

Skopelos

Skopelos is a lovely, much underrated island, and a rewarding one to discover. Still very much a working island, it has a more 'Greek' flavour than its glamorous neighbour Skiathos, and a slower pace of life. Strong traditions and considerable beauty, combined with its delightful town and relaxed atmosphere, make Skopelos an island to savour.

With limited development, this largest island of the Sporades group remains beautifully green and wooded, with pine, oak and plane trees hiding some fine beaches along the sheltered west coast.

Skopelos Town is one of the most characterful island ports in Greece. Strict building and preservation orders have kept it colourful, clean and neat with narrow, climbing streets, countless tiny chapels (over one hundred in all!), and houses linked by bridges in the special architecture of the Sporades. Mulberry trees line the waterfront and shade numerous cafés and restaurants. Skopelos Town also has some good quality shops selling local crafts.

As well as offering a really relaxing holiday in friendly and attractive surroundings, Skopelos affords excellent walking, maybe taking in a monastery or two (the countryside is dotted with historic churches and monasteries, three of which are still inhabited). There is, too, the unexcavated grave of a Cretan King of Minoan times overlooking Stafilos Bay.

Alternatively, rent a mountain bike – ideal for exploring and getting off the beaten track - or try your hand at sea kayaking from Elios. An enjoyable day out can also be had by boat to the National Marine Park in nearby Alonissos.



There are some very good beaches to choose from, most of them on the sheltered west coast and easily reached from Skopelos Town by bus or hire car. They range from tiny secluded coves (generally shingle) to long stretches of white pebbles or sand/shingle, such as popular Stafilos Bay 4 kms. from the port, or Kastani with its fashionably chilled beach club. The sea is sparklingly clear, the swimming excellent.

SKOPELOS INFORMATION

Getting to Skopelos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Manchester inbound flight via Kavala). Then 50-90 mins by scheduled Flying Cat or ferry (note: should ferry schedules remain similar to last year please expect an early morning departure from the island on your return journey). For flight details see page 267.

Multi-Centre Options

With Skiathos and Alonissos. For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

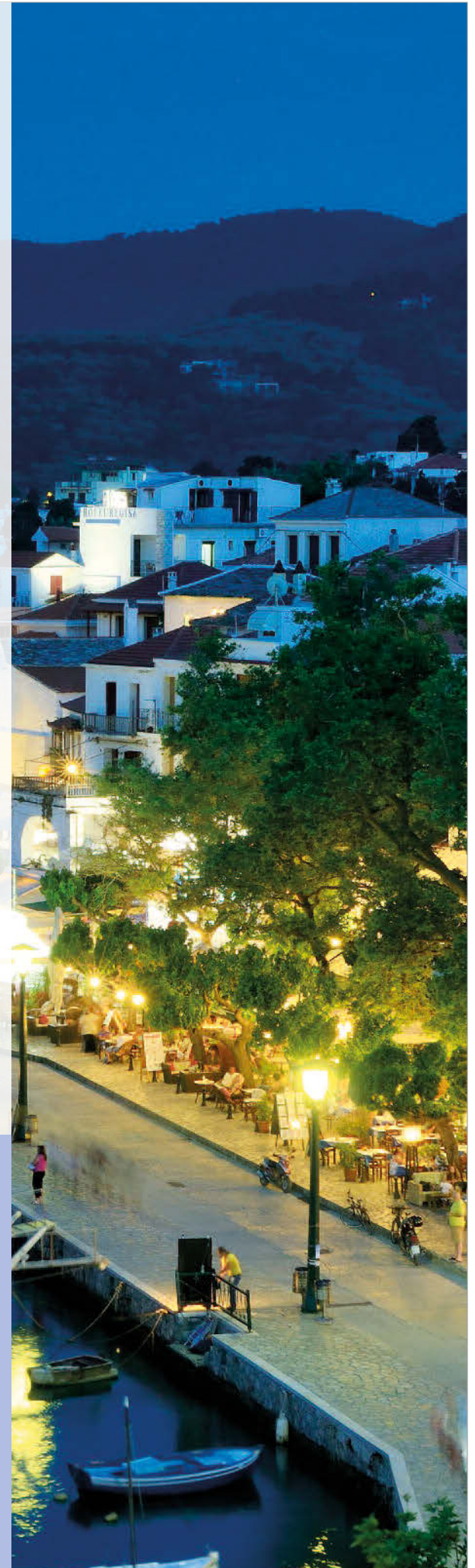
Based in Skopelos Town - visits all areas.

Skopelos Guide Book

We recommend 'An Insider's Guide to Skopelos' by Maria Broadley which can be purchased from Amazon or on the island.



Kastani beach



Aeolos Hotel Skopelos Town

The Aeolos is our favoured town hotel and occupies a super location facing Skopelos Town, an easy 600m level walk above the sea around the bay.

Its 63 comfortable rooms are simply but tastefully furnished and air conditioned with TV (BBC World), fridge, hair-dryer, modern tiled shower room, room safe (€2 per day) and balcony, most with lovely sea and town views. Rooms are mainly twin-bedded and most can take an extra folding bed for a child. Wifi is available in public areas and charged at €8 per week.

The hotel has a lift, lounge, bar and breakfast room (complete with ancient olive tree). The large

freshwater swimming pool measures 13m x 7m (depth 1m-1.80m) and is on an expansive raised terrace to the front, which also has a pool snack-bar and a separate children's pool.

A stay here would be ideal for those wanting a comfortable stay with modern facilities, fine views and only a short walk (no hills!) from all the attractions of Skopelos port.

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



Skopelos Harbour



Maistros Apartments Skopelos Town

Situated 800m from Skopelos Town's attractive waterfront - a pleasant 10 minute walk above the sea - these new apartments are beautifully appointed and have the benefit of fine views.

The maisonettes possess a ground floor double bedroom, a comfortable air conditioned living room with double sofa-bed for an adult or two children, a kitchen area with full cooker, TV, safety deposit box, and modern bathroom with full bath and shower attachment. Above, and open-plan to the living room, is a mezzanine sleeping gallery with twin beds. The living room opens onto a large sea-facing balcony affording lovely views over rooftops to the sea, harbour, town and mountains behind.

To the front below is the large freshwater pool. Steps within the

hotel may make it unsuitable for those with mobility difficulties.

A stay here would suit those looking for a good quality self catering holiday, fine views, a lovely pool area (generally quiet) and easy access to Skopelos Town.

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for stays completed by 22/6 and commencing 7/9 onwards for bookings made by 31/5. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

The Apartments: Self Catering
Maisonettes for 2/6
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi

Thea's Home Skopelos Town

Thea's Home has a crow's nest position at the top of the town yet with access to the harbour (7 minutes down, 10 back) via a fair few steps and the narrow old town lanes. Sunvil's rooms offer fabulous town and sea views, and an exceptionally high standard.

The studios are spacious, modern and light. Each one has a double bed (can be separated into twins), plus a sofa-bed for a child, and is furnished with TV, a kitchen area with mini-oven, two rings and fridge, air-con, an iron and board, ceiling fan and mozzie-screened windows. A good sized shower room and a generous covered sea facing balcony completes the picture.

The apartments on the upper floors are exceptionally well equipped as, in addition to the studio facilities above, each has a spacious lounge with fitted kitchen (full cooker, fridge-freezer), a washing machine and a double sofa-bed. The double bedroom has a ceiling fan. Outside, the large covered sea view balcony has seating and a table.

Below and to the front is a freshwater pool measuring 7.5m x 3.5m (depth 0.60m-1.80m).

During the period 6/7-23/8 breakfast is included in the price – outside these dates it is available at an extra cost.

Due to the hillside location and number of steps within the property we would not recommend it to those with mobility difficulties.

The Apartments:

Self Catering and Bed & Breakfast Studios for 2/3 Apartments for 2/4 Swimming Pool Free WiFi



Glifoneri Beach near Skopelos Town



Glifoneri Cottage near Skopelos Town

Glifoneri enjoys a lovely, secluded position close to the beach and has terrific views; as a hideaway, tucked away between town and beach, this house is hard to beat.

Located behind the top road at the back of Skopelos town, it is one of a handful of houses on the way down to Glifoneri Beach, just a 4-5 minute walk down the hill.

Steps lead up from the narrow road onto a large split-level sea-facing terrace, which has a BBQ. There is loads of space to sunbathe in the paved front garden (sun beds and umbrella are provided) or simply to sit and admire the stunning views over the sea to Alonissos.

The house has had a recent makeover (winter 2017) in a light fresh style whilst still preserving some of its traditional flavour. It has a large L-shaped living/dining room a sofa-bed, TV, and a separate kitchen area (full cooker, microwave, fridge) The bedroom has air conditioning, a double bed and en suite shower/wc.

The nearest taverna (seasonal) is only a 2 minute walk and there is another by the beach (5 mins.). It is a 10-15 minute walk to the top of the Old Town (steep in parts so car hire is recommended for the less than super-fit!) from where a 15 minute walk through the narrow lanes brings you to the harbour. The nearest shops are in town - a couple will deliver and a taxi back costs c 8 euros.

Glifoneri Cottage is an understandably popular property; cool, spacious and private, surrounded by flowers and enjoying lovely views.

Early Booking Offer

Up to £100 off per week (max discount £200) for bookings made by 31/1. Conditions apply - see page 267.

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

Villa Juno near Skopelos Town

Set within a private walled courtyard on the outskirts of Skopelos Town, this quaint little country house offers a sense of peace and seclusion.

Through the use of simple yet stylish furnishings throughout, and with tall wooden ceilings and a large patio garden, the owners have created a comfortable property with a relaxing ambience.



Skopelos town

Juno is all on one level and comprises an open plan living room with fully equipped kitchenette; a double bedroom; and a bathroom with shower. Amenities include air conditioning, TV, washing machine, dishwasher and free Wifi.

This property is an ideal choice for couples wanting a holiday in quiet country surroundings yet with easy access to Skopelos Town (500m) without the need for a car. We have access to a couple of larger villas nearby with pools which can combine with Juno for bigger parties - please enquire.

Early Booking Offer
£50-£150 off for bookings made by 31/1 (excluding 1 week departure 24/8). Conditions apply - see page 267.

The Villa: Self Catering
1 Bedroom
House for 2
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Alkistis Hotel Apartments Near Skopelos Town

A highly recommended property, the Alkistis enjoys a beautifully rural setting, about 2 kms walk from Skopelos Town - very frequently served by the hotel's courtesy minibus (up to seven times daily) - and halfway to Stafilos Beach.

Guests receive hotel levels of service (6 x weekly cleaning, regular linen changes, pool towels) combined with the freedom of self catering. The hotel is known for its particularly friendly service and enjoys a high level of repeat guests (always a good sign).

There are only 25 studios and apartments housed in three separate 2-storey buildings to the rear of the grounds. The studios are spacious and all contain a double or twin beds, kitchenette with mini-oven, rings and fridge, safety deposit box, bath or shower, hairdryer, TV, DVD player, and a large patio or balcony over the gardens.

The apartments are similar with the addition of a separate living room containing two full-sized extra beds. All possess air conditioning and standards of comfort are high. Some on the ground floor have been disabled adapted.

The accommodation is quietly located in extensive gardens amongst olive trees, away from the pool, bar and taverna areas at the front. It boasts an enormous 350 sq.m freshwater pool (with a swim-up bar), a children's section, and a restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

You will find a very handy supermarket just a 3 minute walk away.

Hard to fault, we consider the Alkitis to be one of the nicest small hotels on the island.

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for bookings made by 30/4. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

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

Afrodite Hotel Panormos

This traditional family-run hotel is built just 100 metres back from the beautiful beach at Panormos, a wide sweep of fine shingle and pebble which is recognised as one of the best on the island.

The hotel has 33 rooms split amongst three two-storey buildings, a mix of twins, doubles and suites. All possess air-conditioning, fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, shower/wc (bath on request) and balcony with views to the thickly forested hillside behind or over the pretty gardens. Furnishings and décor are simple and older style. The suites have a living room area containing one or two sofa-beds for children.

The main building houses reception, bar and a beautiful traditional-style lounge. To the front

the freshwater pool measures 10m x 5m (depth 1.40- 2.70) and has a children's section.

Panormos is very quiet early and late in the season (May and mid-September onwards) and not all tavernas or the shop will be open. In high season the beach can be busy and you will find a selection of restaurants and a mini-market. For brighter lights Skopelos Town is only 12 kms away and can be easily reached by the island's very good bus service.

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



Panormos beach



Delphi Hotel Apartments Elios

With beautiful mature gardens to the front and forested hills to the rear, Delphi Hotel Apartments are surrounded by a sea of green. The hotel is on the edge of the village of Elios halfway up Skopelos' sheltered western coast, and close to some of the island's best beaches.

It is a mix of studios and apartments built around the garden and large freshwater swimming pool, which has a child section and a poolside snack bar.

Studios are twin or double and have light cooking facilities (rings, fridge), AC, bath or shower, and a balcony with garden, pool or partial sea views. The apartments are similar with the addition of a living room with 2 sofa-beds for children, a bath and a mini-oven. Some are maisonette-style on two floors.

Elios village has seven tavernas, a

mini-market, ATM and a small harbour/marina flanked by two shingle beaches - the first is only a 5 minute walk, but beyond it is lovely Hovolo (10-15 minutes, no facilities). The quaint hilltop village of Glossa is but a 15 minute car or bus ride away and the popular beaches of Milia and Kastani are even closer.

Early Booking Offer
 Reductions apply for stays completed by 13/7 and commencing 24/8 onwards for bookings made by 30/4.

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

SKOPELOS		Guide prices shown are in £'s per person								
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	
Aeolos	Standard Sea View	2 BB	749	872	857	1184	992	1318	1009	1336
		3 BB	730	835	825	1076	915	1166	933	1183
Afrodite Hotel	Standard Room	2 BB	753	880	874	1086	876	1154	960	1238
		2 BB	814	1001	1002	1346	1008	1413	1087	1492
	Suite	3 BB	753	880	892	1123	895	1168	954	1226
		3 BB	734	842	851	1042	854	1107	935	1188
Alkistis Hotel Apartments	Studio	2 SC	773	920	886	1212	992	1318	1009	1336
		3 SC	731	837	830	1072	906	1148	924	1166
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	802	977	946	1404	1122	1581	1140	1598
		3 SC	758	891	867	1189	986	1307	1003	1325
Delphi Hotel Apartments	Sea View Studio	2 SC	753	880	853	1106	918	1171	935	1188
		2 SC	753	880	833	1086	918	1171	935	1188
	Pool View Studio	2 SC	794	960	874	1168	958	1253	976	1270
		3 SC	766	907	832	1058	890	1116	907	1133
1 Bedroom Apartment	Maisonette	4 SC	752	880	812	1004	855	1047	873	1065
		2 SC	814	1001	894	1208	979	1294	996	1312
	3 SC	3 SC	780	934	846	1086	903	1143	921	1161
		4 SC	763	900	822	1024	866	1068	883	1085
Clifoneri Cottage	1 Bedroom Cottage	2 SC	922	1168	962	1216	962	1233	1022	1266
		3 SC	835	996	874	1041	874	1052	928	1080

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Maistros Apartments	Maisonette	2 SC	827	1014	927	1180	931	1184	1010	1325
		3 SC	780	920	859	1044	862	1047	921	1147
		4 SC	756	873	825	976	828	978	876	1058
Thea Home Apartments	Studio	2 SC	848	1054	1028	1384	1034	1390	1051	1407
		3 SC	806	973	940	1206	943	1210	961	1227
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	928	1216	1182	1694	1190	1702	1207	1719
		3 SC	860	1081	1042	1412	1047	1418	1065	1435
Villa Juno	1 Bedroom	2 SC	761	1006	934	1231	992	1290	1058	1294
		3 SC	722	888	851	1051	896	1096	939	1098

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