

Skiathos

Skiathos has a veneer of elegance and sophistication unusual for a small Greek Island. Very compact (only eight miles long) it is thickly forested and almost unrealistically pretty.



Along its undulating coastline hide over fifty beaches, almost all sandy. (A pebble beach on Skiathos is so rare that they offer boat excursions to the one at Lalaria!). Those along the southern coast are linked with the town by a frequent, if crowded, bus service. Whichever beach you choose, the swimming is first rate and the sea crystal-clear.

Skiathos town is very attractive. A jumble of red-roofed houses and climbing stone-paved streets cover the rocky arms of the small harbour. During the day the town can appear rather sleepy, but in the evenings the waterfront hums with life and a daunting array of restaurants

confronts one. Nightlife could mean a quiet café, a lively bar or an up-to-the-minute music club – whatever your taste, Skiathos can accommodate it.

Fast, efficient catamarans and ferryboats link Skiathos with Skopelos and Alonissos making two-centre holidays simple. Excursions available include a good selection of boat trips.

Were we to design the perfect 'holiday' island, we would be surprised if the finished product did not look suspiciously like Skiathos. This small isle really does seem to have everything – beaches, lush scenery, a pretty port, good (but unobtrusive) nightlife, and plenty to do should you so wish.

Understandably, Skiathos is very popular, and gets particularly busy in the high season.



Monastery of Evangelistria

SKIATHOS INFORMATION

Getting to Skiathos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Gatwick inbound flight via Volos). Regional flights also may be available – please enquire. Then 10-30 mins by taxi. For flight details see page 267.

Multi-Centre Options

With Skopelos & Alonissos.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Skiathos Town.

Veronica Studios Kolios

The Veronica Studios have country surroundings and are set in peaceful lawned gardens with pool. They have been recently fully renovated and offer a high modern standard of studio accommodation.

The 12 studios here are on ground or first floor. Each has a double bed, air conditioning, a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (2 rings and fridge), hairdryer, Wifi, nicely tiled modern bathroom with cubicle shower and a balcony or terrace with attractive garden and rural views. Decor and furnishings are contemporary, light and good quality.

The freshwater pool in the garden below has a cafe/snack bar above it serving breakfast, light meals, drinks and ice creams through most of the day, and there is a well stocked

mini-market opposite.

A 5 minute walk down the hill (300m) brings you to the main road where you will find a good restaurant and the bus stop, which has a very frequent service for town or Koukounaries via all south coast beaches. Another couple of minutes and you are on the golden sands of Kolios beach which has a couple of tavernas of its own. Popular Agia Paraskevi beach is a 10 minute walk in the other direction and more tavernas can be found along the road here.

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



Kolios Beach



Manolis Apartments Kolios

Manolis Apartments enjoy quiet rural surroundings on the green hillside above Kolios beach. There are 9 units here, a mix of studios and apartments sharing a freshwater swimming pool in the gardens.

The studios are on the first (top) floor and each has a covered front balcony with sea views towards Evia over the hillside. They are twin or double bedded and simply furnished in a variety of Greek styles. All have a kitchen area with light cooking facilities (2 rings, fridge), TV, room safe, hairdryer and a newly fitted bathroom with shower. Wifi is free and air conditioning available at a local charge.

The ground floor houses the apartments which each have a garden terrace. The 1 bedroom apartment comprises a double bedroom and a living room with two sofa beds, and the 2 bedroom has two twin bedrooms. All bedrooms have AC and other facilities are as per the studios.

There is a good mini-market on site and Kolios beach can be reached in a 5 minute walk down the hill (400m), where you will find restaurants and the bus stop for town and other beaches. More restaurants are within a 10 minute walk, as is Agia Paraskevi beach.

Air Conditioning: Available at a local charge of €5 euros (studios and 1 bedroom) and €10 (2 bedroom) per day.



Skiathos Town

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

Galini Apartments Megali Ammos

These smart, modern and spacious apartments offer high standards and good views. They enjoy very quiet rural surroundings a short 10 minute walk from the beach and 25 minutes from Skiathos Town, which can also be easily reached by bus.

Our units here are maisonette-style and provide top quality accommodation. They are open-plan with a ground floor living room/kitchen and a double-bedded sleeping gallery above. The ground floor has twin beds plus a single sofa-bed. The interiors have stylish contemporary furnishings and decor, and facilities include air-conditioning, a large walk-in shower, a kitchen area (2 rings and fridge), and Sat TV (BBC World). Each has a ground floor terrace by the entrance and a good-sized open upper balcony with sun umbrella and good views to the sea.

Between the maisonettes is a twin bedded studio for 2. It has the same facilities and high standard of fixtures and furnishing as the maisonettes, and lovely views over the green hills and valley down to the sea from its terrace.

The swimming pool measures 10m x 5m and is quiet with lovely country and sea views from its furnished terrace. WiFi is available free of charge here and the pool bar (seasonal) serves drinks and ice cream for much of the day.

The apartments are accessed via a narrow country lane 450m (c 7 mins. walk) from the main road. Here you will find a choice of mini-markets, tavernas, access to the beach of Megali Ammos, and the bus stop for town and a wide choice of alternative beaches (very good service). Please note the final 100m or so is an uphill walk.

The Apartments:
Self Catering
Studio for 2
Maisonettes for 2/5

Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Skiathos Town

Magdalena Studios Aghia Paraskevi

Magdalena is in country surroundings between the coast road and the sea within a short walk of two fine sandy beaches.

Surrounded by lawns and beautiful gardens, the eight studios are on two floors. All are simply furnished in pine. Each possesses twin beds, air conditioning, a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (rings and fridge), safety deposit box (free), hairdryer, a tiled shower room and a covered balcony or terrace. Ours are to the front and on the top floor with some sea or side sea views.

Next door there is a swimming pool, which Magdalena guests are welcome to use free of charge, and accompanying low-key pool bar (free Wifi here). You will find a mini-market just a few minutes' walk away along the main road (note: can be busy in high season), as is the bus stop for town and other beaches, and a reasonable choice of local tavernas within five minutes.

The excellent beaches of Kolios and Aghia Paraskevi (also called Platanias) - both sandy and long with a taverna or two and water sports usually available from Paraskevi - can be reached in an approximate five minute walk via the road.

Sweet old-style Greek accommodation in an excellent location.

Air Conditioning: Available, if required, at a local charge of €6 per day.

The Studios:
Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Use of
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi

Skiathos Premier Trulos

This well reviewed aparthotel is built up a small hillside in the resort area of Trulos. It offers a very high contemporary standard of accommodation and combines the benefits of staying in a hotel with the freedom of self catering.

The studios are spacious and possess the amenities you would expect of a modern hotel. All have king size or twin beds, a walk-in shower, a kitchen area with light cooking facilities (2 rings), fridge, AC, Wifi, a flat screen TV, safety deposit box, hairdryer and balcony - views are generally of the resort area, countryside, hillside or pool.

Below to the front of the hotel is the 1254 sq m swimming pool with pool snack bar serving drinks,

breakfast and light meals throughout the day.

Trulos beach is sandy with water sports and is 850m away, a 10 minute walk, and there is a good choice of cafes, bars and restaurants equally close by. The bus stop for town and other beaches is in front of the hotel.

Please note that due to the hillside location and steps within the hotel a stay here would not be recommended for those with mobility difficulties.

The Hotel:	Air Conditioning
4 Star	Swimming Pool
Aparthotel	Free WiFi
Self Catering	



Koukounaries beach

Mandraki Village Hotel Koukounaries

The boutique-style Mandraki Village offers high quality and comfort combined with good service and an intimate atmosphere close to the most famous beach on the island.

40 rooms and suites are housed in various small 2-storey buildings scattered around acres of pretty gardens. Well furnished and decorated in light pastel shades, all possess air conditioning, flat-screen Sat TV, fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, modern shower room and balcony or terrace with garden views.

There is a swimming pool in the garden (towels provided), with adjacent restaurant and a pool snack bar operating during the day. The hotel also has an gourmet a la carte restaurant called Elia that half board clients may book at a supplement. A further choice of restaurants can be found within a 10 minute walk on the road to the beach.

A beautiful short cut through a nature reserve and past Strofilia Lake brings you to famous Koukounaries Beach in 5 minutes.

However, a choice of 4 or 5 lesser known (and lesser populated) beaches, such as Mandraki and Elias on the north-west coast, can be reached in about 25 minutes through the pines.

Skiathos Town is 12kms distant and easily reached by the frequent local bus (25-30 mins., there is a bus stop outside the hotel) or by water taxi which runs hourly during the day from Koukounaries beach.

Regular Half Board (pool restaurant): £168 per week (adult); £126 per week (child 2-12).

Premium Half Board (a la carte Elia Restaurant): £210 per week.

Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for stays completed by 24/7 or commencing 21/8 onwards if booked by 28/2.

The Hotel:	Air Conditioning
4 Star Boutique Hotel	Swimming Pool
Bed & Breakfast or Half Board	Free WiFi



Elivi Hotel Koukounaries

Spread over 200 acres of pine-wooded headland on Skiathos' south western peninsula, the island's newest 5-star hotel is designed to blend in sympathetically with its natural surroundings. The Elivi occupies a simply unbeatable location for beach lovers as it has direct access to four of the most famous golden-sand beaches on the island - Koukounaries, Ambelakia, Banana and Little Banana (part naturist).

The hotel has three residential areas, each with its own style. To the east is the Elivi Xenia Hotel and Elivi Grace Suites. The Xenia houses the main reception, lobby bar, restaurant and spa. There is a shared outdoor pool. The Elivi Nest is over the headland behind Banana beach and has its own pool and restaurant. Club cars are available to take guests to and fro.

The Xenia rooms have mainly forest views - deluxe are first floor and the superior on the ground floor have direct access from each room terrace to a shared pool running the length of the building. A path leads down to Koukounaries beach. The nearby Grace Suites have sea views as they are directly behind Ambelakia beach - some have private pool. Nest Rooms and Suites are housed in 2-storey buildings of 4 rooms each, again some with pool, some with hot tub. Rooms of course have all the modern facilities and comfort you'd expect - see our website for room descriptions.

A stay at Elivi can be as relaxed as you desire. Three restaurants and six bars (including beach bars) are available to guests. For more activity there is a tennis court, gym and the area is good

for walking. Water sports are available. Skiathos Town is only 12 kms away and you can visit neighbouring Skopelos by boat.

Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made before 30/4. An enhanced deposit is required for the offer to apply.

The Hotel:

5 Stars
Bed & Breakfast or Half Board

Swimming Pool
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi

SKIATHOS		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		
Elivi	Deluxe Room	2	BB	1281	1924	1660	2649	1660	2708	1852	3008
	Supreme Deluxe	2	BB	1361	2084	1615	2492	1831	2731	1938	3180
	Junior Premium Suite	2	BB	1587	2522	2073	3473	2073	3557	2336	3976
	Junior Premium Suite Private Pool	2	BB	1735	2810	2287	3902	2287	3997	2582	4469
	Grace Suite Sea Front	2	BB	3655	6559	4665	8031	5901	9570	6564	12432
		3	BB	2762	4839	3457	5850	4289	6876	4731	8784
		4	BB	2315	3978	2852	4758	3482	5528	3813	6959
Galini	Studio	2	SC	834	977	953	1208	953	1212	1048	1348
	Supreme Deluxe	2	SC	829	1025	913	1127	913	1148	994	1220
	Maisonette	3	SC	749	877	826	966	826	983	904	1052
		4	SC	707	801	781	884	781	899	856	966
		5	SC	699	773	771	852	771	866	845	931
Magdalena	Studio	2	SC	743	841	817	925	817	931	872	987
Mandraki Village	Standard Room	2	BB	841	1075	1301	1930	1301	1939	1400	2105
	Junior Suite	2	BB	886	1165	1446	2221	1446	2233	1523	2351
		3	BB	841	1093	1351	2049	1351	2060	1423	2169

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		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk		
		Manolis	Studio	2	SC	780	924	905	1129	930	1157
1 Bedroom	2		SC	866	1065	947	1213	973	1242	1000	1270
	3		SC	809	944	869	1048	886	1068	913	1095
2 Bedroom	2		SC	894	1142	1004	1325	1027	1353	1056	1382
	3		SC	827	995	907	1123	923	1142	950	1170
		4	SC	794	922	859	1023	870	1037	897	1063
Skiathos Premier	Deluxe Studio	2	SC	831	1019	1037	1516	1186	1698	1242	1754
Veronica	Studio	2	SC	784	952	953	1219	973	1242	1000	1270

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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).