



Sivota

Also known by its Turkish name of Mourtos (they were masters here until 1913) Sivota is in Epirus, that mountainous region of the north west. This is one of the loveliest areas of Greece – green, scenic and traditional.



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 is indented with rocky coves, sandy bays, and stretches of almost white coarse-sand/fine shingle beach such as Mega Ammos a mile outside the village.

The village has in recent years become increasingly popular and so the harbour and beaches bustle with life over weekends and during Greek holiday periods. Although now a thriving small resort, Sivota has managed to retain its Greek village character.

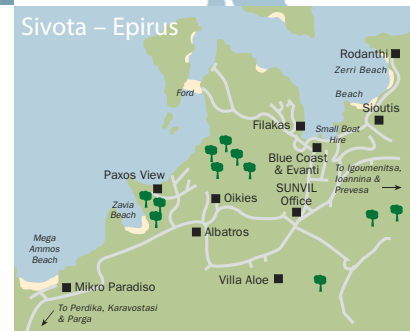
The harbour is pretty as a picture, with an array of cafés and restaurants (some quite smart), small shops, and often a flotilla moored at the quay. A ten minute flat walk (no hills) brings you to the upper part of the village, with church, stores and more tavernas. The nearest beach is just over the headland from the harbour, and many others can be reached in a 10-15 minute walk in either direction.

Just off-shore are three wooded islets with beaches of their own, great fun to explore by boat, maybe taking a picnic. The hire of a small motorboat is the best way to reach not only the islets in the bay but also nearby hidden beaches. A water-taxi will also take you inexpensively.

Excursions run (subject to demand) by boat to Paxos and Corfu, days out on a private sailing boat, luxury yacht or rib, by 4x4 off road trips to the mountains and remote beaches, and by minibus/coach to Albania, Necromanteion and Glyki. There are watersports from Mega Ammos beach and a dive school based in the village.

However, other than the very good 'road train' service which operates to the string of fine beaches to the south of the village, there is a limited bus service, so if you want to make the most of the area the hire of a car would be a good idea. Some wonderful areas then become accessible, including the inland lakeside town of Ioannina; the preserved mountain villages of

Zagorochoria; even the 'monasteries of the air' of the Meteora, one of Greece's most impressive sites. All can now be done in a day using the new fast Via Egnatia highway.



SIVOTA INFORMATION

Getting to Sivota

Sunday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Preveza. Then 2 hrs by coach via Parga or taxi and local transfer in resort. For flight details see page 270. We can offer tailor-made arrangements and odd durations using flights on other departure days – please enquire.

Multi-Centre Options

Sivota with Parga, Lefkas, Meganissi, Zagori, Hidden Greece fly-drive, Albania.

Car & Motorboat Hire

For details see page 268-9.

Representative

Based in Parga/Sivota.

Rodanthi Apartments Sivota

The Rodanthi enjoys rural surroundings and is a short walk from a choice of beaches and Sivota harbour (900m, 15 mins - take a torch for late night returns).

The five studios are a mix of twins and doubles (some can also accommodate a child) all possess AC, light cooking facilities (mini-oven, rings and fridge), shower room and a covered balcony with views to the sea over the wooded hills. The furnishings are simple but comfortable and the decor light. A room-safe is provided free.

The 2-bedroom apartment is first floor and has one twin and one double bedroom, each AC and opening onto a covered terrace; a kitchen/diner with fitted units, full cooker and fridge; a shower room with wc; and a spacious covered front terrace. An extra bed for a child can be placed in one of the bedrooms.

The pool below measures 72 sq m (depth 1m-3m) and has sun umbrellas as well as a pergola for shade.

A path leads directly to popular sand/shingle Stavedo beach in only a minute or two, with its taverna behind. Pretty pebble Zeri beach, with its well liked restaurant above, is next door. And a five minute walk north brings you to little-known Deh beach (pronounced 'They-ee!'), a beautiful and usually peaceful bay. The slightly hilly approach and a number of steps would make Rodanthi unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties without a car.

Air-conditioning: local daily charge €4 (studio), €8 (2-br).

The Apartments:
Self Catering
Studios for 2/3
Apartment for 4/5
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Location of Rodanthi Apartments (arrowed)



Sioutis Hotel Apartments Sivota

Excellent newly built accommodation in quiet country surrounds within a short walk of both beach and harbour.

The eight 1-bedroom apartments here are in four detached buildings well separated for privacy and surrounded by spacious lawns and pretty borders. Each occupies its own floor and comprises a double bedroom; a living room with two extra beds suitable for children or smaller teens; a fitted kitchen area with full cooker and fridge; and a nice modern shower room with hairdryer. Both rooms have air conditioning and TV (BBC World), and both open onto the spacious covered front balcony or terrace (those on the top floor can glimpse the sea over the olive trees). Room

safe is free of charge.

Away from the buildings is a small 7m x 4m swimming pool (pool towels provided) with a low key pool bar where breakfast is taken (including home-made items and seasonal produce from the garden). As well as snacks and light meals, a Greek 'dish of the day' is served, and there is a weekly BBQ planned. A washing machine is also available for guests. A country lane leads to Galikos Malos beach in 3 minutes, and the harbour is just a 5 minute walk away (400m). The walk up, although not very steep, is an incline and so may not be suitable for slow walkers without a car.

Stylishly furnished throughout, the Sioutis offers a very good standard of spacious, modern accommodation in lovely surroundings, high levels of comfort and service (daily cleaning) and a quiet location close to town and beach.

The Apartments:
3 Stars
Bed & Breakfast
Apartments for 2/4
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Filakas Hotel Sivota

The Filakas has a superb location on the hillside directly above Sivota's pretty harbour. Now it has the rooms to match the views, as all have been comprehensively and very nicely upgraded to what is actually a 4 star standard.

The 40 rooms are stepped up the hillside above the hotel's restaurant above the sea (known for its fresh seafood). All possess twin beds (normally placed flush together), lovely modern bathroom with walk-in shower, AC, TV, safety deposit box, hairdryer and good-sized balcony terrace, most with glorious harbour and sea views. Some interconnect.

The modern style, decor and furnishings are fashionable, light and attractive, and we found the staff to be helpful and friendly. The hotel has a lounge, cafe-bar and sun terrace above the restaurant area.

The hotel does not have a lift so the internal steps would make it unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties. .

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



Sivota view from Filakas



Sivota harbour



The Blue Coast Sivota

The Greek-Canadian run Blue Coast overlooks the sea at the quieter end of the harbour, which means that everything you should need is within a short walk, including Galikos Malos beach over the headland in the next bay (5 minutes).

There are only four rooms here, all on the first floor. Each has a rear bedroom, a shower room with wc, and a living room at the front with tv, an electric kettle and fridge. Air-conditioning is available at a local charge if required. All open out onto the common front balcony, which has lovely views over the harbour and one of the islands in the bay. The ground floor restaurant serves Greek cuisine at its best. Breakfast is served to your room.

Do not worry about having the restaurant below – it is not noisy and, besides, the bedrooms are at the back.

We have worked with The Blue Coast since we started our programme to Sivota Recommended for its harbour-front and friendly atmosphere, excellent views and central (yet relatively quiet) location.

Note: Cleaning is twice weekly and linen change once weekly. Air conditioning available at a local charge of €4 per day.

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



Galikos Malos beach is a 5 minute walk from the harbour

Evanti Apartments Sivota

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

The three 1-bedroom apartments are on the ground or first floor. Spacious and very nicely furnished in a bright modern style, each has a comfortable open-plan living room with one or two sofa-beds (full sized), flat-screen sat TV with DVD, and fitted kitchen area with full cooker and fridge; a very nice modern tiled shower room with hairdryer; and a cosy air conditioned double bedroom (a/c included). Both the bedroom and living room open onto a covered front balcony or spacious terrace with harbour views.

The open-plan studio on the ground floor is also large and double-bedded (can be made into twins) with the same facilities (but cooking rings only, no oven) and opens onto its own large covered terrace to the front.

With the harbour on your doorstep - so just steps from an array of restaurants and cafes - and Galikos Malos beach only a 5 minute walk over the headland, Evanti is the perfect choice for those looking for top quality self catering accommodation close to all the attractions of this little port. The ground floor units are suitable for those with impaired mobility as there are no steps.



The Apartments: Self Catering Studio for 2 Apartments for 2/4 Air Conditioning



View from Evanti



Oikies Sivota

For those enjoying smart modern design, high standards and all mod cons then Oikies should suit. This newly built little complex is at the top of the village, in quiet semi-rural surroundings, an approximate 10 minute walk from the harbour in one direction (900m) and Zavia beach in the other (750m). Tavernas and shops (including Sivota's excellent bakery) can be found closer by.

Stepped up a small hillside are 6 apartments housed in 3 buildings - each apartment occupies its own floor (ground or first). Entrance is into a cool air conditioned living room with high cantilevered wooden roof, L-shaped sofa (which can sleep a child), a smart TV and a kitchen area with electric oven and hob, fridge-freezer and washing machine.

The two double bedrooms and are also air conditioned with TV - each opens onto a terrace (one front, one rear). There is a lovely walk-in rainwater shower and other amenities include room safe, hairdryer, coffee machine, iron and board.

The owners have tried to think of everything their guests should need but are very service oriented so if anything is missing you have only to ask. We think, for the quality here, Oikies is very well priced also for couples.

Please note there are steps in the property, although the two ground floor apartments have ramp access (plus two steps) up from the road.

Note: Oikies does not accommodate children younger than 8 years of age.

The Apartments: Self Catering Apartments for 2/5 Air Conditioning Free WiFi

Mikro Paradisos Hotel Sivota

This friendly, family-run hotel is a mile from Sivota and next to Mega Ammos beach, one of the best in the area. Set amongst extensive and immaculate gardens, it is an oasis of lawns, flowers, trees, palms, shrubs, butterflies and birdsong!

The hotel has 40 rooms on the ground and first floor. All have been recently (2018) upgraded and are stylishly furnished. They are twin or double bedded (some also with a comfortable full sized sofa-bed) and have air conditioning, TV, fridge, tea-making equipment, safety deposit box, hairdryer, nice modern walk-in shower, mozzie-netted windows and a terrace or balcony with garden / olive tree views.

The hotel restaurant offers a varied buffet for those on half board (good value) and also an a la carte menu.

The magnificent freshwater pool at the front of the gardens measures

170 sq m (depth 0.7m - 2.0m) and has a Jacuzzi area, a children's section and an adjacent low-key pool bar. A small charge is made for pool towels. There is a lido above the sea (you can swim from the rocks) and a small path leads directly to popular Mega Ammos beach in only a minute. Here are three good tavernas just back from the beach.

For a thoroughly restful break by the sea in the most beautiful natural surroundings we can think of no better place to stay. Please note the hotel also has some rooms next door of a similarly high standard, close to their apartments.

Half Board: Adults £98, Child under 12 years £63 per person, per week.

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



Mikro Paradisos Apartments Sivota

The Mikro Paradisos Hotel also has four beautiful stone-built apartments. Although fully equipped for self catering, breakfast is included in the price (taken at the hotel).

Set in a spacious lawned garden containing three separate buildings (the hotel also has some rooms here), the four apartments are ground or first floor. They offer high standards and plenty of space, each comprising a living room with a sofa bed for one adult or two smaller children; fitted kitchen area with 3-ring mini-oven and fridge; a double bedroom; lovely modern bathroom with a walk-in shower; and a generous covered front terrace or balcony overlooking the garden. The apartments are fully air conditioned and possess TV and Wifi.

Popular Mega Ammos beach, which has four tavernas, is a 5 minute walk away and Sivota village about a mile. The 'beach train' has a stop at the top of the road. Of course, all the hotel facilities are available to guests staying here - see hotel description for details.

Really a top accommodation that combines a high degree of comfort and the freedom of self catering with the facilities of a hotel.

Half Board: £98 (adult), £63 (child under 12) per week.

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| The Apartments: | Swimming Pool |
| Bed & Breakfast | Air Conditioning |
| Apartments for 2/4 | Free WiFi |



Mega Ammos beach

Paxos View Sivota

Paxos View offers a very high standard of accommodation in quiet country surroundings close to the beach. They also, as the name suggests, enjoy fabulous views!

There are just four terraced studio apartments here, built in two pairs on the lower slopes of the hillside above the sea. Each is spacious, modern and well furnished with double bed, kitchen area with 2-ring hob and fridge, AC, WiFi, LCD TV, hairdryer, washing machine, nice walk-in shower and mozzie-netted windows and patio doors.

Each has a large furnished covered stone terrace to the front with good privacy from its neighbour. The views from here are lovely - over the pretty surrounding gardens and sea

to Paxos and the beautiful Epirot coastline going south.

A two minute walk down the hill brings you to a delightful little sand/shingle beach, really tucked away and only found by those in the know. The owner of Paxos View thoughtfully provides a sun umbrella and towels in each apartment for guests to take to the beach.

The apartments are on a wooded headland a 15 minute walk (1 km) from the edge of Sivota, where you will find tavernas, supermarkets and a good bakery. Zavia beach is 900m and has a taverna, and the harbour 1700m.

This is a hilly location, with a fair few steps down from the top entrance, and car hire is recommended. However the supermarkets will deliver and a taxi back from the harbour costs c €7.



Beach near Paxos View

The Studios : Interconnecting for up to 4
Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Small Boat Hire

Ideal for exploring Sivota's beautiful coastline, taking a picnic on a hidden beach or one of the pretty islands in the bay. Please see page 269 for details.

Combine Sivota with Zagori & Albania

Zagori is a most beautiful and little-known area of the north west Greek mainland and can easily be combined with a holiday in Sivota. It is one of Europe's prime areas of outstanding natural beauty. With mountains, lakes, gorges, preserved stone villages and a unique flora and fauna it is one of Greece's best-kept secrets. For those staying with a car, it is a 2-2½ hour drive to the Zagori national park.

We can pre-book a mountain village hotel either for a few nights during your main holiday (car required) or for your second week. See page 80 for details. Please enquire for prices.

The Albanian border is not far away and we can arrange short or long stays in the vibrant port of Saranda or a cultural tour. Taxi transfers are provided (c 2 hrs). See our website for details.

| SIVOTA | | Guide prices in £'s per person | | | | | | | | |
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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 | |
| Blue Coast | Standard Room | 2 BB | 698 | 820 | 785 | 927 | 786 | 928 | 882 | 1096 |
| Evanti | Studio | 2 SC | 749 | 910 | 861 | 1107 | 902 | 1148 | 967 | 1252 |
| | | 3 SC | 711 | 834 | 808 | 988 | 836 | 1015 | 887 | 1093 |
| | 1 Bedroom | 4 SC | 692 | 796 | 782 | 928 | 802 | 949 | 848 | 1014 |
| | | 2 SC | 768 | 948 | 941 | 1267 | 982 | 1307 | 1086 | 1491 |
| | | 3 SC | 724 | 859 | 861 | 1094 | 889 | 1121 | 967 | 1252 |
| 4 SC | 702 | 814 | 821 | 1007 | 842 | 1028 | 907 | 1133 | | |
| Filakas | Standard Room | 2 BB | 822 | 1048 | 1075 | 1507 | 1076 | 1548 | 1239 | 1810 |
| | | 3 BB | 808 | 1019 | 1039 | 1436 | 1040 | 1469 | 1177 | 1685 |
| Mikro Paradiso Apts | 1 Bedroom | 2 BB | 896 | 1213 | 1035 | 1547 | 1156 | 1668 | 1180 | 1692 |
| | | 3 BB | 792 | 1006 | 906 | 1250 | 987 | 1331 | 1012 | 1356 |
| Mikro Paradiso Hotel | Standard | 2 BB | 835 | 1092 | 931 | 1325 | 1036 | 1429 | 1061 | 1454 |
| Oikies | 2 Bedroom | 2 SC | 786 | 986 | 961 | 1346 | 1042 | 1426 | 1066 | 1452 |
| | | 3 SC | 749 | 910 | 888 | 1173 | 942 | 1227 | 967 | 1252 |
| | | 4 SC | 730 | 872 | 851 | 1087 | 892 | 1128 | 917 | 1153 |
| | | 5 SC | 704 | 818 | 814 | 1004 | 846 | 1036 | 871 | 1061 |
| Paxos View | Studio | 2 SC | 776 | 936 | 861 | 1037 | 862 | 1052 | 927 | 1118 |

| ACCOMMODATION | | Guide prices in £'s per person | | | | | | | | |
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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 | |
| Rodanthi | Studio | 2 SC | 714 | 810 | 791 | 897 | 792 | 908 | 852 | 967 |
| | | 3 SC | 692 | 765 | 766 | 847 | 767 | 855 | 825 | 913 |
| | 2 Bedroom | 2 SC | 782 | 948 | 867 | 1051 | 872 | 1077 | 954 | 1152 |
| | | 3 SC | 725 | 833 | 804 | 924 | 808 | 945 | 885 | 1014 |
| 4 SC | 697 | 776 | 772 | 861 | 776 | 879 | 851 | 946 | | |
| Sioutis | 1 Bedroom | 2 BB | 800 | 1007 | 1033 | 1449 | 1074 | 1490 | 1098 | 1515 |
| | | 3 BB | 770 | 949 | 949 | 1269 | 976 | 1296 | 1001 | 1321 |
| | | 4 BB | 756 | 920 | 907 | 1179 | 928 | 1199 | 953 | 1224 |

Prices shown are indicative only and variable due to offers, changing flight prices and seasonal supplements - please call or check online for a confirmed costing (note: not all holidays can be checked online). Prices based on Gatwick flights and include transfers or car hire (see text); accommodation as described; and all airport/fuel charges & taxes known at the time of printing - for our surcharge policy see booking conditions at the back of this brochure. To add: regional flight supplements, room and board supplements (see text) - single room prices on request. Not all our accommodation is suitable for guests with reduced mobility. Please contact us to answer any questions you may have regarding our properties and to advise their suitability for people with health conditions or impairments.

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).