

Skopelos

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 is the largest of our featured islands in the Sporades group. Limited development means that the island 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. 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, maybe taking in a monastery or two (the countryside is dotted with historic churches and monasteries, three of which are still inhabited). There is, too, the unexcavated grave of a Cretan King of Minoan times overlooking Stafilos Bay.

Alternatively, rent a mountain bike – ideal for exploring and getting off the beaten track – or try your hand at sea kayaking from Elios. 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 Stafilos Bay 4 kms. from the port, or Kastani with its fashionably chilled beach club. The sea is sparklingly clear, the swimming excellent.



SKOPELOS INFORMATION

Getting to Skopelos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Gatwick inbound flight via Volos, Manchester inbound flight via Kavala). Regional flights also available from Stansted, Newcastle, East Midlands and Birmingham - prices on request. Then 50-90 mins by scheduled Flying Cat or ferry (note: should ferry schedules remain similar to last year please expect an early morning departure from the island on your return journey). For flight details see page 267.

Multi-Centre Options

With Skiathos and Alonissos. For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Skopelos Town - visits all areas.

Skopelos Guide Book

We recommend 'An Insider's Guide to Skopelos' by Maria Broadley which can be purchased from Amazon or on the island.



Limnonari Bay

Aeolos Hotel Skopelos Town

The Aeolos is our favoured town hotel and occupies a super location facing Skopelos Town, an easy 600m level walk above the sea around the bay.

Its 63 comfortable rooms are simply but tastefully furnished and air conditioned with TV (BBC World), fridge, hair-dryer, modern tiled shower room, room safe (€2 per day) and balcony, most with lovely sea and town views. Rooms are mainly twin-bedded and most can take an extra folding bed for a child. Wifi is available in public areas and charged at €8 per week.

The hotel has a lift, lounge, bar and breakfast room (complete with ancient olive tree). The large

freshwater swimming pool measures 13m x 7m (depth 1m-1.80m) and 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.

The Hotel: 3 Star
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
WiFi



Skopelos Harbour



Maistros Apartments Skopelos Town

Situated 800m from Skopelos Town's attractive waterfront - a pleasant 10 minute walk above the sea - these new apartments are beautifully appointed and have the benefit of fine views.

The maisonettes possess a ground floor double bedroom, a comfortable air conditioned living room with double sofa-bed for an adult or two children, a kitchen area with full cooker, TV, safety deposit box, and modern bathroom with full bath and shower attachment. Above, and open-plan to the living room, is a mezzanine sleeping gallery with twin beds. The living room opens onto a large sea-facing balcony affording lovely views over rooftops to the sea, harbour, town and mountains behind.

To the front below is the large freshwater pool. Steps within the

hotel may make it unsuitable for those with mobility difficulties.

A stay here would suit those looking for a good quality self catering holiday, fine views, a lovely pool area (generally quiet) and easy access to Skopelos Town.

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for bookings made by 31/5. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

The Apartments: Self Catering
Maisonettes for 2/6
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi

Thea's Home Skopelos Town

Thea's Home has a crow's nest position at the top of the town yet with access to the harbour (7 minutes down, 10 back) via a fair few steps and the narrow old town lanes. Sunvil's rooms offer fabulous town and sea views, and an exceptionally high standard.

The studios are spacious, modern and light. Each one has a double bed (can be separated into twins), plus a sofa-bed for a child, and is furnished with TV, a kitchen area with mini-oven, two rings and fridge, air-con, an iron and board, ceiling fan and mozzie-screened windows. A good sized shower room and a generous covered sea facing balcony completes the picture.

The apartments on the upper floors are exceptionally well equipped as, in addition to the studio facilities above, each has a spacious lounge with fitted kitchen (full cooker, fridge-freezer), a washing machine and a double sofa-bed. The double bedroom has a ceiling fan. Outside, the large covered sea view balcony has seating and a table.

Beside reception is a delightful terrace with shade, seating and spectacular views where breakfast

can be taken. Below is a freshwater pool measuring 7.5m x 3.5m (depth 0.60m-1.80m).

Due to the hillside location and number of steps within the property we would not recommend it to those with mobility difficulties.

Breakfast: during the period 5/7-29/8 breakfast is included in the price - outside these dates it is available at a local charge of 5 euros.

The Apartments:

Self Catering and
Bed & Breakfast
Studios for 2/3
Apartments for
2/4
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Glifoneri Beach near Skopelos Town



Glifoneri Cottage near Skopelos Town

Glifoneri enjoys a lovely, secluded position close to the beach and has 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, which has a BBQ. There is loads of space to sunbathe in the paved front garden (sun beds and umbrella are provided) or simply to sit and admire the stunning views over the sea to Alonissos.

The house has had a recent makeover (winter 2017) in a light fresh style whilst still preserving some of its traditional flavour. It has a large L-shaped living/dining room a sofa-bed, TV, and a separate kitchen area (full cooker, microwave, fridge) The bedroom has air conditioning, a double bed and en suite shower/wc.

The nearest taverna (seasonal) is only a 2 minute walk and there is another by the beach (5 mins.). It is a 10-15 minute walk to the top of the Old Town (steep in parts so car hire is recommended for the less than super-fit!) from where a 15 minute walk through the narrow lanes brings you to the harbour. The nearest shops are in town - a taxi back costs c 9 euros.

Glifoneri Cottage is an understandably popular property; cool, spacious and private, surrounded by flowers and enjoying lovely views.

Early Booking Offer

Up to £100 off per week (max discount £200) for bookings made by 31/1. Conditions apply - see page 267.

The Cottage:

Self Catering
Villa for 2/3
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi

Villa Juno Skopelos Town

Set within a private walled courtyard on the outskirts of Skopelos Town, this quaint little house offers a sense of peace and seclusion.

Through the use of stylish high quality furnishings throughout, and with tall wooden ceilings and a large patio garden, the owners have created a delightful property, a perfect choice for couples looking for a relaxing escape yet close to all the attractions of this pretty port.

Juno is all on one level and comprises an open plan living room with fully equipped kitchenette; a

double bedroom with doors to the garden; and a bathroom with shower. Amenities include air conditioning, TV, washing machine, dishwasher, WiFi and sunbeds in the private pergola-shaded courtyard.

A short 350m stroll through the narrow streets down the hill (nothing very steep) brings you to the harbour in just 5 minutes where you can choose from a tempting array of waterfront cafes and restaurants.

For larger parties we have a couple of 3 bedroom villas nearby with pools which can combine with Juno – please enquire.

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for bookings made by 31/12. Conditions apply - see page 267.

The Villa: Self Catering
1 Bedroom
House for 2
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Skopelos town



Andromachi Studios Near Skopelos Town

Andromachi Studios gaze across the bay to Skopelos Town from their very peaceful location on the hillside opposite. Here you have all the sights and sounds of the country, but a 15 minute walk brings you to the port.

The five studios were handsomely refurbished and updated to modern standards in 2018. Most are on the upper two floors. All possess a king-size double bed, a very nice shower room, a simple kitchenette with 2 ring mini-oven and a fridge, and a front terrace or balcony with gorgeous views over the bay, no more so than at night when the

twinkling lights of Skopelos are reflected in the water. Other facilities include AC, WiFi, hairdryer, iron.

Decor and furnishing is quite lovely - cool, tasteful and relaxing. There are common seating areas with deckchairs and a hammock in the garden to the front.

A walk of 1 km brings you to town and you will find four tavernas, a cafe, supermarket and the town beach within a 15 minute walk. A few minutes more brings you to the harbour where there are plenty more. The last 500m is a steady climb back.



The Studios: Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi

Alkistis Hotel Apartments Near Skopelos Town

The Alkistis enjoys a beautifully rural setting, about 2 kms walk from Skopelos Town - very frequently served by the hotel's courtesy minibus (up to seven times daily - last return 11pm) - and halfway to Stafilos Beach.

Guests receive hotel levels of service (6 x weekly cleaning, regular linen changes, pool towels) combined with the freedom of self catering - furnishings are traditional in style. The hotel is known for its particularly friendly service.

There are only 25 studios and apartments housed in three separate 2-storey buildings to the rear of the grounds. The studios are spacious and all contain a double or twin beds, kitchenette with mini-oven, rings and fridge, safety deposit box, bath or shower, hairdryer, TV, DVD player, and a large patio or balcony over the gardens.

The apartments are similar with the addition of a separate living room containing two full-sized extra beds. All possess air conditioning and standards of comfort are high. Some on the ground floor have been disabled adapted.

The accommodation is quietly located in extensive gardens amongst olive trees, away from the pool, bar and taverna areas at the front. It boasts an enormous 350 sq.m freshwater pool (with a swim-up bar), a children's section, and a restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and (in season) dinner.

You will find a very handy supermarket just a 3 minute walk away.

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for bookings made by 30/4. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

The Apartments:

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



Delphi Hotel Apartments Elios

With beautiful mature gardens to the front and forested hills to the rear, Delphi Hotel Apartments are surrounded by a sea of green. The hotel is on the edge of the village of Elios halfway up Skopelos' sheltered western coast, and close to some of the island's best beaches.

It is a mix of studios and apartments built around the garden and large freshwater swimming pool, which has a child section and a poolside snack bar.

Studios are twin or double and have light cooking facilities (rings, fridge), AC, bath or shower, and a balcony with garden, pool or partial sea views. The apartments are similar with the addition of a living room

with 2 sofa-beds for children, a bath and a mini-oven. Some are maisonette-style on two floors.

Elios village has seven tavernas, a mini-market, ATM and a small harbour/marina flanked by two shingle beaches - the first is only a 5 minute walk, but beyond it is lovely Hovolo (10-15 minutes, no facilities). The quaint hilltop village of Glossa is but a 15 minute car or bus ride away and the popular beaches of Millia and Kastani are even closer.

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for stays completed by 12/7 and commencing 23/8 onwards for bookings made by 30/4.

The Apartments:

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



Kastani beach

Afrodite Hotel Panormos

This traditional family-run hotel is built just 100 metres back from the beautiful beach at Panormos, a wide sweep of fine shingle and pebble which is recognised as one of the best on the island.

The hotel has 33 rooms split amongst three two-storey buildings, a mix of twins, doubles and suites. All possess air-conditioning, fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, shower/wc (bath on request) and balcony with views to the thickly forested hillside behind or over the pretty gardens. Furnishings and décor are simple and older style. The suites have a living room area containing one or two sofa-beds for children.

The main building houses reception, bar and a beautiful traditional-style lounge. To the front the freshwater pool measures 10m x 5m (depth 1.40- 2.70) and has a children's section.

Panormos is very quiet early and late in the season (May and mid-September onwards) and not all tavernas or the shop will be open. In high season the beach can be busy and you will find a selection of restaurants and a mini-market. For brighter lights Skopelos Town is only 12 kms away and can be easily reached by the island's very good bus service.

The Hotel:

- 3 Stars
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air Conditioning
- Swimming Pool
- Free Wifi



Panormos beach



SKOPELOS		Guide prices per person in £s departing during								
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - early Jul & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (mid Jul - early Sep)				
		From		To		From		To		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk	
Aeolos	Standard Sea View	2 BB	813	941	900	1226	1029	1360	1057	1388
	3 BB	794	903	868	1120	954	1209	981	1236	
Afrodite Hotel	Standard Room	2 BB	813	941	912	1121	912	1190	1004	1282
		2 BB	846	1006	980	1258	980	1357	1102	1478
	Standard Triple Room	3 BB	794	903	890	1077	890	1143	979	1232
		2 BB	874	1062	1041	1380	1041	1446	1131	1536
Suite	3 BB	813	941	930	1158	930	1203	998	1270	
Alkistis Hotel Apartments	Studio	2 SC	833	982	924	1254	1033	1368	1061	1396
		3 SC	791	898	871	1115	947	1194	973	1221
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	862	1038	984	1436	1154	1612	1184	1642
		3 SC	818	952	906	1223	1019	1341	1047	1369
4 SC	786	888	857	1096	942	1185	968	1212		
Andromachi Studios	Studio	2 SC	842	987	942	1166	942	1260	1058	1377
Delphi Hotel Apartments	Pool View Studio	2 SC	813	941	872	1121	952	1206	979	1232
		2 SC	813	941	892	1141	952	1206	979	1232
	Sea View Studio	2 SC	854	1022	912	1202	992	1287	1020	1314
		3 SC	826	968	871	1094	925	1151	951	1177
	1 Bedroom	4 SC	792	900	830	999	871	1042	896	1068
		2 SC	874	1062	932	1242	1013	1328	1040	1356
Maisonette	3 SC	840	995	885	1121	938	1178	965	1205	
	4 SC	823	961	861	1060	901	1103	927	1129	
Glifoneri Cottage	1 Bedroom	2 SC	982	1236	1009	1272	1009	1286	1072	1325
		3 SC	894	1061	918	1091	918	1101	976	1134

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		From		To		From		To		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk	
Juno Cottage	1 Bedroom	2 SC	820	930	948	1242	1030	1324	1137	1516
		3 SC	779	854	873	1071	933	1132	1013	1268
Maistros Apartments	Maisonette	2 SC	887	1076	1087	1458	1087	1464	1116	1492
		3 SC	853	1008	992	1269	992	1273	1019	1300
		4 SC	836	974	945	1174	945	1178	971	1204
Thea Home Apartments	Studio	2 SC	887	1076	1066	1417	1066	1422	1095	1451
		3 SC	853	1008	978	1241	978	1245	1005	1271
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	948	1197	1220	1724	1220	1732	1251	1763
		3 SC	893	1088	1081	1446	1081	1451	1109	1479
4 SC	866	1034	1011	1306	1011	1310	1038	1337		

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Not included: Overnight Stay Tax of €0.50 to €4 per room, apartment or villa per night payable locally - the amount varies according to the category of the accommodation (i.e. most self catering and 1-2 star hotels = €0.50, 5 star hotels = €4).