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Areopoli and Limeni

A little over an hour south of the villa you cross into the Inner Mani. Areopoli is a town of stone towers and lanes where the Maniots rose against Ottoman rule in March 1821. Below it, the harbour of Limeni has turquoise water, the Mavromichalis tower at the water's edge and tables set almost in the sea.

From the villa

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

Ideal for

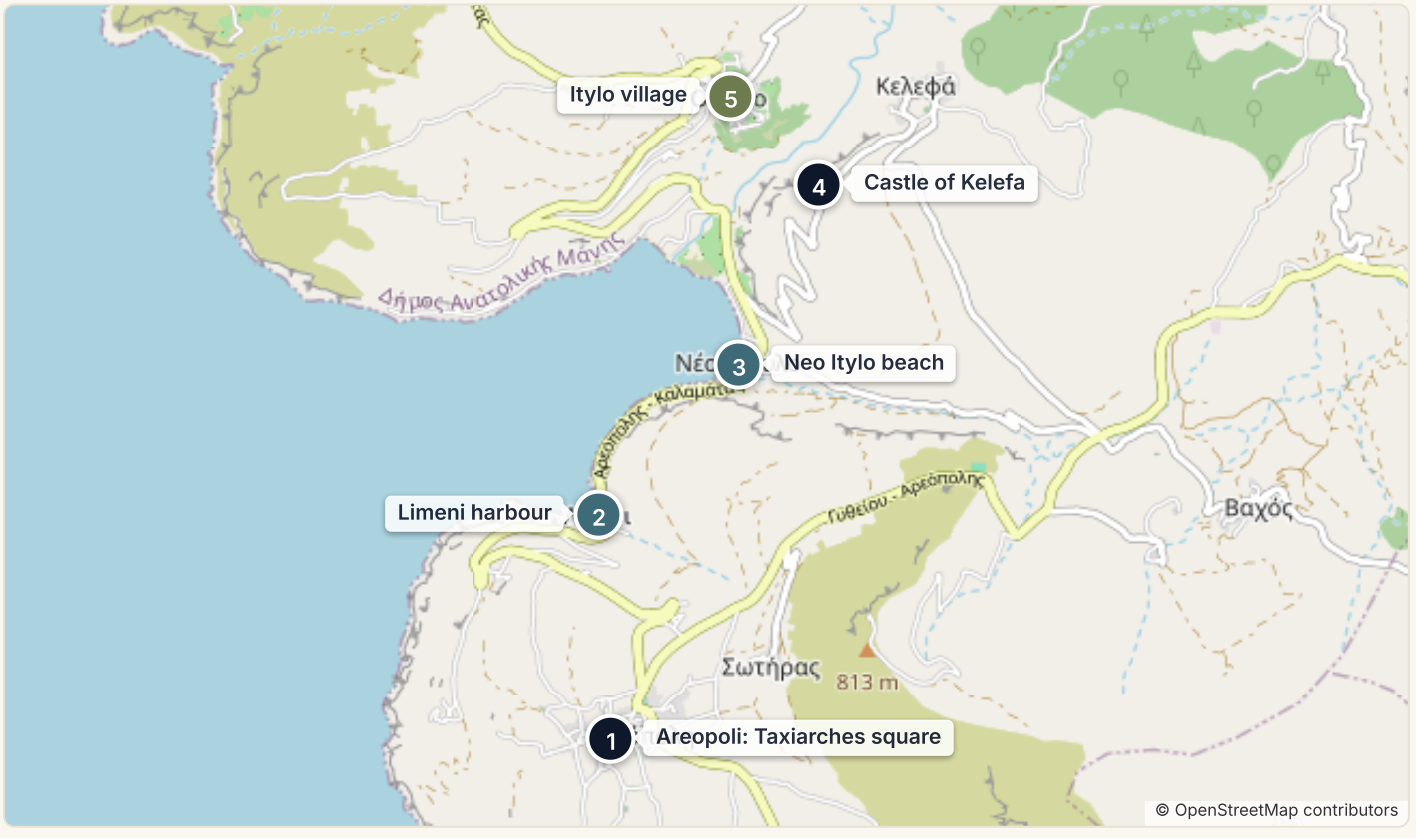
History, towers, a swim and a long seafood lunch.

Pair with

The Diros Caves, about 15 minutes further.

Daily needs

Shops, bakeries, pharmacy and cash in Areopoli.



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

In Areopoli

- **Taxiarches church.** 18th century, on 17 March 1821 Square, with a tall bell tower and carved signs of the zodiac. The revolution was declared here under Petrobey Mavromichalis.
- **Pikoulakis tower.** A restored tower house with a museum of Mani churches; seasonal hours.
- **Kelefa castle.** A large Ottoman fortress above the bay, open to wander.

Swimming

- **Limeni:** ladders and rocks into deep, very clear water beside the tavernas.
- **Neo Itylo:** a long pebble beach at the head of the bay, gentler for children.

Eating

- **Limeni waterfront** for fish and seafood right by the water.
- **Areopoli squares** for tavernas, bakeries and local products.
- **After dark** the lit lanes of Areopoli are lovely for a stroll.

Seasons

- **Around 17 March:** several days of celebration in Areopoli.
- **Summer:** Limeni fills at lunch; arrive early for a waterside table.
- **Winter:** Areopoli stays open; some Limeni tavernas close.

Tips

- The road via Agios Nikolaos and Itylo is beautiful and slow; allow time.
- Limeni parking is limited; use the road above the harbour.
- Michael, our local manager, is on the phone if you need a recommendation during your stay.



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