

## Samos Island

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- A shipwreck near the **Greek island of Samos** led to the deaths of eight migrants, highlighting the ongoing challenges of <u>irregular migration</u> in the region.
- Samos and nearby Aegean islands are key transit points for migrants entering the <u>European Union</u> illegally from Turkey. Over 54,000 migrants have entered Greece illegally in 2024.
  - Many face dangerous journeys in unsafe, overcrowded boats, including riskier <u>Mediterranean</u> routes from Libya.
- The Island of Samos is in Greece, located on the <u>Eastern Aegean Sea</u> just 1,700 meters from the Asia Minor Turkish Coast.
  - Asia Minor or Anatolia is the westernmost part of Asia, which makes up the majority of modern-day Turkey.
- Samos Island is home to the fortified ancient city (Pythagoreion) and ancient Temple of Hera (Heraion) of Samos, a <u>UNESCO Heritage Site</u>. It is also the birthplace of **Pythagoras (Greek philosopher and mathematician)**



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