## **Aghiasmata**

Location

The picturesque village of **Aghiasmata** is located five kilometers away from Keramos.

It is a seaside settlement with a port that serves the villages of Keramos, Leptopoda, Halandra and Aphrodisia, which are lying on the mountainsides of Amani. **Aghiasmata** used to be the trading center of the neighboring villages, especially of the antimony produced in the mines of Keramos. Nowadays it is mainly inhabited during summer, but it is still famous due to the curative properties of the spa situated close to the beaches. But also in the village are health spas, as well as plenty of rooms for rent and taverns open during summertime.

### **Amades**

#### Location

**Amades** is the first village on the road from Kardamyla to Kambia, thirteen kilometers from its origin. In this village one can admire its abundant spring waters and plenty of other remarkable natural beauties.

Besides, four kilometers away from the village is also a magic-like beach with a beautiful seabed of pebbles and crystal clear waters, making it the perfect place for those who love cool waters.

## **Aphrodisia**

#### Location



This village of **Aphrodisia** is located at the east side of Amani, just after the village of Halandra, and fifteen kilometers away from Volissos.

As it is easy to imagine, this village was named after Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of beauty. The villages own beauty arises from its mountainous location, with a rich vegetation, spring waters and the magnificent view from the top of mount Pelineo.

### Chalandra

#### Location



This village is in the eastern side of the road to Amani, eleven kilometers from Volissos. It is built inside an old fortress, climbing up to the steep and green mountainsides of Amani.

Today there are still some remnants of the fortress visible. The main church of the village is Aghia Paraskevi, and the celebration day July 26th.

Situated beneath **Chalandra** is the abandoned settlement of Kamini, in which the church of Agios Modestos can be found.

## **Egrigoros**

#### Location

**Egrigoros** is a small mountainous village located just after Aphrodisia, seventeen kilometers from Volissos. The village offers a panoramic view over the Aegean Sea up to the southern coasts of the island of Lesvos.

It is rich in vegetation and spring waters. The 6th of August is the day of the Transfiguration, which is celebrated by the local community with a feast, and definitely worth attending to.

## **Fyta**

#### Location

**Fyta** is located 41 kilometers away from the city of Chios. "Fita" in Greek means "plants", and their abundance in the area gave the name to this village.

It is a mountainous cattle-raising village, that lies by the mountainside of Pelineo. There also are exceptionally beautiful landscapes and rich spring waters that used to move eight water mills in the past.

The castle and tower of **Fyta** are dated back to the year 1516 AD. The local celebration day is July 17th, the day of Agia Marina.

### Kambia

Location



Nearby the actual village of **Kambia** is also one of its most exciting features: A walking track that passes by the **Kambia** valley, from where one is able to enjoy the view of the inhabitant's old cultivation, as well as the water of the river bed.

Around the path the vegetation features numerous types of plants, as well as the typical riverside vegetation. On the way, the wanderer will come across planes, oleanders, massive oaks and ivies scrambled all over the trees, while the nightingales' songs will fill the listeners ears during the trip. Finally, the track leads to the beach of **Kambia**, where the exhausted hiker can rest and buy refreshments from a nearby kiosk.

Furthermore, at the east, and in a short distance from the track stands the Castle of Orgia and the chapels of Panagia and Agia Paraskevi, while a little further to the west the chapel of Agii Pantes is situated.

### **Keramos**

#### Location

**Keramos** is located at about fourteen kilometers away from Volissos, at the beginning of the road that connects the road network of Amani with Leptopoda and Kambia. The village emerges, through thick and rich vegetation, from the mountains of Amani and Pelineo.

For many decades it was one of the most important villages of Amani due to the mining of antimony, which mines and pitheads were operating up to the mid sixties and are still preserved. The galleries, premises of the company that lastly exploited them, the chemical laboratory, the kiln, the chimney, as well as the equipment of the premises will be part in short of an industrial museum of antimony, a unique of its kind within the Balkan region.

# **Kipouries**

#### Location

The first thing one discovers on the road from Katavasi to Diefha, Spartounda, and Kambia is the junction leading to the 11th century monastery of Moundon and the village of Diefha.

The next stop is **Kipouries**, a village that lays in an area with rich vegetation and plenty of spring waters. Also worth visiting is the stone square of the village, where the visitor can taste local dishes, such as boiled meat for goats raised in the plain nature of the area.