

# Ammouliani



A 40 minute drive to the south of Olymbiada, not far from the small town of Ouranoupolis (known as the gateway to Mount Athos), followed by a 15 minute ferryboat ride, brings you to sweet little Ammouliani, Halkidiki's only island.

Ammouliani measures just 4.5 sq kms. and has one village (pop 542 at the last count).

Built on a small hill above the port, the village is one of the friendliest you could come across and should provide all you need for your stay. It has four taverna restaurants, a couple of pizzerias and cafe-bars, a number of surprisingly well

stocked mini-markets, and even an ATM.

But the jewel in Ammouliani's crown is its string of wonderful white-sand beaches shelving gently into calm sheltered aquamarine waters. You could be in the Caribbean! A car is not necessary as the island is so small and the beaches are all walkable (max. 3½-4 kms from the village) - most have sun beds

and a taverna. However you can also reach the beaches by water taxi (seasonal) or hired motor boat - and don't forget to try the wonderful horse-drawn 'beach bus' which runs from the port to Alykes (cost €2 last year)!

Of course Ammouliani is far from being a secret to the Greeks and the island receives plenty of visitors from mid-June to early September, including visitors from eastern Europe. Contrastingly, out of the main season the island can be very quiet, especially in May and from mid-September onwards when not all tavernas or beach facilities may operate.

There is only one excursion possible from Ammouliani but it is not to be missed - the spectacular cruise along the western Athos coastline to view the historic monasteries from the sea. These depart daily from Ammouliani (via Ouranoupolis - you will have a little time here to explore or visit the museum should you wish) and cost 25 euros per person last year.



Ammouliani, beach bus



Megali Ammos beach

## AMMOULIANI INFORMATION

### Getting to Ammouliani

Daily flights Gatwick to Thessaloniki (regional flights available from MAN, EMA, LTN) - odd durations possible. Then 2 hours transfer to Tripiti port and 15 mins ferry to Ammouliani where you will be met and taken to your accommodation (5-10 mins. on foot - your luggage will be transferred separately). Please note, as we cannot pre-purchase ferry tickets on this route the ferry ticket is not included and to be purchased on board (cost €2.50 per person one way last year). On your return the reverse applies. There will probably be a short wait for the ferry on arrival but they run quite frequently in the summer months.

### Multi-Centre Options

With any of our Halkidiki resort areas (note: Olymbiada is easiest and cheapest to combine with Ammouliani - Afitos has an expensive mid-holiday taxi transfer due to the distance involved). A few nights at the start or end of your holiday can be easily arranged in Thessaloniki - see page 240 - and also at the wonderful 5 star Imaret Hotel in Kavala (page 241).

### Representative

We have a local agent based in Thessaloniki who can always be contacted but no representative in our Halkidiki resort areas. However, English is spoken at all our hotels, who are always happy to give local information and assistance.

### Stay in a Mount Athos Monastery

For details of this unique opportunity - if you are male! - please see page 113 and our website.



Alykes beach, Ammouliani

## Kastalia Hotel Ammouliani Island

This very sweet little hotel is run by the charming Sisi, a bustling helpful mine of information who cannot do enough for her guests. It is in a quiet location in a back street a short 3 minute walk up the small hill from the harbour.

The 8 apartment-style rooms here are spacious and simply but attractively furnished. All possess twin or double beds, TV, AC, basic kitchenette (2 rings, fridge), shower room and good-sized covered balcony.

To the rear of the hotel is a common seating area with tables, chairs and sofas, and here Sisi will serve a hearty breakfast with many homemade

items and traditional Greek specialities.

You could not stay in a more welcoming or friendly small hotel.

### Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made by 31/3. Please enquire or check online availability for details.

### The Hotel:

2 Stars  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi



Ammouliani Village



## Dominici Hotel Ammouliani Island

The fact that the owner is an interior designer is in evidence throughout this small, very pretty hotel. Casa Dominici (to give it its full title) enjoys a great location, just back from the old fishing harbour and sandy beach.

The hotel has only 6 rooms on its upper two floors. Each one has a different style of furnishing and decor, but they are all lovely!

All possess an iron-wrought double bedstead, TV, AC, fridge, mozzie-netted windows and balcony doors, modern shower room (some with bath) and large balcony, those on the top floor having some sea or side-sea views.

You can be on the beach in less than a minute. It is a 2-3 minute walk to the square at the top of the hill, and the same again down the other side to the centre and restaurants.

Very high standards in a superb location.

### The Hotel:

2 Stars  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi



Ammouliani beach below Dominici

## Sunrise Hotel Ammouliani Island

Quietly located above the sea, just a few minutes' walk from the harbour and the centre of the village, the Sunrise is one of the larger hotels here with 46 rooms housed in two buildings.

Our rooms are the renovated Superior doubles on the upper two floors of the front building (stairs, no lift). They enjoy sea views to the side, and some also have views to distant Athos. The rooms are attractively furnished and double or twin-bedded - all have air-conditioning, TV, mini-fridge, room-safe, bath or shower, hairdryer and sea view balcony.

On the ground floor the hotel has a lounge and snack bar. There is seating in the small garden

bordering the hotel where (in season) breakfast can be taken.

A path and steps lead down to a concreted lido area on the rocks below from where you can swim - handy for a quick dip but most here will want to head for one of Ammouliani's famed sandy beaches. The closest (in town) is a five minute walk.

The hotel has a very warm, friendly atmosphere engendered by the hospitable owners, and attracts many repeat clients - always the best recommendation.

**Early Booking Offer**  
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**The Hotel:** 3 Stars  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi



Alykes Beach



## Helianthus Hotel Ammouliani Island

A 'Xenon' is a guesthouse, but this one took us by surprise when we saw the rooms, which are akin more to a 4 star city boutique hotel than a small guesthouse on Ammouliani.

It is in the main square at the top of the hill. Apart from the odd cultural event, this is actually a quiet location as - bar one sleepy kafeneion - all the restaurants and cafes are down near the port.

The 9 rooms are split between two buildings and are on two floors.

They really offer top modern quality and facilities. Each has a double bed with Cocomat mattress and linen, flat-screen sat TV and home cinema system, DVD and CD player, Wifi,

mini-fridge, central AC, hairdryer and very nice contemporary shower room with bathroom amenities. Balcony views are over the village, and some have partial sea views.

The hotel has a cafe in the square where breakfast is taken.

From here it is but a 2-3 minute walk down to the shops and restaurants in one direction, and the same again in the other to the sandy town beach.

**The hotel:** 4 Star Xenon  
Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi

AMMOULIANI ISLAND		Guide prices in £'s per person					
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May/Oct		Jun/Sep		Jul/Aug	
		1 wk	2 wks	1 wk	2 wks	1 wk	2 wks
Dominici	Standard Room 2 BB	816	1034	858	1159	972	1318
Helianthus	Standard Room 2 BB	880	1159	922	1348	1052	1477
Kastalia	Standard Room 2 BB	767	933	809	1016	876	1126
	Sea View 2 BB	814	1140	827	1166	878	1241
Sunrise	Superior Room 2 BB	843	1085	892	1184	959	1294

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 as sourced from Easyjet in November 2017 and are likely to increase as time passes. Prices 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 price 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).**