



Livadia

# Tilos

Tiny Tilos (pop. 550), midway between Rhodes and Kos, is the most enlightened Greek island we know and leads the way in environmental protection and eco-tourism. The islanders, led by a progressive mayor, realised years ago that the way forward was in limited, high quality tourism a world away from the mass market. To this end they dedicated their efforts to sustainable tourism – becoming the first island in Greece to ban hunting was a bold start – and have never looked back.

The island's 64 sq kms, together with its surrounding archipelago of 16 uninhabited islets, have been designated an Important Bird Area, an EU-registered Special Protection Area

and a Natura 2000 site amongst others. What this all means is that visitors here will find a protected natural environment with a wonderful diversity of flora and fauna, especially birds (there are 155 documented wild species, including the rare Eleonora's Falcon).

Tilos is therefore a paradise for walkers and now boasts 67km of signed walking trails (many being restored cobbled mule paths) which run through untamed countryside, linking rugged mountains with fertile valleys of wild flowers, pine, oak and almond watered by the island's many underground springs. From the heights, the views to six neighbouring islands and Turkey are stunning. A walking map is available locally and, for a nominal charge, Tilos Park (an NGO) will drop you off at the start of a trail and pick you up at the end.

And there are certainly things to explore whilst out and about – some 200 Byzantine country chapels, seven Crusader castles, abandoned villages, a Byzantine monastery, and one of the most important archaeological finds in recent history – a cave full of dwarf elephants, the last of their kind



to survive in Europe. The small museum here is a must-visit.

Many walking trails start from the main port of Livadia. This sleepy, traditional and overwhelmingly friendly little village boasts a lovely long pebble beach, shaded by tamarisk trees, lapped by the clearest of seas and backed by a car-free walkway. It also has some dozen very good tavernas and the same number of café-bars, five mini-markets (will deliver), a bakery and a bank with an ATM. Cars can be rented and some organised trips do run, by bus, boat or on foot, including (in 2011) Monastery and Sunset, the volcanic island of Nissyros, a boat BBQ and Beekeeping! A regular bus runs to the other main settlement of Megalo Chorio and in season to sandy Eristos beach. Tilos has 19 beaches, many of which can be reached only on foot or by boat as they have been purposefully left road-free.

Of course all the usual benefits which make Greece such a great destination for a relaxing holiday are present in

## Tilos Information

### Getting To Tilos

Wednesday flights from Gatwick, Manchester and a range of regional airports via Rhodes. Taxi transfer to Rhodes port (40 mins). Fast Sea Star Catamaran to the island (90 mins if direct, 150 mins if via Symi), tickets included – there may be some waiting time at the port. In 2011 the Sea Star dep Rhodes 18.30 and dep Tilos 07.00. Local transfer or short walk to your accommodation. On your return the reverse applies. For Gatwick flight details see P173 (regional flight details on request).

### Representative

We have our own local representative based on Tilos. However please note that transfers are not escorted.

### Car Hire

Available locally – see your representative

### Multi-Centre Options

With any other island served by flights to Rhodes e.g. Symi, Halki, Karpathos. Symi and Halki both had a direct sea connection with Tilos in 2011 which avoided travelling via Rhodes - however this is not guaranteed for 2012. Should mid-centre transfers be via Rhodes these can take most of the day. See page 6.

abundance on Tilos – sun, sea, tavernas, village life etc. But Tilos offers so much more, and is a shining example to other small islands under similar economic pressures. By visiting you will not only have a splendid holiday, you will be supporting the island's initiative and helping others to see that an alternative to mass tourism can work.



## Ilidi Rock Livadia

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Apartments for 2/4  
 ■ Air Conditioning ■ Free WiFi

The Ilidi Rock has the best views in town, as it occupies a splendid position above the bay overlooking the village and harbour of Livadia. It is a three minute walk along a footpath which runs above the sea to the harbour. Two pretty shingle coves afford fine swimming immediately below the hotel.

Modern in style (opened fully in 2009), the hotel comprises several buildings. The studios contain twin or double beds, a kitchen area with 2-ring mini-oven and fridge, air conditioning, tiled shower room, sat tv, hairdryer and front balcony with wonderful views over the bay. The apartments have the addition of a living room with two sofa beds (some built in) for children and a bigger terrace. The



Beach below Ilidi Rock



hotel also has some Junior Suites, which are really just bigger versions of the studio, and a corner Honeymoon Suite.

There is a fitness room and a sauna (both free) and a comfortable lounge-bar in the main reception area with a huge outdoor terrace, again boasting splendid views to Livadia. WiFi is available here (and in some rooms) at no extra charge, and there is also a PC guests can use.

Steps lead down to a pair of small pebble beaches below with complimentary sun beds for guests. There are many steps within the hotel as it is built into the cliff. However, on request we can book rooms in the first block at the lowest level as the footpath to the village, which has no steps, starts here.

**Air Conditioning:** available at a local charge of 7 euros per day.

### Early Booking Offer

For bookings made by 31/1 reductions apply (per room per week):  
 Studio: c £40-£51  
 Apartment (2 pax): c £55-£77  
 Apartment (3-5 pax): c £65-£100  
 Reductions vary according to season of stay - please enquire for a costing.



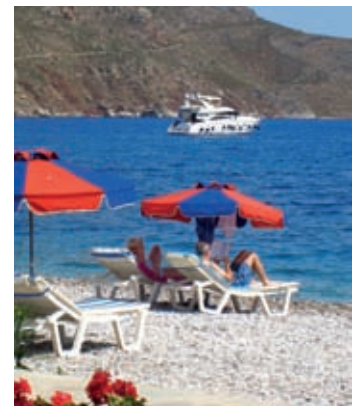
## Eleni Beach Hotel Livadia

■ 3 Stars ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning

This well run beachfront hotel opened in 1995 and has a traditional flavour in its pretty blue and white décor, local pottery and nautical theme.

Its 36 rooms are contained in four low-rise buildings, a mix of doubles, twins and triples. All are simply and attractively furnished (some with iron bedsteads) and possess air-conditioning, ceiling fan, mini-fridge, tiled shower room and balcony. All enjoy good sea or side sea views.

The hotel also has some studio rooms with light cooking facilities (although breakfast is still included), a couple of which can interconnect for families - these rooms are on request.



Above the beach is the hotel's snack bar where breakfast is served. The beach to the front is pristine and the hotel provides sun beds free of charge for its guests. A five minute walk along the paved beachfront footpath, past a choice of tavernas and cafes, brings you to Livadia's fishing harbour and the centre of the village.





## Livadia Beach Apartments Livadia

- Self Catering ■ Studios and Apartments for 2 ■ Suites for 2/4
- Air Conditioning ■ Internet access

The Livadia Beach Apartments offer very good quality self catering accommodation directly on Livadia beach. They comprise 16 units within three separate buildings, each of two floors, with pretty garden surrounds.

There is a choice of studios and suites. All units are spacious, nicely furnished in a light, modern style and possess air conditioning (local charge), tv and safety deposit boxes (free).

Standard Studios are to the rear and are double-bedded with an open-plan kitchenette (2-ring mini-oven, fridge), nice tiled bathroom with bath and shower, and good-sized balcony or garden terrace with mountain or side sea views.

The Grand Studios are similar but twin-bedded and larger in size with the addition of an attractively furnished living room area. All are on the first floor and possess a large covered balcony boasting full sea views.

The Suites are very spacious. All are ground floor and have a separate living room containing two full-size sofa-beds and a plasma tv. All, too, have a generous sea view terrace to the front and a second terrace over the gardens.

Internet access is available at a local charge from reception and a snack bar to the side and front of the garden serves breakfast and light meals through the day. It is directly above the super shingle beach, where sun beds and umbrellas are offered free of charge to guests.

A 6-7 minute stroll above the beach via the pedestrian path brings you to Livadia



harbour, and you will find a tempting choice of restaurants along the way.

**Air Conditioning:** available at a local charge of 7 euros per day.



## Irimi Hotel Livadia

- 2 Stars Plus ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool

This 'small and friendly' family-run hotel opened in 1986 and has a traditional style. It stands in a quiet residential area just 2-3 minutes walk from both the beach and the centre of Livadia. All 23 rooms are set in beautifully lush gardens of rose, hibiscus and banana trees, and to the side is a large swimming pool (12m x 8.5m) surrounded by palm trees.

Rooms are ground or first floor and comprise twin or double beds, air-conditioning, ceiling fan, fridge, kettle and ensuite shower/wc with balcony or terrace with views of either sea or mountains and surrounding gardens.

Furnishings and décor are simple, tasteful and attractive.

A rich continental breakfast is served inside or on the garden terrace, and within a short walk to the centre of the village you will find a good choice of tavernas. A most welcoming and comfortable base.

**Optional local charge:** air-conditioning 7 euros per day.



### Early Booking Offer

For bookings made by 31/1 reductions apply (per room per week):  
 Garden View: c £30-£39  
 Pool View: c £37-£46  
 Reductions vary according to season of stay - please enquire for a costing.

## Guided Walks on Tilos

Walking is a major attraction here, and Tilos Trails offers a wide range of guided walks. Operated by Iain and Lyn Fulton since 1997, Tilos Trails is a great introduction to the beauty and surprising diversity of flora and fauna this small island offers. Using the island's network of old paths, many of which are little known except to the shepherds, Tilos Trails offers walks for all levels, from Introductory (up to c 3 hrs) to Moderate (up to c 5 hrs) and finally Challenging (up to c 7 hrs). Iain and Lyn state 'Our aim is to pass on some of the knowledge that we have acquired over the years while we walk the paths and trails, so that you too can begin to understand the unique nature of Tilos'.

For further information please see [www.tilos-trails.com](http://www.tilos-trails.com)

