



Skopelos

Thankfully, Skopelos' new-found fame as 'Mamma Mia' island has not affected the fundamentals of a holiday here. With limited development, this largest island of the Sporades group remains beautifully green and wooded, with pine, oak and plane trees hiding some fine beaches along the sheltered west coast.

Skopelos Town is one of the most characterful island ports in Greece. Strict building and preservation orders have kept it colourful, clean and neat with narrow, climbing streets, countless tiny chapels (over one hundred in all!), and houses linked by bridges in the special architecture of the Sporades. We have a number of individual properties tucked away in the pretty backstreets of the old town here, all of which have been carefully chosen to combine traditional Greek flavour with modern comforts. Regrettably, due to their location, we

do not consider these village houses suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Mulberry trees line the waterfront and shade numerous cafés and restaurants. Skopelos Town also has some good quality shops selling local crafts.

As well as offering a really relaxing holiday in friendly and attractive surroundings, Skopelos affords excellent walking. The countryside is dotted with historic churches and monasteries, three of which are still inhabited. There is, too, the grave of a Cretan King of Minoan times overlooking Stafylos Bay. Alternatively, rent a mountain bike – ideal for exploring and getting off the beaten track. An enjoyable day out can also be had by boat to the National Marine Park in nearby Alonissos.

There are some very good beaches to choose from, most of them on the sheltered west coast and easily reached from Skopelos Town by bus or hire car. They range from tiny secluded coves (generally shingle) to long stretches of white pebbles or sand/shingle, such as popular Stafylos Bay 4 kms. from the port. The sea is



sparklingly clear, the swimming excellent.

Skopelos is a lovely, much underrated island, and a rewarding one to discover. Still very much a working island, it has a more 'Greek' flavour than its glamorous neighbour, Skiathos, and a slower pace of life. Strong traditions and considerable beauty, combined with its delightful town and relaxed atmosphere, make Skopelos an island to savour.



Skopelos Information

Getting to Skopelos

Friday day flight Gatwick, Bristol or Manchester to Skiathos. (Inbound flight via Volos). Then 1 hour 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

With Skiathos and Alonissos. For multi-centre details see page 6.

Car Hire

See page 170 for details.

Representative

Based in Skopelos Town.

Early Booking Offers

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

EROS, KAMARA, KYRENE, KYRIA FLORENCE

• £40 per person off all durations

GLIFONERI, NEFELI

• £25 per person off

For conditions see page 7.



View from Nefeli



View from Kyria Florence

Villa Nefeli Skopelos Old Town

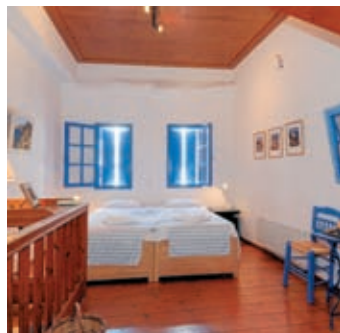
- Self Catering ■ Town House for 2
- Early Booking Offer

Situated in a quiet traffic-free area of the old town, a five minute walk down to the harbour (via some steep steps, so a little longer back), this is a really lovely house. There is a superb roof terrace where you can enjoy the wonderful views.

An archway from the entrance hall leads into a well-equipped kitchen area which has a full oven. Beyond the kitchen, the living room is attractively decorated and still has the original corner fireplace. Here there is a divan and also a downstairs shower/wc. A wooden staircase with a rope handrail leads up to the large twin bedroom which has a ceiling fan.

A further flight of stairs leads off the bedroom and up to a wonderful, part-shaded roof terrace. Here you have everything you need – a fridge for keeping your drinks cool, a barbeque, table and chairs and magnificent 270° views over the rooftops of the town and across the harbour.

You will not want to move!



Skopelos Town

Kyria Florence Skopelos Old Town

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

This beautifully restored, pretty and well equipped little town house is in a quiet residential part of the old town. Entrance is from a small, private walled courtyard into the cool ground floor living room which has a divan-bed. A breakfast bar separates the living room, with its preserved fireplace, from the superb, stylish and top quality fitted kitchen (includes Scharpf cooker and hob, even a juicer). Off the living room is the compact bathroom with glass-tiled shower.

Open stairs lead up to the wonderful and spacious air conditioned bedroom with a platform double bed, a ceiling fan, CD/MP3 player and acres of storage space. The traditional covered wooden front balcony has super views across the old town rooftops to the harbour.

Imaginative interior design and immaculate taste in furnishings – including Moroccan ceramics and hand-woven rugs – make this house stand out. It is less than ten minutes walk down to



the shops, cafés and restaurants of Skopelos' waterfront (a little longer back!).

Kyria Florence combines sophistication with the best traditional qualities and can be combined with Villa Giulia next door. Very sweet and highly recommended.





Kyrene House Skopelos Old Town

- Self Catering
- Town House for 2 persons (and up to 6)
- Air Conditioning
- Early Booking Offer

We doubt you could find better views. Kyrene has a 'front row' position towards the top of town which means uninterrupted views over the rooftops to the harbour, bay and hillside opposite.

Entrance is into the spacious air-conditioned ground floor living room, which has a fitted kitchen area with full cooker and fridge-freezer. French windows lead to the good-sized covered front terrace boasting that marvellous view. Also ground floor is the main double bedroom, a guest wc and a washing machine. Furnishings are traditional (wood), simple and comfortable.

The main bathroom, with full bath, shower and wc, is on the first floor, which houses a second double bedroom and a small salon with double sofa-bed for one adult or two children – both rooms have a fan and open onto a front seaview



balcony but please note both rooms are kept closed unless the party size is three or more.

A 5 minute walk down through the stepped pretty streets brings you to the harbour. However, this upper part of town has a mini-market within a 3 minute walk, and a taverna within the old castle walls. Glifoneri beach is an approx. 20 minute walk.



View from Kyrene

Villa Kamara Skopelos Old Town

- Self Catering
- Town House for 2
- Early Booking Offer

This delightful, fully restored traditional town house is tucked away in one of the prettiest (and most photographed) stepped streets in the old part of Skopelos Town.

The spacious living room/ kitchen has a full cooker, traditional corner fireplace, comfortable divan/sofa, dining table and chairs. Downstairs there is a beautifully tiled shower room and the house is equipped with a washing machine.

Stairs wind up from the living room to the lovely, airy bedroom with antique mirror, pine double bed and marble topped dressing table. Two sets of doors lead out onto individual balconies, one with a partial view of the harbour and the lovely rolling hills beyond.

It is a 5-10 minute walk down to Skopelos Town's harbour, shops and restaurants.

This house is a real gem.



Villa Kamara (right hand side)

For more choice see www.sunvil.co.uk

We have a selection of additional properties on Skopelos available. Please see our website for details. Including:

Villa Giulia (S/C)

This stylish little town house for 2-3 persons offers great Old Town views from its wide covered terrace upstairs. Tastefully and artistically restored, it provides a charming and comfortable blend of old and new in a quiet, traditional setting.





Villa Glifoneri Glifoneri Beach, near Skopelos Town

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

Villa Glifoneri enjoys a lovely, secluded position and terrific views; as a hideaway, tucked away between town and beach, this house is hard to beat.

Located behind the top road at the back of Skopelos town, it is one of a handful of houses on the way down to Glifoneri Beach, just a 4-5 minute walk down the hill.

Steps lead up from the narrow road onto a large split-level sea-facing terrace, shaded by a willow tree. There is loads of space to sunbathe in the paved front garden (sunbeds are provided) or simply to sit and admire the stunning views over the sea to Alonissos.

The house is traditionally furnished and has a large L-shaped living/dining room with fixed seating, a sofa-bed, tv, fireplace and a separate kitchen (full cooker, microwave, fridge) The bedroom has air conditioning, a double bed and ensuite shower/wc.

The nearest taverna is only a minute or two's walk and you find will a small shop for basic provisions at the top of the old town a 10-15 minute walk away (steep in



parts). Car hire would be recommended, however, for ease of access to the port.

This is a superb and understandably popular property, cool, spacious and private, surrounded by flowers and enjoying lovely views.



Glifoneri Beach



Delphini Hotel Skopelos Town

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

The Delphini is just a minute's walk from the start of Skopelos' long waterfront and offers excellent value to those looking for a comfortable base with mod cons in town and no hills to climb.

The 67 rooms are housed in several small blocks, mostly in the gardens to the rear, and have a classic style of furnishing. A mix of twins and doubles, all are spacious and possess air conditioning, fridge, tv, ceiling fan, tiled shower room (some with bath) and balcony with town, pool or garden views.

The good-sized freshwater pool measures 18m x 9m and has steps in. To the front is reception, breakfast room, terrace and small lounge. The hotel has a number of steps but most ground floor rooms can be accessed via the garden path.



Skopelos Town restaurant



Aeolos Hotel Skopelos Town

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

So complete is the Aeolos' recent renovation you'd be forgiven for thinking it was a new hotel. Built in front of the sea, it faces Skopelos Town an easy 600m walk away around the bay.

Its 60 comfortable rooms are all air-conditioned with sat tv, fridge, hair-dryer, modern tiled shower room, and balcony most with lovely sea and town views.

The hotel has a reception, lounge, bar and breakfast room (complete with ancient olive tree). The 13m x 7m swimming pool (depth 1m – 1.80m) is on an expansive raised terrace to the front, which also has a pool snack-bar and a separate children's pool.



A stay here would be ideal for those wanting a comfortable stay with modern facilities, fine views and only a short walk (no hills!) from all the attractions of Skopelos port.



Alkistis Hotel Apartments Near Skopelos Town

- Self Catering ■ Studios for 2/3 ■ Apartments for 2/4 ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool ■ Free WiFi

The Hotel Alkistis is situated in a lovely rural setting, about 2 kms flat walking from Skopelos Town and halfway to Stafilos Beach.

There are only 25 units here, a mix of studios and apartments housed in three separate 2-storey buildings to the rear of the grounds. The studios are spacious and all contain twin beds, kitchenette with mini-oven, rings and fridge, a modern tiled bathroom (bath or shower), telephone and a large patio or balcony over the gardens. The apartments are similar with the addition of a separate living room containing two sofa-beds for children. All units possess air conditioning and standards of comfort are high. Some of the ground floor units have been adapted for those with disabilities.

Here you will receive hotel levels of service (daily cleaning, regular linen changes) combined with the freedom of self-catering accommodation. You have access to the hotel facilities, including the courtesy minibus to take you in and out of town up to seven times a day.

But you may not even want to leave the grounds as there is an enormous 350 sq.m swimming pool with a bar which you can swim right up to, a children's pool, a small mini-market (fresh bread delivered daily) and a good restaurant which will serve breakfast, traditional Greek lunch and a range of grilled food in the evening.

There is plenty of space as the hotel has extensive grounds. The accommodation is set back from the Stafilos road amongst



olive trees and gardens, away from the pool, bar and taverna areas at the front.

The Alkistis has a high level of repeat guests, always a good sign!

Early Booking Offer

Reductions for bookings made by 30/4 (per room per week).

Studio c £37-£87

Apartment c £44-£120

The reduction varies according to the period of stay – please enquire for a costing.



Exclusive Villa Escapes

Our sister-company, GIC - The Villa Collection, has a wide range of private villas and houses available on Skopelos, many with a swimming pool. This is a very selective programme aimed at those looking for high levels of comfort, privacy and fine views in quiet, natural surroundings. Please see www.gicthevillacollection.com for details, or telephone 020 8232 9780.



Stafilos beach

Eros Cottage Stafilos Bay

- Self Catering
- Cottage for 2/3
- Air Conditioning
- Private Pool
- Early Booking Offer

Individual properties with their own pool for couples, perhaps with a child, are rare, so we are pleased to offer Eros Cottage. It is in the area of Stafilos Beach, a ten minute walk (800m) down the hill (steep in parts).

Shaded by pine and cypress trees, the cottage comprises a living room with corner kitchen area (2-ring mini-oven, fridge) and a sofa-bed for a child; a small tiled shower room; and 2 steps down to a double bedroom with tv. The cottage is really very sweet, being simply furnished with pretty décor.

Stone terraces to the front provide plenty of sitting-out choice (sun or shade), and

sea views to Evia through the trees to one side.

At the lowest level is the furnished 8m x 4m freshwater pool (depth 1.0m-1.7m) and a kiosk with BBQ facilities. Total privacy cannot be guaranteed as a small apartment building is to the front, but this faces the other way and should not disturb.

You will find a seasonal taverna down by the beach and a couple more restaurants and a mini-market within a 10-15 minute walk on the main road above. Here too is the bus stop for Skopelos Town which is only 3 kms away.



Due to the hillside location and the number of steps, this property would not be suitable for anyone with mobility difficulties.



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Kamara	1 Bedroom	2 SC	727	887	727	905	773	940	762	929	762	936	778	952	778	952	778	966	805	993	811	999	833	969	795	976	795	976	773	940	759	912	720	-
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