



Votsi

# Alonissos

Alonissos is the least developed of the northern Sporades; a green retreat in which to swim, walk and gently explore. Around its shores are many coves and beaches, lapped by the clearest of seas and backed by green hills. Inland is a scenic joy, and the network of marked trails through the varied countryside makes for some excellent walking.

The island is about 20 kilometres long by 4 wide, its hilly terrain softened by oak and pine. Most people stay in or around the colourful little port of Patitiri.

Patitiri, although generally sleepy, has plenty of waterfront activity especially in the high season. It has its own narrow white-pebble beach and some excellent tavernas and cafés strung above the sea. Hydrofoils leave regularly for Skopelos, only 20 minutes away, and for Skiathos,

another hour further to the west. This makes the odd day excursion easy, as well as two-centre holidays.

Some twenty minutes walk to the north of Patitiri is the delightful, and very pretty, fishing harbour of Votsi, its clear waters and pretty pebble beach backed by cliffs and pines. Votsi has a traditional, generally sleepy village atmosphere, a handful of own small shops and some good tavernas, which come alive in the evenings. Walk back over the headland towards Patitiri and you will come to the beach at Rossoum which has some good tavernas of its own.

Old Alonissos, high above Patitiri, has the best views. It is certainly very picturesque and holds particular appeal for artists, writers and walkers. Abandoned in the 1960's, the old houses are now largely restored. The village now has a dozen tavernas (some very good and with stunning views), a pizzeria, several cafés and bars and two minimarkets. Old Alonissos has a bus link to Patitiri (up to ten times daily in high season), which can also be reached on foot in about 45 minutes via a goat track. The island's four taxis will also take you



inexpensively between the two.

You can walk down the hillside to the beach of Megalo Mourtia in about half-an-hour. Due to the hilly location a stay in Old Alonissos would not be suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

The seas and coastline around Alonissos have been designated a National Marine Park, set up to protect the indigenous Monk Seal. You can visit it by organised boat trip. The pretty fishing harbour of Steni Vala is on the edge of the park – very peaceful with four authentic local tavernas plus a couple of cafés and a minimarket. A dive centre is now also based at Steni Vala.

Alonissos is a quiet, very beautiful island which is quite happy to remain off the main tourist path. Largely

## Alonissos Information

### Getting to Alonissos

Friday day flight Gatwick, Bristol or Manchester to Skiathos (note: inbound flight via Volos). Then 1 hour 20 minutes by scheduled Flying Cat or similar. (Note: there is likely to be some waiting time at the port). For flight details see page 173.

### Multi-Centre Options

Skiathos and Skopelos. For multi-centre details see page 6.

### Car & Boat Hire

You see pages 170-171 for details.

### Representative

Based in Patitiri.

### Early Booking Offers

For departures before 21/7 & 24/8 onwards, if booked by 29/2 (note: excludes 1 week holidays dep 24/8)

PEFKAS, VOTSALO

- 2 weeks for the price of 1
- £40 per person off 1 week

PANAYIOTA

- £40 per person off all durations

For conditions see page 7.

traditional, it would suit those looking for an unhurried holiday in natural surroundings, fine views, good swimming – there are some fine beaches up the east coast – and walking.



## Pefkas Apartments Votsi Bay

- Self Catering ■ Apartments for 2/3 and 2/5 (or combined for up to 8 persons)
- Air Conditioning ■ Early Booking Offer

This pair of top quality apartments occupies a commanding position overlooking Votsi harbour. Very close to the Maria Studios, they are off the steep but short roadway that leads to Votsi harbourside in just a couple of minutes.

Both apartments are well finished and versatile for families, providing sofa-beds for extra sleeping capacity.

The 1-bedroom apartment has a large, comfortable sitting room with air-conditioning and sofa-bed; a separate bedroom with double bed; kitchenette with a 3-ring mini-oven and fridge; and a bathroom with shower / half-bath. The terrace is outside the sitting room and has lovely views of the bay.

The 2-bedroom unit is of a similar description but bigger! The fully fitted kitchen includes fridge-freezer and full cooker. Both bedrooms are nicely furnished and have double beds. The terrace has the



same great views over the bay.

The apartments occupy the first (top) floor of the building and, as they are next door to one another, would combine well for larger parties.



## Maria Studios Votsi Bay

- Self Catering ■ Self Catering Studios for 2
- Bed & Breakfast Rooms for 2 ■ Air Conditioning ■ Free WiFi

Set in a wonderful position in Votsi village, close to our Pefkas Apartments, these studios and rooms benefit from similarly marvellous views over the fishing harbour.

Access is down a short but steep surfaced path. There are four studios in total, all on the top floor next to one another. The accommodation is spacious and open-plan. Each studio comprises a kitchen to the rear with 2-ring mini-oven, en-suite bathroom with hairdryer, and a large double bedroom with extra single bed, safety deposit box, ceiling fan and TV. Air-conditioning is included.

There is a large private terrace with panoramic views over Votsi harbour to the front of each studio. Local shops, tavernas and the beach are all within a few minutes' walk.



On the floors below are eight twin-bedded hotel rooms. These rooms are equally nicely done, and have the same facilities without the cooker. Although the rooms do possess a kettle and fridge, breakfast is included in the price. Sea views are also to be had from the front terrace. Good accommodation in an excellent location – early booking recommended.



Location of Maria Studios (right hand side). Pefkas Apartments are circled to the left.



Votsi



## Yalis Hotel Votsi

- 4 Star Boutique Hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool
- Free WiFi

The Yalis is built on a small cliff directly above the sea close to Votsi bay. Here you will enjoy high standards of comfort, spacious rooms, good service and wonderful views.

The hotel has 22 rooms and suites split between its four buildings. All are large and possess iron double bedstead, air conditioning, bathroom with full bath and shower, hairdryer, safety deposit box, light kitchen facilities and fridge, and an open-plan living room area with double sofa-bed and tv; and all ours have a large private sea-facing covered balcony or terrace. Wifi is provided free of charge.



The Suites also have a DVD and CD player. They offer even more space and their location in the hotel ensures the best views.

At the top level is reception, lounge and bar. To one side is the good-sized swimming pool (14m x 6,5m, depth 1m -- 2m) with furnished terrace surrounds and a low-key pool bar.

A five minute walk along a small road takes you down to Votsi bay which has a handful of tavernas and a pretty beach. Ten minutes in the other direction, towards Patitiri, is the popular beach of Rossoum.



Votsi

## Votsalo Apartments Patitiri

- Self Catering
- Studio for 2
- Apartments for 2/4
- Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

These five terraced apartments are on the hillside close to Patitiri and enjoy fine views to the sea.

There are four 1-bedroom apartments and one studio here, offering plenty of space and good standards. The apartments comprise a double bedroom, a large open-plan living room with one or two sofa-beds for children and a fitted kitchen area with full cooker, and a tiled shower room. To the front a wide and sunny private terrace affords lovely views over the sea to the islands of Evia, Diodelphia and Peristera.

The studio is again very spacious and double-bedded. It has the same facilities and views as the apartments, except is entirely open-plan (with a living area).

All units possess air-conditioning in the living room area (included), high wooden ceilings, tasteful décor and attractive furnishings. Thoughtful design means that, there is a good degree of privacy on



each one's front sunterrace.

Walk down the hill, via a network of small paths, and you can reach the outskirts of Patitiri in 10 minutes, and the harbour in 15 (a little longer back). The two very nice white-pebble beaches of Rossoum and Votsi can also be reached on foot in about the same time.

The Votsalo combines a peaceful situation and lovely views, within walking distance of both town and beach. Due to the hillside location they would not be suitable to those with walking difficulties unless a car is hired.



Rossoum Beach



Patitiri

## Atrium Hotel Near Patitiri

■ 3 Star ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool ■ Free WiFi

Set amongst the pine trees up the hill at the back of the village, where the road to Alonissos Old Village begins, the Atrium has lovely views out to sea over the forest. The edge of Patitiri, with its shops and attractive waterfront tavernas, is approximately 600m away (a ten minute walk), and it's a similar distance to the very nice beach of Rossoum.



The Atrium provides good facilities and a high level of comfort from its upgraded and stylish 30 twin-bedded rooms. Not only do they all possess air conditioning, sat tv and a sea view balcony, added benefits (all at no extra charge) include a mini-bar (initial stock is free of charge), a safety deposit box, filter coffee machine (plus coffee!), hydro-jet shower and hairdryer. The hotel also offers free Wifi.

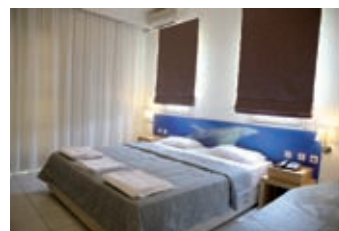
The hotel has two swimming pools (plus one for children) and a pool bar. The Atrium offers good modern standards and facilities in an attractive location and with excellent views from almost everywhere.



## Nereides Hotel Apartments Patitiri

■ 3 Stars ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Studios for 2 ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool ■ Free WiFi

On the hillside above Patitiri, the Nereides offers a comfortable, relaxed stay with good cuisine and friendly family-run service.



The 22 rooms here are split between two buildings, with a pool in between. The studios have been recently refurbished to a good modern standard, and are very nicely furnished in light wood and muted colours.

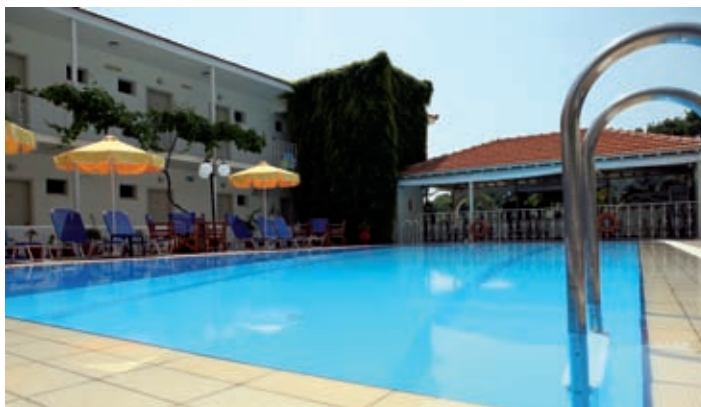
All possess air conditioning, light kitchen facilities with a 2-ring mini-oven and fridge, safety deposit box, stylish modern shower room, hairdryer, sat lcd tv and furnished balcony - those to the front have views over Patitiri to the sea and a pair of off-shore islands, those to the rear have swimming pool views. Wifi is complimentary.

via a country footpath and some steps, but longer back as it is steep in parts. (Walk down and taxi back - cost c 6 euros last summer!) Walkers should note that, as you are already up the hill, you have a head start as a number of walking trails can be accessed from here.

The Nereides has a pool bar and restaurant, and we have had very good reports of the home cooking here. Patitiri is a 15 minute walk down the hill

### Early Booking Offer

Book on or before 30/4 and save c £55 to £120 per room per week. Reductions vary according to season of stay - please enquire for a costing.





## Glyfa Beach Cottages & Apartments Steni Vala

- Self Catering ■ Studio for 2 ■ Apartment for 2/3 ■ Cottages for 2/4
- Air Conditioning

These delightful cottages and apartments are very peacefully located amongst olive trees just steps away from the white-pebble beach of Glyfa. The fishing harbour of Steni Vala, with its mini-market and handful of restaurants, is just a five minute walk away along the beach.

The stone-built cottages are set to the front of the mature garden close to the sea. Each has a double bedroom with sea views, spacious open-plan living room with one or two extra beds and a corner fitted kitchen area with 3-ring mini-oven, a tiled shower room, and large shaded front veranda with views to the sea through the trees. Both cottages are nicely furnished, one in a more rustic style, and have wooden ceilings, tiled floors and air-conditioning.

To the side and slightly above the cottages is a two-storey building housing a ground floor studio for couples only and a first floor apartment, both simply furnished in pine. The studio is double-bedded, also with shower room, kitchenette, a/c and a very large sea view covered veranda. Upstairs the apartment



Upper cottage



Apartment

has a double bedroom, separate air-conditioned living room with an extra bed and kitchen with light cooking facilities (rings), and a good-sized shower room. Both the main rooms open onto the wide covered front balcony which runs the length of the house and affords fabulous sea views over the sea to Peristera island.



Glyfa beach

## Limani Cottage Steni Vala

- Self Catering ■ House for 2/5

The sweet little cottage is set on the green hillside above the compact, pretty port of Steni Vala, a two minute walk from the shops, cafés and tavernas on the quayside. You will find a small beach even closer, at the foot of the steps. A further five minutes brings you to the white pebbles and clean sea of Glyfa beach.

A stable door opens into the open-plan lounge, which has a dining table and two built-in sofas (could sleep a smaller child); and, one step up, a kitchen area containing a fridge/freezer, two electric hot plates and a microwave oven. A second door off the living room are the two bedrooms – one double, one twin, each with a fan – and a tiled shower room.

There is a wide covered terrace to the front running the length of the house, and from here you have lovely views over the port (great fun to watch the harbour comings and goings) to the island of Peristera. If you prefer sun, there is an open terrace to the side. Due to low balcony walls we do not recommend Limani Cottage to families with young



children. The small surrounding garden has olive, pomegranate and citrus trees. Limani is a simple house which has plenty of traditional Greek character, with its terracotta floor tiles and a very Greek blue and white décor. Due to some 30 steps up from sea level, a stay here may be unsuited to those with walking difficulties.



Steni Vala



## Four Seasons Hotel Steni Vala

■ 3 Stars Plus ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool

This very modern, stylish hotel opened in 2011 and offers high standards. It is just a two minute walk to the port tavernas and fewer than five minutes to Glyfa beach.

There are only 22 ground or first floor rooms centred around the attractive oval-shaped swimming pool. All have double or twin beds, air conditioning, lcd sat TV, fridge, safety deposit box, excellent brightly tiled shower room, hairdryer, mozzie-screens and good-sized furnished balcony or terrace. Those on the first floor are for couples only and have sea views; those on the ground floor have garden views but are larger and can accommodate up to two extra beds - three of these rooms have been adapted for disabled use.

Some rooms can interconnect, and all have a really attractive contemporary decor and high quality furnishings.

There is a pool bar serving snacks during the day, main bar, breakfast room and terrace (rich buffet) and a fitness room - a roof-terrace bar is planned for 2012.



### Early Booking Offer

Book on or before 29/2 and save c £37 to £70 per room per week. Reductions vary according to season of stay - please enquire.



Kokkinikastro Beach



## Alonissos Activities

Painting • Sea Kayaking • Walking • Boat & Bike Hire

**Painting.** We offer painting weeks with artist Christopher Hughes throughout the summer. The cost is £195 per participant on top of the normal holiday price. Chris lives near Patitiri so best to choose accommodation here or at nearby Votsi. The course is suitable for painters of all levels and comprises 5 sessions of 3½ hours. There is no minimum number required and novices and non-painting partners are welcome - please see page 10 for further details.



**Walks with the Author.** Chris Browne runs Alonissos Walking Club and is also the author of 'Alonissos Through the Souls of your Feet' (see below). We offer a programme of 3 day walks during the cooler months, up until 16th June and again from 1st September. These can be pre-booked at a cost of £53 per person for the 3 walks. (There may be a small local charge for transport).

**Sea Kayaking.** Together with Kate Stone, Chris also runs Alonissos Kayak Safaris. There can be no better way to explore the crystal clear waters and coastlines of Alonissos and the Marine Park islands. "Out of kayak" time is included to swim, explore the surroundings a little on foot, snorkel or simply relax on a secluded beach. We offer separate programmes for beginners/novices & experienced paddlers, each consisting of 3 kayak safaris (2 half day & 1 full day) at a cost of £133. All necessary equipment is provided and transport to and from launch sites. Children 12 years and over are welcome.

Please visit [www.alonissoswalks.co.uk](http://www.alonissoswalks.co.uk) for more information on walks or kayak safaris, or to contact Chris.

**Motorboats.** Alonissos is ideal to explore from the sea, and a motorboat can be prebooked from £271 for 6 days (must be booked Sat-Thu inclusive). Boats can be moored overnight at Patitiri, Votsi and Steni Vala. See page 171 for details.



**Bikes and Diving.** Mountain bikes can be hired from Patitiri and there is now a PADI scuba diving centre. Please see your representative for more details.

**Books.** 'Alonissos Through the Souls of your Feet' by Chris Browne is a walking & field guide to Alonissos and her surrounding Marine Park islands. The book contains individual maps and descriptions for each walk plus sections on "what to take & wear", flora & fauna and snorkelling sites.

'An Insider's Guide to Alonissos' by Julia Browne is a comprehensive general guide to everything the visitor needs to know in order to make the most of their stay on this beautiful island.

Both books can be bought locally from our representative on Alonissos (cost 15 euros each) or in advance (cost £11.99-£12.99) via [www.alonissoswalks.co.uk](http://www.alonissoswalks.co.uk)



Alonissos Old Village

## Villa Panayiota Old Village

- Self Catering ■ House for 2/3 ■ Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

This wonderful, traditional little house has been sensitively restored and is set in its own sunny paved garden, surrounded by flowers and with views to the sea. Conveniently situated near village amenities and the bus stop for Patitiri, it is close to the delightful lower square at the entrance to the Old Village. Throughout the accommodation the owners have paid great attention to

detail. Downstairs is a characterful and comfortable salon area with tiled floor, traditional corner fireplace, divan platform bed and dining table. At the back of the salon is the kitchen area (with 3-ring mini-oven) and a good bathroom with shower. Wooden stairs lead up from the salon to the delightful, bright and spacious, air conditioned bedroom with double bed.

There are two separate balconies from the bedroom, one overlooking the pretty garden and the little street; the other, larger and very private, is lent shade by a vine and has fine views to the hillside and sea beyond. A delightful village house of great style, privacy and charm.



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