

# North Western Greece

North western Greece is a land of epic mountains, wooded hills, pristine beaches, historic towns and the prettiest of villages. Pines reach down to the water's edge, the indented coastline boasts golden sands and hidden coves. For a very different face of Greece, go inland and discover the delights of the forty Zagori mountain villages and one of the deepest gorges in Europe. A nature lover's dream.



The region of Epirus is one of the Greek mainland's hidden gems. The indented coastline hides miles of sandy beaches and the area is so lush that trees often come down to the water's edge.

But do not miss out on inland Epirus. Zagori is one of the most beautiful regions in the country, mountainous and wild, and rich in flora and fauna. The hire of a car, even for a few days, will richly reward those who love nature at its finest.



## Parga

With a lush countryside which remains fresh and green throughout the summer, magnificent beaches, and a characterful harbour topped by a Venetian castle, it is no surprise that this bustling little town has become so popular.

An array of brightly canopied cafés and restaurants lines the waterfront. Behind, narrow lanes, small shops and old houses climb the hill. Nightlife is whatever you want to make it, from traditional tavernas to lively music bars.

There is a perfectly fine town beach, however, most head for magnificent Valtos beach just around the headland, or Lichnos further south.

Parga is an excellent base from which to explore Epirus. You don't have to go far to be in the midst of untamed country.



## Sivota

Sivota enjoys a setting of remarkable natural beauty. All around are hills blanketed by pine, cypress and olive, the trees in many places reaching the water's edge. The twisting coastline, with offshore islets, is indented with rocky coves, sandy bays and stretches of beach.

The harbour is pretty as a picture, with many cafés and restaurants, small shops, and often a flotilla moored at the quay.

The nearest beach, Gallikos Molos is just over the headland from the harbour - it is a sand/shingle beach with crystal clear waters and a local taverna. Many other beaches can be reached in a 10-15 minute walk in either direction.

Excursions run by boat to Paxos and Zagoria.



## Zagori

Epirus occupies Greece's north-western corner and is spectacularly beautiful. Largely mountainous, with three peaks of 2500m plus, it is (once away from the coast) one of Greece's most remote regions, and centuries-old traditions, fast-vanishing in many other areas, still flourish here.

The heart of this fascinating area is inland for which car hire is necessary. Here are the mighty peaks of the Pindos, forests, rivers, lakes, gorges, meadows, preserved stone villages, some 1700 species of flora, and a wildlife which includes wolves and bears. The Zagori National Park epitomises all that is best of the region, as recognised by its inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

This unusual and little-known area is one of Greece's best kept secrets.

# Sivota

Where tradition meets cosmopolitan charm amidst breathtaking nature. Immerse yourself in the authentic spirit of a Greek village while enjoying the vibrant energy of a busy harbour. Discover pristine beaches, secret coves, and quiet islets begging to be explored.

## Albatros Hotel Sivota, Epirus

minutes from Zavia beach. This upper part of the village has tavernas and shops of its own.

The hotel has 35 rooms on three floors. All have been renovated to a good standard and provide comfortable modern accommodation, including twin or king-size bed, a walk-in shower, and a balcony or patio with pool, garden or countryside views. Room facilities include A/C (local charge), WiFi, TV, room safe, mini-fridge and hairdryer.

There is an attractive pool area - the pool has steps in and measures 90 sq m. The adjacent pool bar serves drinks and snacks and a rich buffet breakfast is offered here.

We think the Albatros is very good value for the standards and facilities the hotel offers.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£894 per person\***



## Sioutis Hotel Apartments Sivota, Epirus

Sioutis is popular with our customers with good reason. It offers high standards and friendly service in quiet country surroundings within a short walk of both harbour and beach.

The eight 1-bedroom units (one per floor) are in 4 buildings surrounded by lawns and pretty borders. All have a separate living room, light kitchen facilities, A/C, WiFi, shower room and a balcony or terrace. Top floors have distant sea views.

4 open-plan studios (22 sq m) are in

the building set back from the pool - a pair on each floor. Facilities are as per the apartments.

There is a 7m x 4m pool and low key cafe/bar for breakfast.

Gallikos Molos beach is 3 minutes' walk and the harbour 5 minutes. The walk up is an incline and so may not be suitable for slow walkers without a car.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£959 per person\***

## Evanti Apartments Sivota, Epirus

At the quieter far end of Sivota harbour, these four apartments offer high standards of comfort and good views.

The three 1-bedroom units are on ground or first floor. Spacious and furnished in a bright style, each has an open-plan living room with 1 or 2 sofa-beds and kitchen area, a shower room and an air conditioned double bedroom. Both bedroom and living room have a balcony with harbour views.

The ground floor studio is large, twin or double-bedded with the same facilities and opens onto its own terrace.

With the harbour, restaurants and cafes on your doorstep and beach only a 5 minute walk, Evanti is an ideal base.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£910 per person\***



# Parga & Zagori

Parga and Zagori offer a captivating blend of coastal charm and rustic elegance, where every turn unveils a new treasure. In Parga, pastel Venetian houses hug a turquoise bay and fragrant bougainvillea adorns its cobbled streets. Verdant Zagori, a majestic mountain realm dotted with stone bridges spanning dramatic gorges.

## Achilleas Hotel Parga, Epirus

The Achilleas is one of Parga's established hotels (since 1988) and occupies what must be the best location in the village.

Directly above Piso Krioneri beach, it is just a 5 minute walk from the harbour (no hills).

The hotel has 32 twin or double bedded rooms on three floors. All have A/C, WiFi, shower room and a balcony with sea view or village view. Rooms on the top floor have a chalet-style but beware the lower wooden ceilings!

The terrace is directly above the beach to which steps lead down (mainly pebble with some sand).

In season the hotel opens a super cafe-bar on the promontory to one side of the beach - the views are fabulous.

The Achilleas is friendly and family-run with many repeat guests.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1272 per person\***



## Acrothea Hotel Parga, Epirus

This beautifully designed small hotel combines a wonderfully convenient location a minute's walk from the harbour with fine views and great comfort.

The 19 rooms are furnished in keeping with the building's neo-classical style. All are double-bedded with A/C, WiFi and bath and/or shower.

The top floor deluxe rooms have views to the harbour, the island in the bay, the castle and old town.

Superior rooms below also have sea views some over the rooftop of a building to the front, or to the side.

There is a small breakfast room and terrace where breakfast is usually taken.

The hospitable family who own and run the Acrothea aims to give excellent personal service.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1161 per person\***

## Aristi Mountain Resort Aristi, Zagori

This upmarket hotel is the best in Zagori and the only one with a Spa. Beautifully designed and in local stone, the hotel is towards the top of Aristi, one of the prettiest villages of Zagori.

The hotel has various room types, suites and villas. All are built with stone and wood and warmly furnished - discreet luxury. All have a king-size bed, A/C, WiFi and a terrace/balcony with magnificent views to Papingo village and the Astraka peaks behind. Standard

rooms have shower, higher category rooms also have a Jacuzzi bath.

The restaurant uses local produce (own garden) and Epirot speciality dishes. The spa includes heated indoor pool, sauna, hamam, Jacuzzi and treatments.

You will come away from a stay here completely relaxed and rejuvenated!

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1428 per person\***



\* Guide prices are based on 2-sharing a lead-in room type for 7 nights in May and include return flights and transfers (car hire included for the Aristi Mountain Resort). Prices are subject to change and increases in airfares. Please visit our website for our latest prices and important further information on these properties, as well as more accommodation choices.