασκευή, Ταρσανά, Αγορά, Προάστιο, Προφήτη Ηλία.

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ΑΚΡΑΣΙ

Ένας οικισμός 17 χλμ. από το Πλωμάρι. Η αρχιτεκτονική του παρουσιάζει μεγάλο ενδιαφέρον. Επίκειό του είναι η ειδυλλιακή παραλία της Δρώτας, όπου θα βρείτε φρέσκο ψάρι, αγνά φρούτα και κηπευτικά.

AKRASI

A settlement about 17 klm away from Plomari. Its architecture reveals a great interest.

A special characteristic is the ideal beach of Drota where you will find taverns with fresh fish, fruits and vegetables.



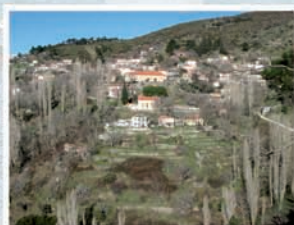
ΑΜΠΕΛΙΚΟ

Ορεινός οικισμός χτισμένος στις πλαγιές του Ολύμπου. Όλα γύρω του είναι τυλιγμένα στο βαθυπράσινο του πεύκου. Βρίσκεται 21 χλμ. από το Πλωμάρι.

ΑΜΠΕΛΙΚΟ

A mountain settlement built on Olympos mountain.

All the round area is full of pines. It is 21 klm away from Plomari



ΜΕΓΑΛΟΧΩΡΙ

Αιωνόβια δένδρα και γάργαρα νερά συνθέτουν μαζί με την αρχιτεκτονική του κληρονομιά ένα υπέροχο σύνολο. Ο καθαρός αέρας προσφέρει απλόχερα δροσιά και υγεία. Οι δύο εκκλησιές με τα ξυλόγλυπτα τέμπλα, φέρνουν τον επισκέπτη πιο κοντά στο Θείο.

MEGALOCHORI

What you can see there are trees and fresh cold waters, while the architecture constitutes a great scene.

Clean fresh air, and two churches, bring the visitors close to God.

ΝΕΟΧΩΡΙ

16 χλμ. από το Πλωμάρι, βρίσκεται το μικρό αυτό χωριό.

Οικισμός ιδιαίτερα αξιοπρόσεκτος. Έχει πλούσια βλάστηση και πολλές φυσικές ομορφιές.

NEOCHORI

16 klm away from Plomari.

Is a very nice settlement, with plain vegetation and natural beauty.



ΠΑΛΑΙΟΧΩΡΙ

Ο γραφικός αυτός οικισμός του οποίου δεσπόζει η εκκλησία της Ευαγγελίστριας απέχει 11 χλμ. από το Πλωμάρι.

Είναι τυλιγμένο στο ασημοπράσινο της ελιάς με την παραλία της Μελίντας να απλώνεται νωχελικά στα πόδια του.

PALEOCHORI

The village Paleohori is 11 kilometers from Plomari decorated with the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Evangelistria.



ΠΛΑΓΙΑ

Πολύ κοντά στο Πλωμάρι βρίσκεται ο πεδινός οικισμός της Πλαγιάς. Στην κεντρική του πλατεία δεσπόζει ο αιωνόβιος πλάτανος.

Ο οικισμός διατηρεί όλα τα αρχιτεκτονικά χαρακτηριστικά του. Επίνειο του μικρού χωριού, η Αγία Βαρβάρα.

PLAGIA

We will find the village Plagia situated in a plain very close to Plomari.

The port of the village is situated in the area Agia Varvara



ΤΡΥΓΩΝΑΣ

Όμορφο χωριό, πολύ κοντά στην Πλαγιά.

Οι γραφικές παραλίες του Πάτος και Αυλάκι, θα σας προσφέρουν την ησυχία τη γαλήνη και την επαφή με την φύση. Βρίσκεται πάνω στο βουνό 9 χλμ. από το Πλωμάρι.

TRIGONAS

The village Trygonas is a very beautiful village, very close to Plagia.

It's on the mountain and only 9klm away from Plomari.





GREECE

MYTILENE

PLOVARI