

Women's Holidays - Go Girl!

ISLAND OF LESVOS - GREECE 8th – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2018 DETAILS & ITINERARY

A Women's Group Holiday to the International Eressos Women's Festival One of Europe's biggest Women's Festivals

Staying at the 4* Aeolian Village - Enjoy a fantastic holiday on the beautiful Greek Island of Lesbos

SUMMARY ITINERARY

Join Women's Holidays for the 2018 International Eressos Women's Festival. Whether you're travelling solo, a couple or with friends you'll have the opportunity to meet and mix with women from all over the world. Your Women's Holidays representative will meet you at Gatwick airport to help you check in and be ready for an amazing holiday. For those travelling from Birmingham, or for the second week our representative will meet you at the hotel resort in Skala Eressos on arrival.

Before our group dinner on Saturday evening join us for our welcome drinks party at Neilson's Beach Resort pool bar. Enjoy complimentary drinks and the chance to meet everyone in the group and chat about the planned events during our holiday. After dinner in the village we we'll all go to the opening festival party.

The rest of the holiday we'll meet for breakfast, lunch and evening meals before going into the village of Skala Eressos for the festival evening event. During the day we'll be hosting a range of sports games from pool "noodle" racing to giant paddle board racing. We'll kayak along the coastline to the village on a kayak safari (only a short way along the beach), call into one of the beach bars, have a cocktail or two and kayak back, or stay a while and to do some shopping. Be part of our team squad or come along and support us as we compete in the Beach Volleyball and Tug of War games taking place during the week.

During your holiday you have free water skiing, windsurfing and sailing lessons and there's plenty of time to relax and unwind on the private beach adjoining the hotel. Although we encourage our guests to join in and meet at meal times please feel free to get involved as little or as much as you wish.



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PRICES AND FLIGHTS

Gatwick, Birmingham or Manchester Departure

AUD \$2,900 per person - 2 weeks with 2 people sharing a room

Includes €40pp bar credit

AUD \$1660 per person - week 1 (8-15 Sep) - 1 week with 2 people sharing

AUD \$1660 per person - week 2 (15–22 Sep) - 1 week with 2 people sharing

Includes €25pp bar credit for 1 week stays

***Includes a return charter flight from Gatwick Flights, Birmingham or Manchester UK.**

Single Rooms - Sold out

Included in your holiday package:

- Return direct flights from Gatwick, Manchester or Birmingham to Lesvos
- Women's Holidays UK Representative throughout your stay – you will be met at Gatwick airport
- Complimentary drinks at our welcome drinks party
- Organised group sports activities during your holiday
- Group meals together
- Return Lesvos airport transfers
- 7 or 14 nights Club Board Accommodation (breakfast, lunch & 4 evening meals each week)
- 1 piece of checked in luggage per person (20kgs)
- Free water sports, mountain biking & Tennis

Additional extras not included in your holiday package:

- Entrance band to the women's festival
- Evening meals on the 3 nights each week when we do not have dinner in the hotel
- Travel Insurance

DAILY ITINERARY

Please note: This is our provisional itinerary and is subject to change.

Saturday 8th September

Depart UK – Women's Holidays UK representative will meet you at Gatwick airport to ensure your group is checked in and ready to board. For those departing from Birmingham our rep will meet you in Lesvos at our accommodation in Skala Eressos, Neilson's Beach Resort.

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On arrival in Lesvos you will be met and transferred by coach (included in your price) to the resort and our rep will assist you with your hotel for check-in. After you've unpacked and freshened-up our rep will show you around the resort and where we will meet for drinks later.

6pm

Meet in the pool bar for our complimentary welcome drinks party. We will go through our itinerary for the week in more detail and have a short "ice breaker" quiz, it's a fun way to meet everyone in the group.

7.30pm

Walk into the village for our first night's dinner (not included in your price). After dinner we'll go to the grand opening party of the International Eressos Women's Festival, followed by the after show party.

Sunday 9th September

Your rep will be at breakfast from 9am. Please feel free to join us or come down at your leisure.



Join the Sappho Women's Rock Group for their daily swim to the famous 'Sappho's rock' just off the beach from Skala Eressos. Every morning at 10am women meet at the one of the beach cafes and swim together in a group to the rock.

On their return they hold a small fund raiser for one of the local animal refuges and enjoy a coffee and chat at the beach café. It's a wonderful way to meet local and visiting women.

After breakfast there's a range of free organised activities to choose from including group tennis lessons, guided mountain bike rides or fitness classes. Take part in one of your 2 complimentary lessons of water skiing, sailing or windsurfing, your package includes 2 taster sessions each week for every water sport!

Mid-morning our rep will be on the beach ready for a group kayak safari and paddle to the village. We will stop at the one of the beach bars, have a drink and wander around the village before heading back for lunch.

1pm

Lunch at resort - After lunch our rep will be by the pool to organise some fun pool games.

6.30pm

Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks (not included) before our inclusive group dinner at the hotel.

9pm

We'll head into the village for the festival evening event.

Monday 10th September

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Your rep will be at breakfast from 9am. Please feel free to join the group or come down at your leisure. After breakfast you have your range of Nelson's organised activities to choose from or join us on the beach for a group paddle board safari. Then it's time to kick back and relax on the beach before lunch.

1pm

Group lunch at the hotel followed by a group volleyball match or more relaxing by the pool or on the beach.

6.30pm

Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks (not included) before our inclusive group dinner at the hotel.

9pm

We head off into the village for the evening festival event.

Tuesday 11th September

Your rep will be at breakfast from 9am. Please feel free to join the group or come down at your leisure.



After breakfast you have your range of Nelson's organised activities to choose from or join us on the beach ready for a group water ski lesson.

This is a great way to try water skiing and if you like it there is another free taster lesson this week and a further 2 during the second week. You will have expert tuition from the Neilson staff who will try you on the learner pole before getting you on the rope!

1pm

Group lunch at the hotel. After lunch join us on a group bicycle ride into the village of Skala Eressos to do some shopping or just to browse and enjoy a drink at one of the beach bars.

6.30pm

Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks (not included) before our inclusive group dinner at the hotel.

9pm

We head off into the village for the evening festival event.

Wednesday 12th September

Your rep will be at breakfast from 9am. Please feel free to join the group or come down at your leisure.

After breakfast you have your range of Nelson's organised activities to choose from or join us by the pool ready for some fun pool games. A 2016 favourite was the tandem noodle racing - all will be revealed!

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1pm

Group lunch at the hotel. After lunch our rep will organise a group tennis match.

6.30pm

Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks (not included) before our inclusive group dinner at the hotel.

9pm

We head off into the village for the evening festival event.

Thursday 13th September

Your rep will be at breakfast from 9am. Please feel free to join the group or come down at your leisure.

After breakfast you have your range of Nelson's organised activities to choose from or joins us on the beach to go windsurfing for anyone who would like to try a taster lesson.

1pm

Lunch at resort. After lunch it's a free afternoon on the beach, in the village or by the pool.

6.30pm

Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks (not included) before our inclusive group dinner at the hotel.

9pm

We head off into the village for the evening festival event.



Friday 14th September

Your rep will be at breakfast from 9am. Please feel free to join the group or come down at your leisure.

After breakfast you have your range of Nelson's organised activities to choose from or join us by the pool ready for some more fun pool games. Followed by some sunbathing by the pool or on the beach.

1pm

Lunch at resort. After lunch, get ready for the **WOMEN'S HOLIDAYS "GIANT PADDLE BOARD CHALLENGE"** - not for the nervous, not for the faint hearted, this is the biggest challenge you will ever face (well maybe a

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slight exaggeration). In teams of 6-8 women, the eventual winners will have a paddle off, ending with as many of us as possible on the giant paddle board to stand up together UNITED!



6.30pm

Meet at the pool bar for pre-dinner drinks (not included) before our inclusive group dinner at the hotel.

9pm

We head off into the village for the evening festival event.

Saturday 15th September

For those leaving end of week 1 we say our fond goodbyes. Our rep will ensure you make your departure coach back to the airport (included in your price). For those staying for week 2 we do it all over again!

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

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The Aeolian Village is built in typical Aegean style, with extensive grounds that give the resort a wonderful open spacious feel. It is situated in a beautiful bay with a long golden sandy beach and the most charming, typically Greek village of Skala Eressos, a short stroll away at the other end of the beach. All rooms have air conditioning, fridge, telephone, TV, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities (on request), beach towels and most with balcony or terrace. Rooms with sea view are available for a supplement.

The sailing area is extensive and coupled with good, consistent winds creates a fantastic sailing and windsurfing location. A friendly welcome and relaxed, easy-going atmosphere awaits you at the secluded Aeolian Village Beachclub.

The pretty village of Skala Eressos is just a ten-minute walk away at the other end of the beach and is full of stylish bars, great restaurants and traditional tavernas, many of which sit right on the waters edge.

Situated on the island of Lesvos in the Northern Aegean Sea, Lesvos is far removed from the hustle and bustle of the better-known islands and is a firm favourite with new and returning guests. Sailors and windsurfers of all abilities enjoy the extensive sailing area and consistent cross-offshore winds, while the surrounding hills are great for mountain biking with a wide variety of trails to explore.



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THE INTERNATIONAL ERESSOS WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Enjoy a fantastic holiday on the beautiful Greek Island of Lesbos and mix with like-minded women at one of Europe's biggest Women's Festivals. The 2018 festival is set to be the biggest and best yet!

After the spectacular opening night party your holiday will just keep getting better, with your days and evenings filled with live music and performances, art exhibitions at beach bars, film screenings, party and club nights, excursions, seminars and workshops and the renowned alternative fashion show and the Drag Kings of Eressos competition. Plus a whole lot of fun along the way.

JUST SOME OF THE 2017 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017 we had the amazing McChicks and Horse perform along with comedian Lara A. King and many others. The Best of live Greek, Turkish & Mediterranean folk, the Alternative Fashion Show, Creative Photography with Tzeli Hadjidimitriou, Open-Air Cinema Screenings, Excursions & Tours such as Local Walks & Boat Trips, Workshops & Seminars, Swim To The Rock with The Skala Women's Rock Club, Women's Wellbeing with Massages, Reiki & Osteopathy, And Of Course A Range Of International DJ's & Parties!



"DRAG KINGS OF ERESSOS" - The first Drag King Competition of the festival

Take part as we launch what is going to be a fantastic addition to the already "packed with fun" festival.

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PARTIES, CLUB NIGHTS & DJs

As ever there will be plenty of club nights, parties and international DJs to keep you dancing 'til dawn.

LIVE MUSIC & PERFORMANCES

After dusk, take a stroll (in Greek called '*volta*') through Skala Eressos' many small streets and along its main promenade at the beachfront. From the finest restaurants to the best nightlife, after the sun goes down, Skala Eressos comes alive.

Admire the stunning display of atmospheric lights and dine in one of the many villages eateries. Afterwards catch a film, see a performance, or simply unwind with a drink. Be assured of a warm and friendly welcome in the bars and cafes, and enjoy a variety of activities including live music and gigs, entertainment and dancing that can keep you going late into the evening!

THE SAPHO ALTERNATIVE FASHION SHOW

Fun, sexy, camp, tongue-in-cheek and thoroughly entertaining, our alternative fashion show is an inventive celebration of sartorial holiday style for women of all ages, shapes and genders. The venue is Skala's beautiful open-air cinema, many of the clothes and accessories are donated from supportive local businesses, and the models – well, they could be you. Now there's an opportunity...

OPEN-AIR CINEMA SCREENINGS

The beautiful open-air cinema Cine Sappho Magic nights will hosts an eclectic programme of cutting-edge features this upcoming festival. Where else can you watch the latest lesbian & queer movies under the stars?

EXCURSIONS & TRIPS

While you are here enjoying all the festivities why not see a bit more of Lesbos Island and Skala Eressos? We'll be offering several day trip to our visitors, hosted by our resident archaeologist, Yvonne as well as local walks, each providing you with all the best our particular area has to offer you.

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

The International Eressos Women's Festival would not be the same without the offerings of workshops and seminars by some very talented women.



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THE FINE PRINT AND PAYMENT

Payment Details:

- AUD \$580 deposit per person
- Full payment is required 14 weeks prior to departure
- Full payment is required if booked after the 10th March
- No refunds after full payment has been paid – see Terms & Conditions
- Please ensure you have adequate travel insurance
- *Please do not book international flights until we confirm your booking.*

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We look forward to your company on this fun-filled exciting festival of women!

The Women's Holidays Team .

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