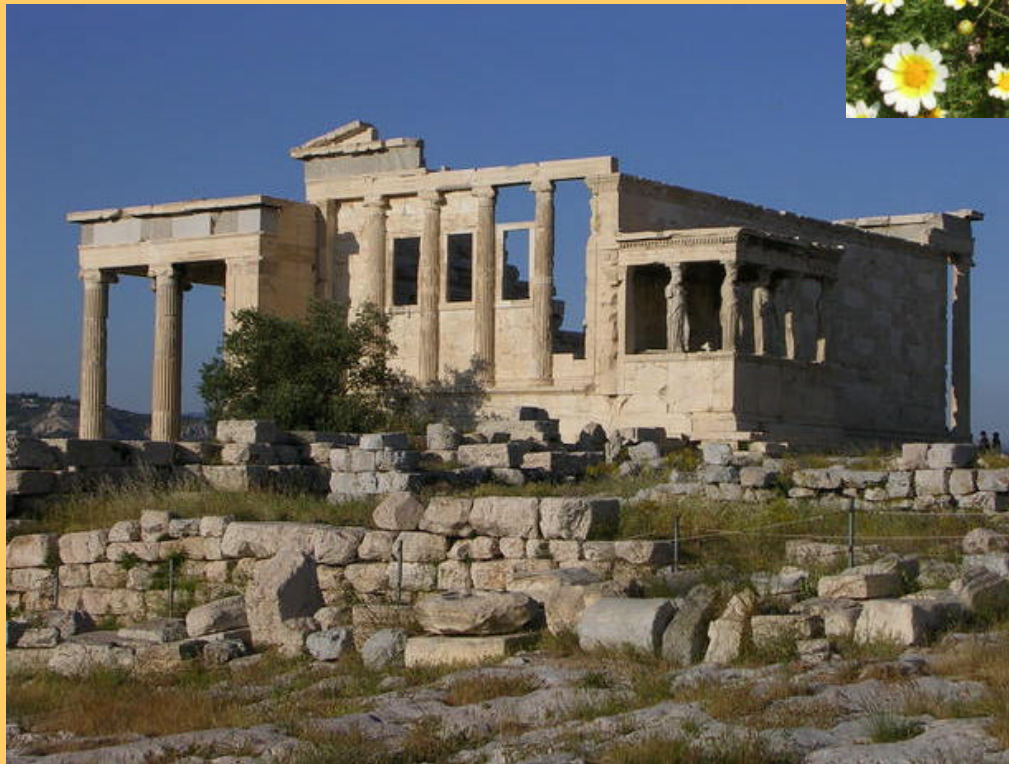


Pete and Jill's trip to Greece
Spring 2006



Erechtheion, in the Acropolis of Athens



Wildflowers
on Rhodes

Where we were



we traveled between islands by ferry

May 5-6: Athens

May 1-5: Naxos

**Apr 30-May 1:
Kalymnos**

Apr 24-30: Rhodes

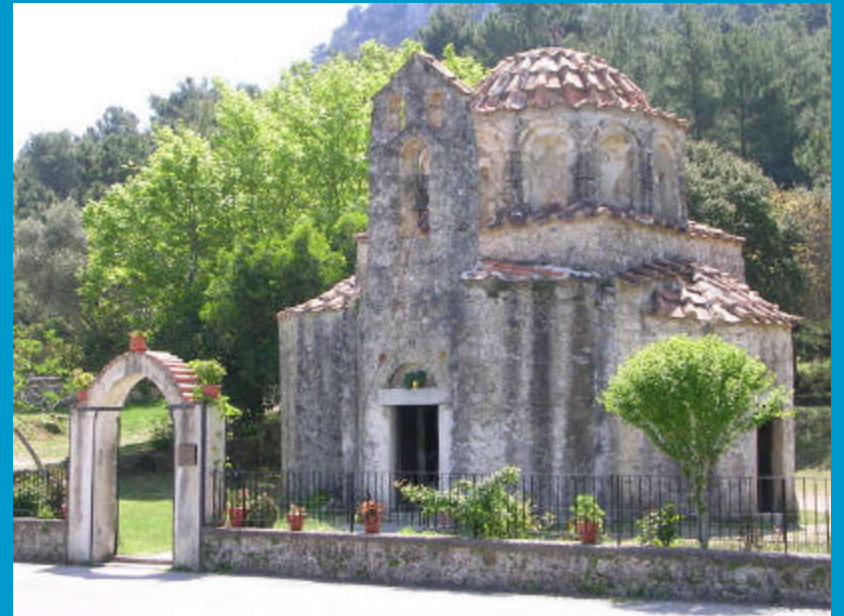


The beach near our villa



The Island of Rhodes

Byzantine church near Eleousa



My parents



Lunch at a taverna in a small mountain town



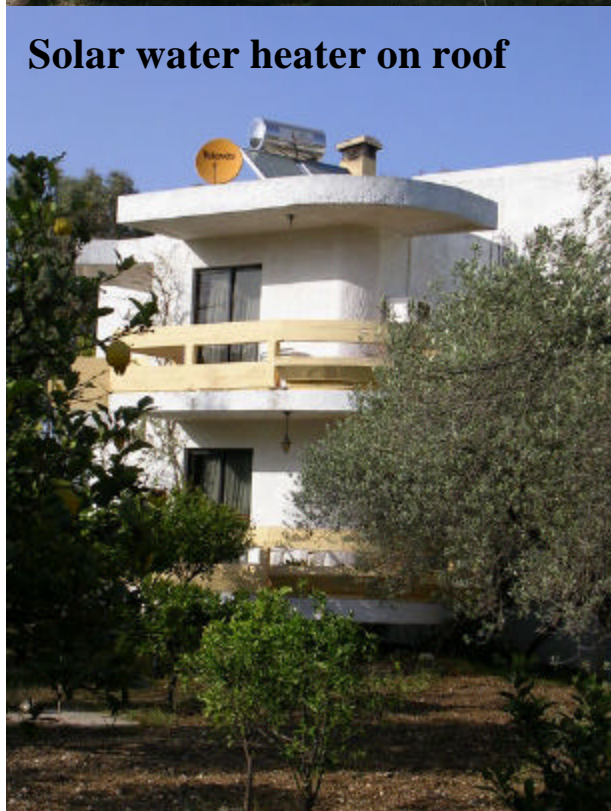
Villa in Rhodes

Villa Dimitris, located in the small town of Kolymbia. It has 4 bedrooms and 10 porches. We were there with my parents and Pete's friend Jim.



Kitchen

Solar water heater on roof



**Pete and Jim at work in dining room
(living room is behind and below)**

Colorful décor



Villa grounds

Citrus, olive, quince, fig, and date trees



We hadn't expected the property of the villa to be so large (about 3 acres) and nicely landscaped. The gardener came every day. Not shown here are the hammock, the outdoor grilling area, and the cactus & succulent bed. There is one iron gate at the head of the walkway and one at the entrance to the driveway. The car shown (distantly) in the photo on the far left is the one my folks and I rented. Pete and Jim rented a second car to get to their conference.

Next to the property is a small hotel, but nobody was staying there yet when we were there, so it was nice and quiet.



A view
down from
the top

The Acropolis of Lindos



In the Acropolis



A view down on the town of Lindos



My mom and I rode donkeys up



Cats were everywhere



Old Town of Rhodes

This is the largest inhabited medieval city in Europe

Lots of little alleyways used by pedestrians and scooters



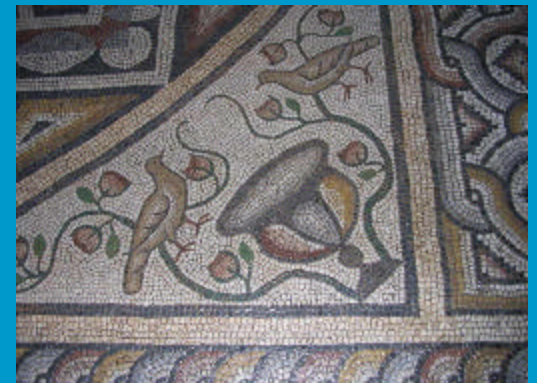
A dry moat surrounds old town



Plateia Ippokratous



Palace of the Grand Master, with mosaic floors



**Hora, the main town,
where the ferry port is**



In the old section (Kastro) of Hora



The Island of Naxos

After Rhodes, and one night on Kalymnos (mainly just a ferry layover for us), we spent 4 nights on Naxos. We stayed in the small town of Kastraki about 8 miles south of Hora. Our studios, pictured at left, had kitchenettes, so we cooked our own dinners. Pete and I rented a car and went sightseeing around the island each day. Jim rented a motorbike and went out on his own. That sounded fun, but it was overcast and breezy and never very warm so he always came back cold, and I was glad that we hadn't rented a motorbike ourselves. As on Rhodes, the main tourist season hadn't yet begun so the activity we saw in town was mainly that of locals, and the beaches and other sites were not at all busy.





Naxos has been inhabited since Neolithic times. The mountainous land is terraced for planting. Walking paths are everywhere, as are stone walls and countless tiny white churches with blue domes.

Naxos Interior





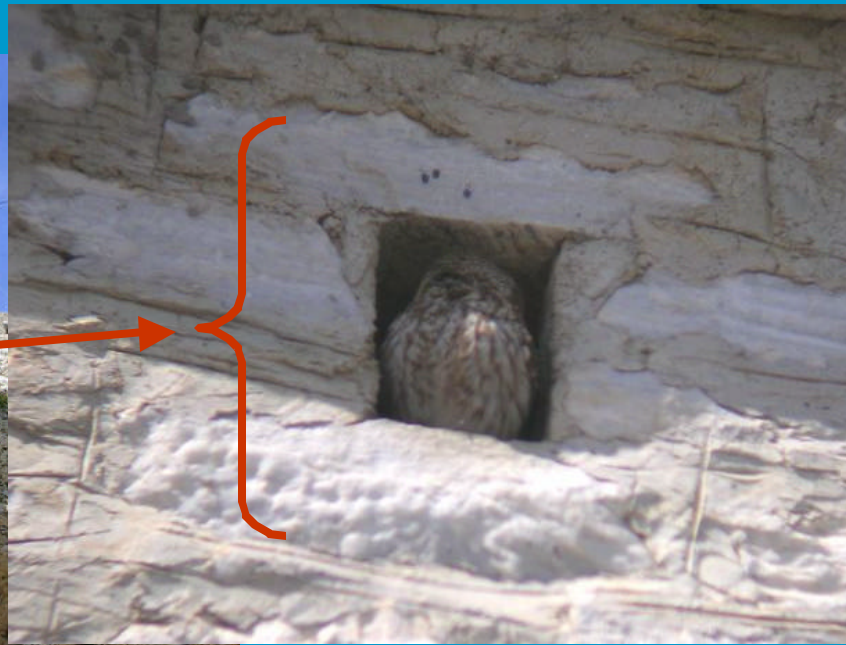
Two views of a hilltop marble quarry

Naxos Marble



Small cemetery
in Ano Potamia

Marble building in Apiranthos



Little Owl in a perfect little nook

We'd noticed that the cemeteries were full, with well-kept marble tombs dating back only to the 1980s. At the cemetery above, we noticed a pit at the back (you can just make out the hole in the photo). If you want to see the skulls and bones that were in it, exit the slide show (there's one more slide) and enlarge the tiny photo in the upper right corner.



On the island of Symi, near Rhodes, as seen from ferry

Ruins of a small tower on the coast of Naxos



Me in the the above ruins

Last Slide

One afternoon and night in Athens was enough. Beyond its ancient sites, it's not a scenic city. Most of what is currently there has been built since the 1830's. The Turkish quarter was interesting to walk through.



Temple of Hephaestus in Athens