

# THE OLD MARKETS



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A TIMELESS MONUMENT OF  
SYMI'S HERITAGE AND GRACE

Nestled above Symi's enchanting harbour, The Old Markets is a lovingly restored national monument that carries the soul of the island's rich history. Once the heart of Symi's bustling Agora – where traders, sea captains, and travelers gathered beneath vaulted arcades – today it stands reborn as a serene retreat that celebrates its past with quiet elegance and thoughtful luxury. The building dates back to the 19th century and is part of a protected heritage area, where every stone tells a story. From its days as a sponge trader's market to its rebirth as a boutique hotel, The Old Markets has preserved the authentic charm of Symi's golden era while offering the comfort and warmth of modern hospitality. The restoration has been carried out with deep respect: arches, mosaics, and frescoes have been carefully revived, and antique details blend harmoniously with contemporary design.



Set on the picturesque Kali Strata, the property offers captivating views of Symi's pastel-coloured houses and the endless blue of the Aegean. Guests are invited to slow down, listen to the whisper of the sea, and experience the island's rhythm from a place that feels both timeless and intimate. Whether you are sipping a glass of local wine on the terrace, reading in the shaded courtyard, or waking to the scent of the sea, The Old Markets is a reminder that true luxury lies in simplicity, authenticity, and peace.



# FACILITIES

## SYMI: A TIMELESS ISLAND SETTING

Perched above Symi's harbour, The Old Markets captures the essence of the island's past and present. Once the island's vibrant Agora, today it offers peaceful elegance surrounded by neoclassical mansions, winding alleys, and sweeping views of the Aegean. From our doorstep, guests can wander down the Kali Strata to the harbour or up toward the old village – every step revealing the colour, charm, and rhythm of authentic island life.

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## THE AGORA RESTAURANT: DINING IN HISTORY

The Agora Restaurant brings new life to the island's historic market hall. Each evening, our chef presents a refined menu inspired by seasonal Greek produce, served in a candlelit setting where arches and stone walls echo centuries of stories. Breakfast unfolds leisurely, with champagne and local flavours enjoyed from morning until late, while evenings invite guests to linger over wine and conversation on the Aethera Terrace, watching the lights of Symi shimmer below.

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## WEDDINGS AT THE OLD MARKETS

With its romantic setting, historic architecture, and serene atmosphere, The Old Markets is an unforgettable place to celebrate love. Ceremonies and receptions for up to forty guests can be hosted within the hotel's elegant courtyards and terraces, surrounded by sea views and candlelight. Every detail – from bespoke menus to floral design – is arranged with care, ensuring each celebration reflects the beauty and spirit of Symi itself.



## THE LOCATION

The Old Markets is perfectly situated above Symi's enchanting harbour, in the heart of the island's historic centre. Its prime location offers guests easy access to Symi's iconic sights, charming streets, and local cultural treasures. The property is a short walk from the harbour and the island's main square, where cafes, shops, and historic sites await. While Symi is small and best explored on foot, water taxis and local buses provide convenient connections to surrounding beaches and villages, making every corner of the island easily reachable.



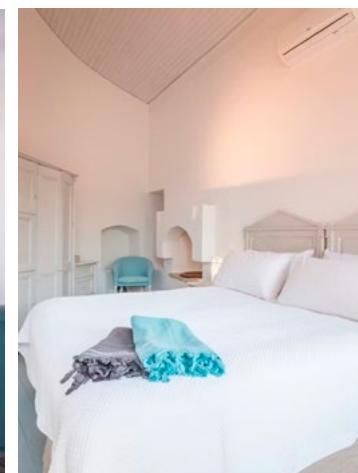
## ACCOMMODATION



Each of the rooms and suites tells its own story. The historic shopfronts of the original Agora have been transformed into spacious, light-filled rooms, while the adjoining Captain's Mansion offers elegant suites with balconies overlooking the harbour. Every space preserves original features –high ceilings, arched windows, hand-painted details– while adding modern touches of comfort and style.

## OTTOMAN ROOM

Once a baker's store in the old market, this compact yet characterful room evokes the spirit of a traditional Hammam. Perfect for a couple or solo traveller seeking a unique stay.



## ALEXANDRIAN & ARABIAN ROOMS

Elegant open-plan rooms in the original Agora, blending warm tones with island simplicity. Superking beds and discreetly designed en-suite areas ensure comfort within their historic walls.

## NIMOS & CHONDROS ROOMS

Located in the Captain's Mansion, these rooms offer quiet charm, with views of the garden courtyard or harbour. Each features luxurious linens, rainfall showers, and handcrafted details that honour Symi's maritime past.

## AEGEAN SUITE

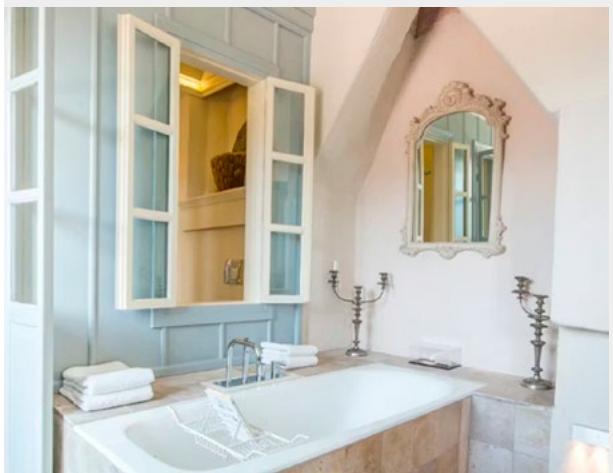
Spacious suite (70m<sup>2</sup>) designed for up to four guests, with private courtyard entrance and balcony that opens to the breathtaking harbour view. Perfect for families or friends seeking privacy and light-filled comfort.



## OURANOS SUITE

Spacious suite (50m<sup>2</sup>) designed for up to four guests, with two private balconies that open to the breathtaking harbour view. Perfect for families or friends seeking privacy and light-filled comfort.





## THE SYMI SUITE

The jewel of The Old Markets, this grand suite captures the spirit of the island itself. Restored painted ceilings, a traditional moussandra sleeping platform, and five windows framing the Aegean make it an unforgettable setting.





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