



Parga

Parga is almost too pretty for its own good. With a lush countryside which remains fresh and green throughout the summer, magnificent beaches, and a characterful harbour topped by a castle, it is no surprise that this bustling little town has become so popular.



It is the only true resort in Epirus, that mountainous province of north west Greece. Like Sivota further up the coast, Parga has beautiful natural surroundings. Its hills are covered in olive, pine and cypress, a perfect complement to the attractive indented coastline and wooded islets just offshore.

The town shelters behind a rocky headland crowned by a Venetian fort. An array of brightly canopied cafés and restaurants lines the waterfront. Behind, narrow lanes, small shops and old houses climb the hill. Night life is whatever you want to make it, from traditional tavernas to lively music bars.

There is a perfectly fine town beach, from which you can pedalo or swim to one of the islands in the bay. However most head for magnificent Valtos beach just around the headland, or Lichnos further south. Both are long, sheltered and sandy, and have a full range of water sports. Water-taxi shuttle 'twixt harbour and beach. The more energetic can

walk over the headland to Valtos in about 20 minutes. Epirus is well worth exploring. You don't have to go far to be in the midst of untamed country containing an abundance of bird and wildlife. Storks, their nests precariously balanced on the tops of telegraph poles, are some of the easiest to spot. Excursions now run to Albania, as well as to the island of Paxos and up the Acheron River (which, according to mythology, was the entrance to Hades!).



Parga is an organised resort which holds great appeal for all ages and nationalities. It gets particularly busy in the high season and at weekends with Greeks. So far Parga's character and charm have enabled it to survive its growing popularity – there are still no big hotels for example. However, if you can, visit off-season when this still delightful town is at its best.



PARGA INFORMATION

Getting to Parga

Sunday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Preveza. Then 1 hour by coach or taxi. For flight details see page 270. We can offer tailored arrangements and odd durations using flights on other departure days – please enquire.

Multi-Centre Options

With Sivota, Lefkas, Meganissi, Zagori, Albania, Fly-Drive.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Parga/Sivota.

Parga Beach Hotel Valtos Beach

This well established hotel offers top quality accommodation directly on lovely Valtos beach, which has a Blue Flag. Shaded by olive trees, the hotel's gardens provide a peaceful natural retreat from the heat of the day.

The 104 spacious deluxe rooms and suites are housed in stone-built bungalows and are ground or first floor. All possess the mod cons you would expect - aircon, WiFi, modern bathroom with bath and/or shower, flat screen Sat TV, mini-bar or fridge, hairdryer, room-safe and twin or double beds with orthopaedic mattresses and pillow menu.

Rooms are tastefully furnished in a classic style - for families most have a sofa-bed for a third and fourth person and some interconnect. Each has a balcony or veranda overlooking the gardens (sea views are limited due to the trees) and room service is available.

Rather than one large pool the hotel has three smaller ones. One is by the beach and two are quietly located in the gardens. Directly on the beach is the hotel restaurant and beach snack bar. Pool/beach towels are provided free of charge although, as is common practice in Greece, sun

beds on the beach are charged.

Valtos beach stretches for more than a kilometre and is one of the best, being of golden sand, with water sports available and a choice of other cafes and restaurants nearby. Although popular, it is long enough and wide enough to accommodate all, and the swimming from here is excellent.

Parga town is a 20 minute walk up and over the headland, but a regular water taxi service runs from the beach until at least 11pm and costs €2 per person (2014).

Half Board: £182 per week (accompanying children 2-12 years free of charge).

Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made before 28/2.

The Hotel:

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| 4 Stars | Air Conditioning |
| Bed & Breakfast or Half Board | 3 Swimming Pools |
| | Free WiFi |



Piso Krioneri beach - Achilleas Hotel is the red building



Achilleas Hotel Parga

The Achilleas is one of Parga's established hotels (since 1988) and occupies what must be the best location in town. It is directly above Piso Krioneri beach, and just a 5 minute walk from the harbour.

The hotel has 32 twin or double bedded rooms on its three floors. Rooms have been fully refurbished (2019) and possess air-conditioning, TV, mini-fridge, hairdryer, room-safe (local charge 10 euros a week), shower room and balcony with front sea view or rear view over the village to the mountains behind Parga. Those on the top floor have a cosy chalet-style but beware the lower wooden ceilings!

Directly above the beach there is a wide terrace where you can take

breakfast or enjoy a drink. Steps lead down to the popular beach below, which is mainly pebble (some sand).

In season the hotel also operates a super cafe-bar called Atrium up steps on the promontory to one side of the beach - the views from this 'crows nest' position are fabulous.

The Achilleas is friendly and family-run, with many repeat guests. Due to its location it features on many of the postcards showing a classic view of Parga.

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| The Hotel: | Air Conditioning |
| 2 Stars | Free WiFi |
| Bed & Breakfast | |



Piso Krioneri beach

Villa Corali Parga

You really could not find a better location than this in town! Almost directly on Krioneri, Parga's popular town beach, you are just 250m away from the harbour but at one remove from the associated bustle and noise. The small street which runs above the beach to the front of the hotel sees the odd car but is mainly used by pedestrians.

The rooms are recently refurbished and provide contemporary levels of comfort. Double or twin bedded, all are stylishly furnished and possess AC (some have a ceiling fan also),

Wifi, room safe, sat TV (BBC World), hairdryer, mini-fridge, modern shower room and good sized balcony or terrace with sea, mountain or garden views.

To the front is the hotel's cafe-bar - perfect for a sundowner - where a decent breakfast is provided each morning.

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| The Hotel: | Bed & Breakfast |
| 3 Stars Plus | Air Conditioning |
| | Free Wifi |



Krioneri beach



Acrothea is the red buildings

Acrothea Hotel Parga

This beautifully designed small hotel opened in 2008, and combines a wonderfully convenient location a very short walk from the harbour with fine views and great comfort.

The 19 rooms here are opulently furnished, in keeping with the building's neo-classical style. All are double-bedded with all mod cons – flat screen TV, fridge, air-conditioning, room safe, hairdryer and a nicely tiled shower room, some with a small bath too. Iron bedsteads, richly coloured curtains and hand-carved furniture complete the picture.

Sunvil's rooms all have a front balcony with views to the harbour, island in the bay, castle and old town. Deluxe rooms are on the top floor and boast uninterrupted views.

There is a small breakfast room – although this will usually be taken on the outside terrace – and the hotel has free Wifi access. The friendly family who own and run the Acrothea aims to give a high level of personal service.

A minute's walk via one of Parga's warren of tiny alleys brings you to the harbour, and a further minute or two to popular Krioneri beach. However, the slightly elevated position of the hotel, and a number of steps at the property, would make it unsuited to those with walking difficulties.



Acrothea location

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| The Hotel: | Bed & Breakfast |
| Boutique Hotel | Air Conditioning |
| | Free WiFi |

Palatino Hotel Parga

The Palatino's location, high on the headland at the top of Parga's old town, lends stunning views over the castle, Valtos beach and the sea.

The hotel is has three floors, served by a lift. All rooms are attractively furnished and possess air-conditioning, wifi, room-safe, hairdryer, fridge, tv and balcony, those to the front with panoramic sea views.

Standard Deluxe double rooms are on the first and second floors and double or twin-bedded with sea or town/hill views. They are nicely furnished and possess a walk-in shower.

The Grand Deluxe rooms on the top floor have a modern style. They are spacious with room enough for a double sofa-bed, and all have a bath with shower above or a walk-in hydro-massage shower and a larger balcony (ours with front sea views) - we do not believe any other hotel in Parga can rival the views from here! There is also a 2-room family suite

on the top floor. Other facilities include sauna and hamam (local charge). The outside terrace, where you can take breakfast, a drink from the bar or a snack/evening meal, again has wonderful views. From the hotel a narrow road takes you to the castle, where steps lead down to mile-long Valtos in one direction and (via a maze of narrow lanes) to the harbour in the other. It is about a 10 minute walk to each (a little longer back). However, the old town here has its own good selection of tavernas around the castle, and a really friendly 'village' atmosphere to boot - so no need to join the harbour throng!

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



Palatino (red building) is directly above Valtos beach



Lemon Tree Apartments Parga

Lemon Tree are towards the back of Parga, a 10 minute walk from the harbour and a couple more from Krioneri beach. They are built in lush gardens on two sides of a swimming pool.

The 23 studios here are on the ground or first floor. Simply furnished, all possess twin or double bed, AC, basic kitchen facilities (2 rings, fridge), TV, hairdryer, shower room and balcony or terrace.

The swimming pool measures 72 sq m (depth 1.0m-2.5m) and the attractive pool area has sun beds and a pool bar serving drinks, snacks and light meals. There are a couple of tavernas close by if you don't want

to go into the centre or harbour to eat. A perfect location for those wanting accommodation with a pool within walking distance of all Parga has to offer, yet with a feeling of seclusion and away from the bustle.

Local charges: air conditioning €6 per day; Wifi €10 per week; room safe €20 (1 week), €30 (2 weeks).

The Apartments: Studios for 2
 Air Conditioning
 Swimming Pool
 Self Catering
 WiFi

| PARGA | | Guide prices per person in £s departing during | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | |
| Achilleas | Standard Mountain View | 2 BB | 790 | 991 | 895 | 1144 | 908 | 1157 | 944 | 1206 |
| | Standard Sea View | 2 BB | 852 | 1116 | 958 | 1263 | 963 | 1268 | 988 | 1294 |
| | Triple Room | 3 BB | 816 | 1045 | 915 | 1188 | 930 | 1202 | 955 | 1227 |
| | Superior Room | 2 BB | 791 | 994 | 1101 | 1545 | 1102 | 1582 | 1163 | 1644 |
| Acrothea | Deluxe Room | 2 BB | 882 | 1177 | 1189 | 1721 | 1190 | 1762 | 1254 | 1826 |
| | Standard Room | 2 BB | 800 | 1019 | 1034 | 1420 | 1036 | 1422 | 1121 | 1566 |
| Coral Villa | Standard Sea View | 2 BB | 856 | 1133 | 1094 | 1538 | 1096 | 1540 | 1201 | 1725 |
| | Standard Room | 3 BB | 809 | 1035 | 988 | 1326 | 990 | 1328 | 1068 | 1460 |
| | Studio | 2 SC | 734 | 864 | 884 | 1125 | 913 | 1154 | 938 | 1180 |
| Lemon Tree | Deluxe Town View | 2 BB | 788 | 987 | 1121 | 1585 | 1122 | 1586 | 1108 | 1532 |
| Palatino | Deluxe Town View | 2 BB | 788 | 987 | 1121 | 1585 | 1122 | 1586 | 1108 | 1532 |
| | Deluxe Sea View | 3 BB | 812 | 1038 | 1182 | 1707 | 1183 | 1708 | 1163 | 1643 |
| | Deluxe Sea View | 2 BB | 806 | 1025 | 1141 | 1625 | 1142 | 1626 | 1147 | 1612 |
| | Deluxe Sea View | 3 BB | 834 | 1081 | 1205 | 1753 | 1206 | 1754 | 1208 | 1733 |
| | Grand Suite | 2 BB | 1126 | 1672 | 1300 | 1983 | 1341 | 2024 | 1485 | 2288 |
| | | 3 BB | 1195 | 1813 | 1385 | 2158 | 1431 | 2204 | 1591 | 2500 |

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| Parga Beach | Deluxe Room | 2 BB | 802 | 1018 | 1395 | 2135 | 1396 | 2223 | 1644 | 2606 |
| | Deluxe Room | 3 BB | 782 | 976 | 1322 | 1988 | 1323 | 2068 | 1549 | 2415 |
| | Deluxe Room | 4 BB | 772 | 956 | 1285 | 1915 | 1286 | 1990 | 1501 | 2319 |
| | Grand Suite | 2 BB | 892 | 1200 | 1682 | 2707 | 1683 | 2844 | 2010 | 3338 |
| | Grand Suite | 3 BB | 863 | 1141 | 1580 | 2503 | 1581 | 2626 | 1878 | 3073 |

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