

Meganissi is the largest of Lefkas' half-dozen satellite islands by some distance, and the only inhabited one. Although just half-an-hour by regular ferry from Nidri, which sails past Onassis' Skorpion en route, its sleepy atmosphere and slow pace of life feel like a different planet.



# MEGANISSI

This is an island from which to forget the cares of the world, one where you can completely relax and lose yourself in magnificent views and simple pleasures.

Meganissi has two ports, each with a village above. The first small harbour is called Spilia, named after a nearby sea-cave. It comprises simply a pretty bay where fishing boats jostle with visiting yachts for mooring, three popular tavernas and, to one side, a gleaming white-pebble beach. It is a 10-15 minute walk up to whitewashed Spartohori above, a delightfully flower-filled village oozing Greek charm and friendliness. Spartohori has three restaurants of its own (two traditional, one pizzeria) and some small shops.

3½ kilometres to the east, still on the north coast, is the larger port of Vathy. Vathy has some well liked waterfront restaurants, popular with Lefkadians who pop over for a leisurely fish lunch! The



attractive village of Katomeri is a kilometre inland.

The ports and villages are all linked by a circular road which runs above the sea and then winds its way inland through an idyllic country landscape. A network of footpaths and goat tracks makes walking through the gentle rolling countryside a popular activity – you could, for example, complete the round of ports and villages (cheats can take the ferry from Spilia to Vathy!). Serious walkers will enjoy the trail south along

Meganissi's spine.

Beaches, too, are a major attraction here – not only because they are so pristine but also so uncrowded.

Most are of gleaming white-pebble backed by pine and cypress. Ai Yiannis, also linked by country road from Spartohori, is the best known and has a taverna – views to Lefkas are exquisite. The coastline hides many secluded bays and beaches, some accessible only on foot or by boat.

Car hire can be arranged (brought from Lefkas at a supplement of £30 per car to cover ferry costs) and motor-boats hired. Small excursion boats will take you around the sea caves and the neighbouring Prince's Islands. For brighter lights it is easy to visit Lefkas for the day, or even just a few hours. But we think most won't want to stir from this beautiful, restful spot.



## Meganissi Information

### Getting to Meganissi

Sunday Day flight Gatwick or Manchester to Prevesa. Then 1 hour by coach or taxi to Nidri and 30 mins. ferry. For flight details see page 173.

### Multi-Centre Options

With Lefkas, Parga, Sivota, Epirus, Fly-Drive, Sailing. For multi-centre details see page 6.

### Car & Motorboat Hire

Delivered from Lefkas – see pages 8-9.

### Representative

Based on Lefkas, will visit.

### Early Booking Offers

For departures before 13/7 & 23/8 onwards, if booked by 28/2 (note: excludes 1 week holidays dep 24/5 & 23/8)

### SUNRISE APARTMENTS

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

### KALOKERI COTTAGE

- £25 per person off

For conditions see page 7.

## SUNRISE APARTMENTS SPARTOHORI

■ Self Catering ■ Studios for 2 ■ Apartment for 2/4 ■ Family Unit for up to 6 ■ Air Conditioning ■ Early Booking Offer

The Sunrise Apartments are very conveniently located just outside Spartohori village (400m). They have lovely views over the olive-clad hillside which tumbles steeply down to the sea.

The building has three floors housing six studios and one apartment. The standard studios are spacious and possess twin or double bed, kitchenette with 2-ring mini-oven and fridge, air-conditioning (small daily charge), tiled shower room and good-sized balcony or patio with hillside or sea views. Furnishings are simple and comfortable.



double). All have a generous covered balcony, most with sea views (one with views to the hillside).

The ground floor apartment, also air-conditioned, comprises a double and a twin bedroom, family bathroom with bathtub and shower, separate kitchen/diner with full cooker, and front patio with views to the green hillside opposite. There is also one twin studio on the ground floor, which would combine well to make a Family Unit for parties of up to 6.

The centre of pretty Spartohori is a five minute walk away, and it is just over a kilometre to Rocca beach below the village.

**Air-conditioning:** Available at a local charge of 5 euros per day.

**Attic Studio:** Supplement £35 per studio per week.



The attic studio is very private and romantic, and has the top floor to itself. Tucked under the eaves its exposed wood ceiling and pine-clad walls lend a cosy chalet-style feel. A double bed and a lovely sunny roof-terrace, boasting great views across the sea to the mainland, complete the picture. Please note that this studio does not have air-conditioning – a fan is provided – and that access is via a narrow spiral staircase from the middle floor.

The four studios on the middle floor are mostly twin-bedded (there is one

## KALOKERI COTTAGE SPARTOHORI

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

This traditional cottage in the heart of Spartohori has been modernised to a very comfortable standard by its British owners.

Entrance is into a good-sized living room with open-plan fitted kitchen containing full cooker, fridge and microwave oven. There is a separate double bedroom and a generous bathroom with bath as well as shower.

There is a full-sized sofa-bed in the lounge, and the cottage has the benefit of washing machine and air-conditioning throughout. To the front is a terrace with table and chairs.

The cottage fronts one of the narrow village streets and, although quietly located (normal village life apart), is only a minute's walk from the handful of restaurants here and little further from two mini-markets. Three more tavernas are to be found in Spilia Bay below, a 15 minute walk, as is the nearest beach.

Kalokeri Cottage is attractively furnished and decorated and very much in keeping with this pretty village. Really, a very sweet little



village house – you could not find more traditional surroundings.

**Air-conditioning:** Available at a local charge of 8 euros per day.



Spartohori



Spilia Beach

# ESPERIDES HOTEL SPARTOHORI

■ 3 Star Superior ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Air Conditioning ■ Swimming Pool

We were somewhat surprised to find a hotel of this style on such a small island, but new hotels are popping up in the most unlikely places nowadays!

The Esperides is high on the hill above the entrance to Spilia Bay and thus enjoys spectacular views directly over the straits. From here you can see Lefkas to the west, the emerald Prince's Isles straight ahead, and the mountains of the mainland to the east. There is plenty of boat activity so do pack your binoculars.

The hotel has 50 twin and double rooms contained in four 2-storey buildings. Offering high modern standards and tasteful décor, all possess air-conditioning, flat-screen sat tv, mini-bar, wi-fi/Internet access, full bath with shower, and spacious covered front balcony with panoramic sea views as described above.

The main building houses lounge-bar and main restaurant (buffet-style). Below and to the front is the attractive decked freshwater swimming pool, which has a jacuzzi and a children's section and measures some 200 sq m (depth 0.80m-2.30m). During the basic periods the seasonal pool bar serves snacks during the day and becomes an a la carte restaurant in the evenings for those who would like poolside dining.

The hotel is a ten minute walk (600m) from Spartohori village and operates a free minibus service to run guests the 3.4 kms to Ai Ioannis beach and back each day.

**Half Board:** £140 per week



### Early Booking Offer

Save up to £75 per room per week in all seasons if booking before 15th April. Please call for details.



### Small Boat Hire

You can explore the sea-caves and coastline of Meganissi by small motorboat from just £25 per day. See page 9 for details.

MEGANISSI		Prices shown are in £'s per person departing on or between dates shown																															
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		16 MAY	23 MAY	30 MAY	06 JUN	13 JUN	20 JUN	27 JUN	04 JUL	11 JUL	18 JUL	25 JUL	01 AUG	08 AUG	15 AUG	22 AUG	29 AUG	05 SEP	12 SEP	19 SEP	26 SEP	03 OCT	10 OCT	17 OCT	24 OCT	31 OCT	07 NOV	14 NOV	21 NOV	28 NOV			
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Payment by Credit or Charge Card will incur a 1.5% processing charge (note: should this change due to the credit card companies increasing their charges to us, you will be advised at the time of booking). Manchester Flight Supplement £35. Departure date determines basic holiday cost. Prices include all airport/fuel charges & taxes known at the time of printing – for surcharge policy see booking conditions section 6 on page 179. To add: any room & board supplements (see text – single room prices on request), Travel Insurance (see page 172). An optional Carbon Offset charge will show on your invoice – if you do not wish to pay this simply deduct it from your final payment. Please reconfirm prices with us at the time of booking in case of errors or changes.