

12 February – 15 February 2016 Outlook for Greek Islands

Weather Outlook for the Greek Islands

An area of low pressure, currently across Italy, persists through the weekend, with high pressure to the east of the Greek Islands. This leads to strong southerly winds affecting the seas around the Greek Islands through the weekend and likely to continue until late Monday. As a result rough seas with moderate, occasionally large, waves will develop between the Greek Islands and Turkey.

Conditions at sea are expected to be challenging through this period, especially on Saturday, when rough seas may prove dangerous at times for small boats. Analysis on previous events, lasting 1-2 days, suggests a reduction in arrivals to the Greek Islands in association with large waves/rough seas, with a recovery in numbers thereafter. However, this event is expected to last for 3-4 days, until late Monday, and numbers of people arriving to the Greek Islands are expected to be very low through this period. With a return to more settled conditions expected from Tuesday, numbers of people arriving to the Greek Islands are likely to significantly increase, with very high numbers perhaps arriving after Tuesday.

Lesvos:

Minimum temperatures:

13 February Saturday morning 15C
14 February Sunday morning 15C
15 February Monday morning 16C

Maximum temperatures:

13 February Saturday afternoon 17C
14 February Sunday afternoon 18C
15 February Monday afternoon 19C

Kos

Minimum temperatures:

13 February Saturday morning 16C
14 February Sunday morning 16C
15 February Monday morning 17C

Maximum temperatures:

13 February Saturday afternoon 18C
14 February Sunday afternoon 18C
15 February Monday afternoon 19C

Weather Details for the Greek Islands

Weather:

Unsettled with periods of showery rain across the Greek Islands through the period, and a risk of thunderstorms developing later today and on Saturday.

Wind and Waves:

Southerly winds around the Greek Islands will generally be around 15-20kt (7.5-10m/s) from Friday-Monday, temporarily increasing during Saturday, peaking around midday Saturday at 25kt (12.5 m/s). Wave heights between the Greek Islands and mainland Turkey will generally be around 1m from Friday-Monday, but will increase temporarily to 1.5-1.8m at times on Saturday. Winds will become light and variable during Tuesday with wave heights reducing to below 0.3m.

