

Alonissos

Alonissos is the least developed of the northern Sporades; a green retreat in which to swim, walk and gently explore. Around its shores are many coves and beaches, lapped by the clearest of seas and backed by green hills. Inland is a scenic joy, and the network of marked trails through the varied countryside makes for some excellent walking.



The island is about 20 kilometres long by 4 wide, its hilly terrain softened by oak and pine.

Ferries and catamarans leave regularly from the main port of Patitiri for Skopelos, only 20 minutes away, and for Skiathos, another hour further to the west. This makes the odd day excursion easy, as well as twin-centre holidays.

Some twenty minutes walk to the north is the delightful fishing harbour of Votsi, its clear waters and pretty pebble beach backed by cliffs and pines. Votsi has a traditional, generally sleepy village atmosphere, a handful of small shops and some good tavernas. Walk back over the headland towards Patitiri and you will come to the beach at Rossoum which has tavernas of its own.

Old Alonissos, high above Patitiri, boasts stunning views and is certainly picturesque. Abandoned in the 1960's,

the old houses are now largely restored and favoured by artists and writers. The village now has a dozen tavernas, several cafés, a couple of bars and a mini-market. There is a bus link from Patitiri (operates June to September) and it can also be reached on foot in about 40 mins via a goat track or by taxi. Old Alonissos is particularly atmospheric in the evenings, and we'd recommend all visitors to come for dinner here at least once.

Alonissos was one of only 22 areas from more than 1000 in the world to be awarded a Quality Coast certificate in 2013 (www.qualitycoast.info). The seas around the island are designated a National Marine Park, set up to protect the indigenous Monk Seal. You can visit it by organised boat trip.

On the edge of the Park, halfway up the coast, is the pretty fishing harbour of Steni Vala – very peaceful with four

authentic local tavernas plus a couple of cafés and mini-markets. A dive centre is now also based here and a bus service to Patitiri operates June to September.

Alonissos is a quiet, very beautiful island which is quite happy to remain off the main tourist path. Largely traditional, it would suit those looking for an unhurried holiday in natural surroundings, fine views, good



swimming – there is a string of fine beaches up the east coast from peaceful Milia to picturesque Aghios Dimitrios – and walking.

ALONISSOS INFORMATION

Getting to Alonissos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Gatwick inbound flight via Volos). Regional flights also may be available – please enquire. Then 60-70 minutes by scheduled Flying Cat or 2½ hrs by ferry. (Note: should ferry schedules remain as last year you should expect an early morning departure from the island on your return journey). For flight details see page 270.

Multi-Centre Options

Skiathos and Skopelos. For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car & Boat Hire

See pages 268-9 for car hire details. Motor boats can be hired locally via our representative.

Representative

Based in Patitiri - visits all areas

Marpunta Resort Near Patitiri

Set amongst pine trees on a rocky promontory some 2½ kms south of Patitiri, the Marpunta offers a quiet relaxed stay in some comfort with nature all around. The hotel is designed in a 'village' style, with most of its 104 rooms in one- or two-storey bungalow units above the main building, pool and beach.

There are various types of rooms and suites ranging from 20 sq m up to 55 sq m - see our website for details.

Following the recent full renovation in 2016 they are furnished in a clean minimalist style with village (hotel), garden, side-sea or sea views from their terrace. All possess the facilities and mod cons you would expect, including luxury bedding.

The main building houses a lounge, main restaurant (buffet), bar and terrace. The large lagoon-style pool below has a pool bar and a seasonal a la carte restaurant. The main beach is usually sheltered and has canoes for rent, and there is a second smaller pebble beach around the corner. Elsewhere in the grounds is a tennis court.

The hotel operates a free bus to and from Patitiri port twice a day, which can also be reached in a pleasant

35-40 minute walk along the little-used road.

Due to the location of the rooms, most of which are reached by steps or the alternative winding path up the hill, we would not recommend a stay here to those of limited mobility - however a Club Car can be called from reception to assist. Please note that the three Deluxe Junior Suites are at a lower level near the main building, pool and beach.

Half Board: £238 per week adults; £119 child 2-11. Guests can swap dinner for lunch with a little notice to reception.

Early Booking Offers

Reductions apply for bookings made before 31/3. Please note that 50% of the hotel cost must be paid at the time of booking for the offer to apply (quoted on request - non-refundable).

Pay BB get lunch and dinner free – free upgrade to full board for all bookings made by 29/2 (worth up to £420 per person per week).

The Resort: Swimming Pool
4 Stars Air Conditioning
Bed & Breakfast Free WiFi
or Half Board



Atrium Hotel Near Patitiri

Set amongst the pine trees up the hill at the back of the village, where the road to Alonissos Old Village begins, the Atrium has lovely views out to sea over the forest. The edge of Patitiri, with its shops and attractive waterfront tavernas, is approximately 600m away (a ten minute walk and a further five to the harbour), and it's a similar distance to the very nice beach of Rossoum.

The Atrium provides good facilities and a high level of comfort from its upgraded and stylish 30 double or twin-bedded rooms. Not only do they all possess air conditioning, Sat TV and a sea view balcony, added benefits (all at no extra charge)

include a mini-bar (initial stock is free of charge), a safety deposit box, filter coffee machine (plus coffee!), hydro-jet shower and hairdryer. The hotel also offers free Wifi.

The hotel has two swimming pools (plus one for children) and a pool bar - pool towels are provided.

The Atrium offers good modern standards and facilities in an attractive location and with excellent views from almost everywhere.

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



Alonissos Old Town

Nina's Studios Patitiri

Patitiri is the main port of Alonissos and has a wide selection of restaurants and cafes strung along the waterfront against a backdrop of chalk-white cliffs.

Nina Studios enjoy fabulous views from their elevated location to the side of the bay overlooking the turquoise waters below, and yet they are a short walk from all the facilities and a small beach at the far end of the harbour, reached by a footpath and some steps in just 5 minutes.

The studios are some of the loveliest we have yet seen on Alonissos, being beautifully furnished and decorated with care and taste. All have double beds

(some with an extra single) and each has AC, Wifi, TV, hairdryer, room safe, light kitchen facilities (2 ring hob, fridge, kettle, toaster) and a bathroom with shower.

The views from your private furnished balcony over Patitiri Bay are superb, and one could sit for hours watching the harbour life below come and go.

The very nice beach of Rossoum in the next bay can be reached in around 10 minutes.

The Studios: Air Conditioning
Self Catering Free WiFi
Studios for 2/3



Patitiri view from near Nina's and Liadromia



Hippocampus Apartments Votsi

Hippocampus (which is the sea-horse of Greek mythology if you were wondering!) is on the front row of the cliff above Votsi Bay, and thus enjoys superb views. It is a five minute walk down to the harbour in one direction and Votsi's pretty beach in the other.

The five studios are a good size and mostly double-bedded. All possess a ceiling fan in addition to AC, a basic kitchenette with 2 cooking rings and fridge, a shower room and a spacious front terrace with sunblind and fine views over the bay to the front or side. In-room amenities include TV, WiFi, iron and hairdryer. Decor is pretty and furnishing simple.

The apartments are similar with the addition of a rear living room, also

air conditioned, with a sofa-bed. They have two regular balconies, one front and one rear.

There are now four or five tavernas at Votsi and all can be reached in around a 5 minute walk, as can the mini-market up the hill. Due to the location we would not recommend this property to those with mobility problems.

We can also offer similar sea view studios at the Oniro Apartments next door – see our website for details.

The Apartments: Apartments for 3
Self Catering Air Conditioning
Studios for 2 Free WiFi



Votsi

Yalis Hotel Votsi

In our view this fabulous small hotel sets the standard for all others on the island. The Yalis is built on a small cliff directly above the sea close to Votsi bay. Here you will enjoy high standards of comfort, spacious rooms, good service and wonderful views.

The hotel has just 20 rooms and suites split between its three buildings. All are very spacious and possess iron double bedstead, air conditioning, bathroom with bath and shower, hairdryer, safety deposit box, light kitchen facilities (2 rings, kettle and fridge), an open-plan living room area with double sofa-bed and a large private sea-facing covered balcony or terrace.

The difference between the various room categories is mainly one of location, balcony size and some facilities. The higher category the room, the higher the floor and the better the view e.g. the Superior Suites are on the top floor, and also have a DVD and CD player; Double Suites on the floor below also have excellent views; Double Premium rooms on the first floor have full sea view; Double Plus rooms on the

ground floor have terrace with partial sea views.

At the top level is reception, lounge and bar. To one side is the good-sized sea water swimming pool (pool towels can be provided) with a low-key pool bar. A five minute walk along a small road takes you down to Votsi bay which has a handful of tavernas and a pretty beach.

Ten minutes in the other direction, towards Patitiri, is the popular beach of Rossoum.

Due to the slightly elevated location of the hotel and steps within the property (there is no lift) the Yalis may not be suited to those with mobility problems. Please note that entrance from the small street behind is into the reception at the upper level of the hotel so the Suites are accessed by fewer steps.

The Hotel:	Air Conditioning
4-Star Boutique Hotel	Swimming Pool
Bed & Breakfast	Free WiFi



Votsi beach



Mega Nero Cottages Votsi

This pair of detached cottages offer top standards. They are just at the top of the hill leading down to Votsi in a very quiet location and the elevated position enables wonderful views over the bay towards the offshore islets beyond.

Both houses are near-identical inside and provide modern, light and extremely comfortable accommodation equipped to a very high standard. Each comprises a spacious air conditioned living room which has a full sized sofa-bed, a fitted kitchen area (with a full cooker, fridge and washing machine), a double bedroom with French doors opening onto a sea facing patio (sun beds are provided) and a modern bathroom with shower cabin.

The living room opens onto a spacious front covered terrace with table and chairs for dining and lovely views to the sea.

Other facilities include mozzie-netted windows and doors, a flat-screen TV, safety-deposit box, CD player, hairdryer, iron and board.

The Upper Cottage has its own swimming pool to the rear. Measuring 5m x 3.5m (depth 1.4m) it has good privacy, being overlooked only by olive trees provide useful shade. The nearest supermarket is 200m distant and the restaurants and beach at Votsi a further 600-800 meters respectively – the walk back up is quite steep so car hire is recommended. A torch would be useful for late night returns for those without a car.

The cottages are well placed for walks into the forested western side of Alonissos.

The Cottages:	Private Pool (upper cottage)
Self Catering	Air Conditioning
Cottages for 2/3	Free Wifi

Glyfa Beach Cottages & Apartments Steni Vala

These delightful cottages and apartments are very peacefully located amongst olive trees just steps away from the white-pebble beach of Glyfa. The fishing harbour of Steni Vala, with its pair of mini-markets and handful of restaurants, is just a five minute walk away. Access is via a wooden walk-way along the beach.

The stone-built cottages are set in the mature garden. Each has a double bedroom, spacious open-plan living room with one or two extra beds and a kitchen area with full cooker or 2-ring mini-oven, a shower room, and large shaded front veranda with views to the sea through the trees. Both cottages are furnished in a rustic style, and have wooden ceilings, tiled floors and AC in the living room.



Glyfa beach

To the side and slightly above the cottages is a two-storey building housing a ground floor studio and a first floor apartment. The studio has been refurbished to a high standard (winter 2017) and is double-bedded, with shower room, kitchenette, A/C, washing machine and a very large sea view covered veranda.

Upstairs the more basically furnished apartment has a double bedroom, separate air-conditioned living room with an extra bed and kitchen with light cooking facilities (rings), and a good-sized shower room. Both the main rooms open onto the wide covered front balcony which runs the length of the house and affords fabulous sea views over the sea to Peristera island.

The Cottages and Apartments:

- Self Catering
- Studio for 2
- Apartment for 2/3
- Cottages for 2/4
- Air Conditioning
- Free WiFi



Upper cottage



Apartment



Limani Cottage Steni Vala

The sweet little cottage is set on the green hillside above the compact, pretty port of Steni Vala, a two minute walk from the shops, cafés and tavernas on the quayside. You will find a small beach even closer, at the foot of the steps. A further five minutes brings you to the white pebbles and clean sea of Glyfa beach.

A stable door opens into the open-plan lounge, which has A/C, a dining table and two built-in sofas (could sleep a smaller child); and, one step up, a kitchen area containing a fridge/freezer, full cooker with hob and a microwave oven. A second door off the kitchen gives natural through ventilation. Off the living room are the two bedrooms – one

double, one twin – and a tiled shower room. Amenities include a TV with DVD, a CD player and a hairdryer.

There is a wide covered terrace to the front running the length of the house, and from here you have lovely views over the port (great fun to watch the harbour comings and goings) to the island of Peristera. If you prefer sun, there is an open terrace to the side. Due to low balcony walls we do not recommend Limani Cottage to families with young children. The small surrounding garden has olive, pomegranate and citrus trees.

Limani is a simple house which has plenty of traditional Greek character, with its terracotta floor tiles and a very Greek blue and white décor. Due to some 40 steps up from sea level, a stay here may be unsuited to those with walking difficulties.



Steni Vala

The Cottage: House for 2/5
Self Catering Air Conditioning

Konstantina Studios

Alonissos Old Town

Having been comprehensively upgraded (2015) these boutique-style studios are amongst the best we have seen on the island. They are at the edge of Alonissos' beautiful Old Village, a three minute walk from the square, mini-market and bus stop.

The eight studios are surrounded by a flower filled garden, where a good breakfast with local treats can be taken each morning (local charge). All possess double or French style beds, kitchenette (2 rings, fridge), top-end walk-in shower and front balcony with

fabulous views east over the edge of the village and hills to the sea and the Dio Adelfia islands. Decor is individual to each room but beautifully done and everything is of the highest quality.

The village now has around a dozen good tavernas, as well as a handful of cafes and bars, and these engender a vibrant evening atmosphere for much of the season - it has become the venue to dine of an evening!

Patitiri port is 3 kms away by road and linked by bus (seasonal mid-Jun to mid-Sep)- for walkers there is a footpath which takes around 30 mins. - and it's 1500m to Megalos Mourtiias beach reached by a steep path. Car hire is recommended for non walkers.



Alonissos Old Town

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



Alonissos Activities

Motorboats

Alonissos is ideal to explore from the sea, and motorboats can be hired locally from Patitiri harbour. They will deliver to Votsi and Steni Vala where boats can be moored overnight for the duration.

Diving

There is now a PADI scuba diving centre. Please see your representative for more details.

Walking Guide & Guidebook

'Alonissos Through the Souls of your Feet' by Chris Browne is a walking & field guide to Alonissos and her surrounding Marine Park islands. The book contains individual maps and descriptions for each walk plus sections on "what to take & wear", flora & fauna and snorkelling sites.

'An Insider's Guide to Alonissos' by Julia Browne is a comprehensive general guide to everything the visitor needs to know in order to make the most of their stay on this beautiful island.

Both books can be bought for Amazon or locally from our representative on Alonissos (cost €15 each).



Milia beach

ALONISSOS		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	
Atrium Hotel Superior Sea View	2 BB	861	1079	1049	1390	1049	1395	1235	1736	
Glyfa Beach	Studio	2 SC	801	945	1187	1650	1187	1657	1218	1688
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	820	982	1105	1489	1105	1495	1136	1524
		3 SC	781	904	994	1265	994	1269	1022	1297
	Cottage	2 SC	854	1051	1307	1893	1307	1901	1340	1934
		3 SC	803	949	1128	1534	1128	1540	1158	1570
	4 SC	778	898	1038	1355	1038	1359	1067	1388	
Hippocampus	Studio	2 SC	854	1051	1033	1343	1033	1347	1106	1466
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	892	1126	1101	1481	1101	1486	1172	1598
		3 SC	816	974	977	1232	977	1236	1033	1319
Konstantina	Studio	2 SC	930	1202	1142	1561	1142	1567	1226	1705
Limani	2 Bedroom Cottage	2 SC	930	1202	1235	1747	1235	1764	1472	2176
		3 SC	841	1025	1066	1410	1066	1424	1239	1711
		4 SC	797	936	982	1241	982	1254	1122	1478
		5 SC	770	883	931	1140	931	1152	1052	1339
		2 BB	1204	1639	1419	2129	1419	2141	1488	2242
Marpunta	Standard Garden View	2 BB	1409	1989	1653	2598	1653	2613	1742	2750
	Deluxe Sea View	2 BB	1628	2379	1953	3197	1953	3215	2054	3374
	Deluxe Junior Suite	2 BB	1363	1914	1613	2517	1613	2531	1692	2652
	Junior Suite Garden View	2 BB	1454	2069	1727	2743	1727	2759	1816	2898
	Junior Side Sea View	2 BB	1280	1764	1509	2307	1509	2319	1578	2422
	Superior Side Sea View	2 BB	1348	1879	1589	2469	1589	2483	1668	2602
	Superior Suite	2 BB	2333	3615	2833	4958	2833	4991	2990	5246
	Suite	2 BB	1871	2805	2260	3811	2260	3835	2374	4014
		2 BB	931	1175	1125	1496	1125	1517	1373	1944
		3 SC	847	1007	998	1243	998	1257	1180	1558
Nina	Studio	2 SC	888	1119	1081	1440	1081	1445	1189	1631
		3 SC	834	1010	999	1275	999	1280	1085	1423
Yalis	Double Plus	2 BB	871	1097	1193	1677	1193	1685	1302	1872
	Premium Double	2 BB	924	1203	1253	1798	1253	1807	1372	2012
	Double Suite	2 BB	973	1302	1375	2041	1375	2051	1508	2282
	Superior Suite	2 BB	1033	1423	1427	2145	1427	2157	1578	2422

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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).