

DISCOVER CHIOS DURING THE CARNIVAL PERIOD

24-26 February 2023 **(Organised by SEAFRONT & HOMELY STUDIOS)**

PROGRAM

24 FEBRUARY (FREE TIME)

Arrival to Chios.

You have free time to discover the city and do sightseeing (cafes, shops, museums, old castle).





19:00 We will be transferred to Lagada for dinner. After dinner again transferred to the Hotel. Free time. Next morning after breakfast you will be transferred to Chios port in order to join the rest of the group who will arrive to join the event.



25 FEBRUARY/SATURDAY (SOUTH TOUR)

1. Departure from the port of Cesme at 0920 for the remaining group.
2. Arrival at Chios at 0950.
3. Pick up outside of the customs with the bus in order to start the tour.
4. First stop at medieval Pirgi where the outer walls of the houses are decorated with geometric shapes with a very special plaster technique.



5. Our next stop is MESTA, the medieval village that was protected from the attack of pirates by its perfect city planning.



6. We will stop at Lithi beach for lunch/coffee.



7. Our last stop is at medieval village of Vessa.



8. Return to the Hotel for relaxation and around 2100 we will go with the bus to a tavern with live greek music (optional, not included in the price). After dinner you will return with taxi.

26 FEBRUARY/SUNDAY (CARNAVAL)

After breakfast we will check out from the Hotel and we will head towards the traditional area of Kambos which dates from the Genovese period (1346-1566). Kambos has big old estates with citrus trees and most of the buildings as well the walls surrounding the roads are built with local stone. We will walk 35 minutes till we reach Thimiana village where the Mostra festival will take place.



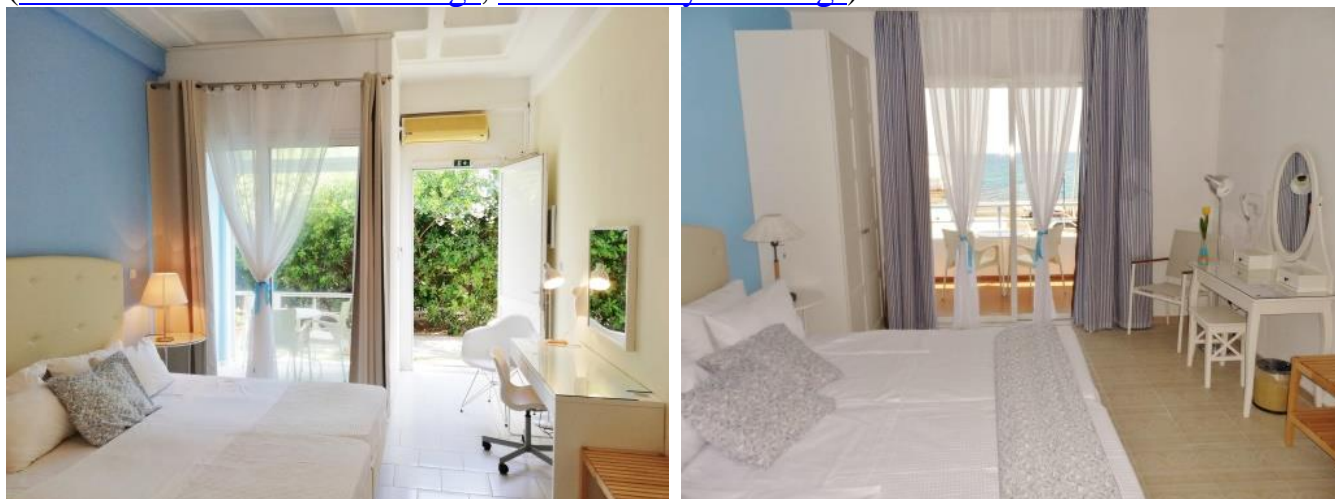
The Mostra tradition has roots back to the Middle Ages, when pirate attacks to the island were very common. It is said that during the Carnival time, while all the villagers were celebrating, the watchtower guards sent a signal that pirates were approaching the coast. The men of the village immediately went there and set up an ambush. The pirates were defeated and the villagers took their prisoners back to the village where they showed them off (Mostra comes from the Italian mostrare) and celebrated. In commemoration of this battle and victory against the pirates, a representation of the battle takes place every year, performed in the streets of the village with the traditional Talimi dance. There are two groups of dancers representing the villagers and the pirates. They dance in pairs, holding swords, dressed in traditional costumes. In the end they dance the Detos dance, holding each other by the arms, a sign of reconciliation and friendship. Afterwards the parade of masquerades starts, that cross Thymiana village, dancing at the sound of carnival music. The parade usually has a satirical theme and the people of Thymiana dress up and set up the Mostra, that is, the handmade carnival chariots, performing satirical numbers and wearing handmade masks.



At Thimiana we will stay till 1500 where you will enjoy the atmosphere of the Mostra festival.

Prices include: (per person):

- Accommodation (SEAFRONT & HOMELY STUDIOS)
(www.chios-seafront-studios.gr, www.homelystudios.gr)



- If you come for 1 night (2 days of transfers with a bus except Saturday night after dinner)

Room for single use	110€
Room for use by 2 people	70€
Room for use by 3 people	60€
Suite (used by 4 people)	60€

If you come for 2 nights (transfers with a bus from Friday evening (from Hotel for dinner) till last day except Saturday night after taverna)

Room for single use	170€
Room for use by 2 people	115€
Room for use by 3 people	105€
Suite (used by 4 people)	105€

Not included:

- Meals
- Taverna Program on Saturday night (live greek music, 35euro)
- Ferry ticket and tax port

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