

On Thursday June 8 you will all arrive in Greece. Leaving Athens airport at about 5 pm, your flight arrives at Mytilini airport at about 5.50 pm for your transfer across the island. There will be a bus waiting for you at the airport, so look out for a person holding a sign saying „Lesvos Lesfic“. The bus will only leave Mytilini when everyone who booked via Sappho Travel has arrived at the airport.

You should arrive in Skala Eressos between 7 and 8pm, so you'll have some time to unpack and relax before heading over to Flamingo Bar for the official meet and greet at 9 pm. Here you will get your welcome pack, the official timetable, and a little food, wine, and music.

To make your stay as pleasant as possible, there are a few essentials you should pack, though we suspect most of you will have these covered.

What you need to succeed:

Sunscreen – Be a bronzed goddess, not a red ham.

Bug repellent – Because you're tasty.

Antihistamines – if you are that way inclined, there is a lot of weird pollen floating about here. And cats.

Aspirin/painkillers – In Greece all medications need to be bought from the pharmacy; you cannot roll into the newsagents with sunstroke or an aggressive hang-over and expect to pick up aspirin with your ciggies. Be prepared or suffer.

Swimwear and snorkelling gear – You can also pay to windsurf, kayak, or hire a pedal boat from the beach. There is also a women-only swim club, The Rock Club, that meets every morning. There is also a nudist beach if you forget to bring swimwear.

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Layered clothing – sometimes it can be cool in the evenings. This can be blissful or chilly depending on the day you've just had. Layering makes sense so you can control your own body heat.

Siesta culture – Adopt it. Things close here at midday (except for the tavernas) and reopen later in the evening. So if you really do need that aspirin, the pharmacy will be doing a split shift and you need to time it right.

Cash – There are two ATMs in Skala, but they can run out of cash, so have a little extra on you just in case. They are usually refilled within 24 hours. Also please don't expect to be able to pay with EC or credit cards anywhere here. At least don't rely on it.

A hat – a baseball cap, fedora, or bowler hat. Whatever keeps your brains cool, especially while hiking.

