



FIGURE 25.8

Aerial photograph of Argostoli Bay. Agrilia is the mountain to the left of centre and Imerovigli lies to the right. A former harbour shoreline (to be discussed in Chapter 30) is readily apparent from the photograph.

to do so is not the same as to research) and in Chapter 33 I will consider some speculative possibilities.

We reach the airport and in no time at all the plane is taxiing along the runway. In May the charter flights to Cephalonia begin so we have the luxury of a direct route to Gatwick. The flight path takes us straight over Paliki and fortunately I am sitting on a window seat on the right hand side of the aircraft. That represents two more benign coincidences to add to our growing list.

Figure 25.7 is an aerial photograph of the southern end of the Argostoli peninsula. Closest to the camera is Cape Lardhigos and behind it is Paliostafida Bay where the suitors tried to ambush Telemachos. This bay is one of the twin harbours mentioned by Homer and the other harbour is on the far side of the promontory. The lookout hillside with the windy heights, Mount St Gerasimos, lies behind the hotel building at the far end of the beach.

As the plane gains altitude over Paliki we reach the northern end of Argostoli Bay. In Figure 25.8 you can see the spit of the Rheithron estuary jutting out into the bay and providing a natural hiding place for the imaginary vessels