

Tolon & Nafplion

We have featured Tolon every year since the early days of our Greece programme (1976!), and seen the village grow into a thriving small resort with a very wide appeal. We are not surprised – beach apart, the sheer range of things you can see and do from here is enormous.

We would recommend Tolon in particular to families, parties of mixed ages or interests, first time visitors to Greece, and anyone with even a passing interest in history and archaeology. One thing we can promise is that you will not get bored!

Built around the curve of a sheltered bay, Tolon has a very long sandy beach - narrow at the village end, widening out as you walk around the bay - which has been awarded a coveted Blue Flag (2016). Water sports are available, small motorboats can be rented, and two pretty islets await exploration a short pedalo ride across the bay. A tempting array of cafés and small restaurants lines the beach – there are more in the village, as well as a sprinkling of bars.

Tolon lies in the heart of the Argolid, the north-eastern corner of the Peloponnese. All about is evidence of a turbulent and fascinating past. This was the arena of city states, whose battles are now legend. From Tolon it is easy to visit ancient Mycenae, Argos, Tyrins, Corinth and the impressive amphitheatre of Epidavros (classical plays performed here during June, July and August – our local representative can arrange transportation). All are accessible by organised excursion, hire car or local bus, as is Athens. Boat excursions run regularly to the Saronic isles of Hydra and Spetses.

A ten minute walk over the headland is ancient Assini, from where a fleet was launched against Troy. There can be few, if any, Homeric sites which you can explore, then swim from the beach below followed by a lazy taverna lunch overlooking the bay!



The site has recently had major EU funding and is a must-see – visit our website for further details.

Although busy at weekends and in the high season, largely with Athenians, Tolon has retained its charm and friendliness.

A 25 minute bus ride (buses hourly) takes you to elegant Nafplion. Largely Venetian it is topped by massive fortifications (1,000 steps up!) and adjudged one of the most handsome towns in Greece.

Nafplion was the first capital of the modern nation and the narrow lanes of the old town, its mix of Venetian, Turkish and neoclassical architecture, the busy waterfront, the shaded squares and the many fine tavernas, make this historic town a magnet for Greek and foreign visitors alike.

TOLON & NAFPLION INFORMATION

Getting to Tolon & Nafplion

Sunday flight Gatwick, Manchester or Birmingham to Kalamata. Then 2 hours by coach or shared taxi. For flight details see page 270. We can also arrange odd durations and tailor-made holidays with taxi transfers or car from Kalamata or Athens airport.

Multi-Centre Options

Can combine with any South Peloponnese resort. Tolon should be booked as the first centre. For multi-centre information see page 8.

Child Care

There is a qualified child-minder available at reasonable rates who can be booked via our local representative.

Car & Motorboat Hire

See pages 268-9 for details.



Free Activities from Tolon

2 hrs free motorboat plus free use of bicycles for all Tolon guests. See resort pages.

Representative

Based in Tolon.



Things to do from Tolon

There is so much to see and do from Tolon that you may have trouble fitting it all in – at least if you want to leave some time for the beach! Below are some of the options that were available last summer, all of which you can book locally through our resort representative.

Coach trips...

All coaches are fully air-conditioned and escorted. Should numbers be small excursions may operate by minibus or taxi (not escorted).

- **Ancient Mycenae & Nafplion** (€50)
- **Epidavros Theatre & Corinth Canal** (€65)
- **Athens** (€70)
- **Epidavros Performance** (Jul/Aug) – by taxi

Cruises...

Operated by Pegasus Cruises on their fast, modern and comfortable boats.

- **Hydra & Spetses** (€34)
- **Nafplion by Night** (€10 – high season only).

Local options...

- For Sunvil guests only, a popular **Greek Meze Night** (€22) and a **Fish/ Seafood Night** (€24)
- **Local Walks** see your Sunvil representative.
- Explore the Homeric site of **Ancient Assini** just over the headland (free).

General excursion notes: Children aged 5-12 reductions of up to 50% (under 5 free); entrance fees are included (reductions apply for over-65s and accredited students in full time education; major credit cards accepted; excursions operate subject to demand; there may be changes to last year's programme.



Corinth Canal



Ancient Epidavros Theatre

Tolon Activities

To help make the most of your stay in Tolon we are offering the following to all Sunvil guests.

Free Motorboat

2 hours free motorboat hire

A very popular activity. Cruise around the bay, down the coast or to the back of Romvi island where there is a beach and crystal clear water for swimming and/or a picnic. Boats are 5.5m with 20hp inboard diesel engines licensed for 6-7 persons (even 8 if some are children). No previous experience is required as basic boat handling instruction will be given.

The 2 hours free boat hire offer applies per party, includes fuel and can be extended locally at an additional charge.

Free use of Bicycles

A communal pool of bicycles for all guests to use free of charge.

We have both adult and child bikes available (frame sizes from 20" to 26").

The area around Tolon is excellent for cycling, being on the whole largely flat with a network of small country roads running through orange and lemon groves.

Bikes are intended for casual daytime use around the local area only - they are not permitted to be ridden to Nafplion for example, as the main road is busy! Any loss or damage to the bicycle is the users responsibility. Locks and helmets are provided; and kiddy-seats are available at a small local charge (note: we do not supply helmets for

small children). There is a small charge for repairs (punctures etc.) and should you need assistance outside Tolon a call-out charge will be made.

Bicycles are subject to availability and fair usage policy - they are not intended for unlimited use. Please book them out via your Sunvil Tolon representative. As there is no charge made, no refunds will be considered for any reason.

We are sure that the provision of these facilities at no additional cost will enhance your overall holiday experience to Tolon.



Watersports available locally

- Waterski (tuition available)
- Windsurfing (tuition available)
- Banana rides
- Ringo rides

There is a dive school in Tolon who also operate popular snorkeling boat trips.

See: www.seabreeze-tolo.gr

Please see your Sunvil representative on arrival for details of any of the above.



Lido Apartments Tolon

Lido is our main accommodation in Tolon. We selected it for its space and excellent location, being in a quiet side street a minute or two's walk from the beach and the street (with no hills to negotiate). To the front, across the side road, the Lido has its own large freshwater swimming pool (depth 1m-1.75m) with poolside furniture.

Built around a courtyard in a number of 2-storeyed blocks, all units have air-conditioning. The studios are first (top) floor with twin beds, kitchenette (mini-oven, hob, fridge); shower room with wc; and balcony or sun terrace. They can take an extra folding bed for a child with ease.

The 1-bedroomed apartments have a twin bedroom; living room area (again spacious with a twin or double sofa-bed or two single beds), kitchenette (mini-oven, hob, fridge); bathroom with half-bath and shower above; and balcony or terrace.

The 2-bedroomed apartments are on three levels maisonette style. They comprise an upper ground floor open-plan living room with a twin bedded sleeping gallery above and a cool lower-ground floor twin or triple bedroom. Other facilities are as per the 1-bedroom.

An iron and ironing board can be supplied on request locally in all units. Lido has always been well priced, and we now consider it to offer even better value after its recent renovation.

Lido has been a mainstay of our Tolon programme for many years. Although an older property, and typically simply furnished, it offers



excellent value, plenty of space (especially good for families) and a quiet location within a very short easy walk of restaurants, shops and beach.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local daily charge of 6 Euros per day (studio and 1 bedroom); 8 Euros per day (2 bedroom).

NOTE: The swimming pool operates from 20 May to 29 Sept

The Apartments:

Self Catering
Studios for 2/3
Apartments for 2/4 and up to 6
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Early Booking Offer

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



Ancient Assini bay is just over the headland

Hotel Romvi Tolon

The Romvi occupies a prime beachfront position at the 'old village' end of Tolon, a short walk from the harbour, high street, and cafés and tavernas. It is a typically Greek 'small and friendly' hotel.

The hotel comprises only 14 rooms on its upper two floors (note, no lift). Most are twin-bedded (there is one double on the middle floor) and some can take an extra bed for a child.

Sunvil's rooms are directly above the sea and each has a good-sized private balcony terrace from which to enjoy the gorgeous views over the bay and off-shore islands. All ours possess a modernised shower room (2012), individual air-conditioning, a fridge and tea/coffee making facilities. They have simple décor and furnishing.

The Family Suite comprises two rooms – one double at the front with sea view, one twin at the rear – each with AC and its own balcony (note: unrenovated shower room).

The large covered terrace downstairs houses a good restaurant (try the fish soup!). The terrace provides a welcome escape from the heat of

the day where you can enjoy a drink or an ice-cream in the shade. The hotel provides sun beds and umbrellas free of charge on the beach for its guests.

The warm atmosphere, wonderful views, home cooking and excellent location draw many guests back to this charming little hotel year after year.

Air-conditioning: available at a local charge of 6 euros per day.

Family Suite Note: breakfast is included - however Early Booking Offers do not apply to this unit.

Early Booking Offer

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

The Hotel: 2 Stars
Sea View Rooms for 2/3 (Room Only)
Family Suite for up to 5 (BB)
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Romvi al fresco dining



Beach by Hotel Minoa

Hotel Minoa Tolon

Right on the sea, with a small beach to one side and close to Tolon's fishing harbour, is the Minoa Hotel. Long established, it has built up an excellent reputation and the family who run it ensure a friendly atmosphere.

All 44 rooms have been nicely updated and possess bright, modern decor, AC, sat TV, mini-fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, bathroom with bath or shower, and balcony - front rooms have lovely views to Romvi island opposite. Some front and rear rooms can interconnect, perfect for families.

There are three superb Minoa Suites on the third floor. Open-plan and tastefully furnished, they have twin or double beds plus tea-making equipment and a walk-in hydro-massage shower (one is larger with

a jacuzzi bath). All have a living area and a large private front sea view balcony with superlative views.

Facilities include a ground floor lounge, restaurant and covered beachside bar to one side, and a lift.

Sunbeds and umbrellas on the beach here are free of charge to hotel guests. Guests may also use the swimming pool of its sister hotel, the King Minos a 5 minute (but steep) walk away.

The Minoa offers not only an excellent location, perhaps the best in the village, but a standard of comfort and facilities above its official category and in our opinion is one of the best run and most comfortable hotels in Tolon.

Due to its location, ramp access for wheelchair users and lift we consider the Minoa to be a good choice for those of limited mobility.



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The Hotel: 3 Star
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Use of pool
Free WiFi

King Minos Hotel Tolon

Offering a high modern standard of comfort, great views and spacious rooms, King Minos is one of the premier hotels in Tolon.

A five minute walk from the beach near the Minoa Hotel, its position on the hill towards the harbour gives exquisite views, although the steep approach would not be suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. However the hotel does have a private parking area to one side, above the steepest part.

The hotel offers 57 large rooms of various types and contemporary tasteful décor. All have a hydro-massage shower or a bath (some jacuzzi) with standard shower attachment, satellite tv, air-conditioning, hairdryer, safety deposit box, iron/ironing board and minibar. Sea view rooms enjoy magnificent views over the bay from their large marble-tiled balcony. Some sea view rooms interconnect with a mountain view room – perfect for families with older children or different generations.

Family Suites have side sea or mountain views from the balcony, and are good for families as they can

sleep up to four in two rooms with two full sized sofa-beds in the second room (note: one is open-plan).

The 5th (top) floor houses the new Superior Suites. Large, modern and stylishly decorated, in addition to the room facilities listed above all have hydro-massage bath with shower, a sofa bed (either a double or two singles), sitting area and panoramic sea views from their large sun-terrace, which is furnished with wicker sun-loungers.

The ground floor is given over to an elegantly furnished lounge, bar and restaurant. The hotel offers complimentary WiFi, a fitness room and a sauna (local charge).

To the front is the large freshwater swimming pool with attendant pool bar (high season) and again stunning views over the village, bay, islands and mountainous coastline.

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



Stella Apartments Tolon

The highly recommended Stella Apartments occupy a prime beachfront location. They offer excellent modern standards and we consider them to be amongst the pick of Tolon's accommodation.

There are four maisonettes on the ground floor. Each boasts a spacious open sun terrace (shaded by a large sun-umbrella) with full sea views which leads directly down, via a few steps, onto the beach. Open-plan, each comprises a living room with a well equipped kitchen area (mini-oven, rings and fridge) and one or two sofa-beds for children or young adults, a tiled shower room and steep stairs up to a sleeping gallery above with twin beds (can be placed together) and sea views.

The spacious studios are housed on the top (second) floor (there is no lift - the owner occupies the penthouse apartment above). Also twin-bedded they have an open-plan kitchen area, shower/wc and a good-sized private balcony with a retractable sunblind. Our studios are directly sea-facing and boast panoramic views over the bay and islands.

Fixtures and fittings are of top quality, and furnishings tasteful and modern. All units have a hairdryer and an iron and ironing board available on request from reception. In the courtyard is a stock of sun beds which guests are welcome to use free of charge on the beach immediately to the front.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local daily charge of €6 (studio); €8 (maisonette).

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

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

Arethusa Hotel Apartments Tolon

The Arethusa's location, on the hillside towards the harbour end of Tolon, affords fine views over the village and bay.

The 18 ground and first floor studios here are built in pairs, stepped back for privacy. All possess double or twin beds (some have bunk-beds too for smaller children), AC, free WiFi, TV (with BBC World), 2-ring kitchenette (suitable for light cooking only), fridge, room-safe, hairdryer, walk-in shower and good-sized covered front sea view terrace.

The pool to the front is 86 sq m (depth 1m-2m) and has a children's section. The surrounding pool terrace has sun-beds and shade, and there is a poolside cafe-bar serving breakfast, snacks, light meals and drinks.

The 4-5 minute walk up from the beach and main street is steep in parts, so unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties unless a car is hired (there is parking).

The friendly service and hospitality you will encounter here is typical of the best family-run small Greek hotels.

The Apartments:
 Self Catering
 Studios for 2/4
 Family Units for 4/6
 Air Conditioning
 Swimming Pool
 Free WiFi



Ancient Epidavros, near Tolon and Nafplion

TOLON		Guide prices 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			
Arethusa	Studio	2 SC	774	934	855	1061	866	1072	932	1178		
		3 SC	761	909	829	1008	840	1019	892	1098		
King Minos	Standard Mountain View	2 BB	852	1104	918	1200	929	1211	989	1306		
		2 BB	893	1187	960	1286	972	1297	1032	1391		
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	968	1337	1030	1423	1041	1434	1084	1494		
		3 BB	847	1096	901	1165	912	1177	949	1225		
	Suite Side Sea View	4 BB	795	991	844	1054	856	1065	890	1107		
		2 BB	989	1378	1051	1466	1062	1478	1110	1546		
	Suite Front Sea View	3 BB	861	1123	915	1194	926	1205	966	1260		
		4 BB	806	1012	858	1079	869	1090	903	1133		
		2 BB	1097	1594	1192	1750	1204	1761	1234	1795		
		3 BB	961	1323	1041	1446	1052	1457	1081	1489		
Lido	Studio	2 SC	742	844	792	904	804	926	864	962		
		3 SC	780	922	835	990	846	1016	930	1074		
	1 Bedroom	3 SC	731	823	780	881	792	902	871	956		
		4 SC	706	774	753	826	764	844	841	897		
	2 Bedroom	2 SC	816	995	876	1072	887	1100	974	1163		
		3 SC	755	872	807	936	819	958	901	1015		
		4 SC	724	810	773	867	784	887	863	941		
		5 SC	707	774	753	826	764	844	841	897		
6 SC	694	749	739	799	750	816	826	867				

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Minoa	Standard Mountain View	2 BB	814	1029	858	1080	869	1091	938	1202
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	844	1088	888	1140	899	1151	968	1262
	Minoan Suite	2 BB	960	1320	1008	1380	1020	1392	1131	1589
	Top Floor Suite	2 BB	1043	1486	1094	1552	1106	1564	1216	1760
Romvi	Sea View	2 RO	722	850	774	912	786	934	847	971
		2 BB	838	1085	954	1274	966	1310	1018	1362
	Family Suite	3 BB	761	928	851	1066	862	1094	905	1137
		4 BB	722	849	798	962	810	986	848	1024
		5 BB	715	835	786	936	797	959	835	997
Stella	Studio	2 SC	758	878	810	942	822	965	884	1002
		3 SC	717	794	764	849	775	868	834	901
	Maisonette	2 SC	799	962	857	1035	868	1062	954	1122
		3 SC	744	850	795	911	806	933	887	988
		4 SC	716	794	764	849	775	868	853	921

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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).

Latini Hotel Nafplion

The historic small town of Nafplion, recognised as one of the most beautiful in mainland Greece, has become increasingly fashionable in recent years. So we are pleased to offer the Latini, which combines a prime location in the old town with comfort and character, and provides good value for Nafplion.

Sympathetically renovated from an old townhouse, the Latini is just one street back from the harbour, where there is free parking. It overlooks a small square and is next door to a lovely Venetian church. Within a minute or two's walk you will find a wide choice of shops, restaurants and cafes.

The eight double rooms on the first and second floors are for couples only and accessed by a narrow staircase (please note there is no lift). All have been nicely modernised and individually decorated in an attractive light fresh style. Each room possesses bath or shower, small balcony, air conditioning, a hairdryer,

TV, fridge (except the single) and telephone. A pair of interconnecting rooms offers good value for 3 adults or a family with two smaller children – please enquire.

The third (top) floor houses the suite. Under the angled wooden ceiling, this cosy and very private unit is light, spacious and open plan. It has twin beds (can be a double), a sitting area with two sofa-beds for children, a full bathroom and an open roof balcony with sea and old town views.

The Latini is a family run 'small and friendly' B&B in a lovely and very convenient location. Although you should not expect hotel levels of service, it makes for a simple, comfortable and well priced base from which to explore all the delights of this beautiful old town.

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



Nafplion

Grande Bretagne Hotel Nafplion

Housed in a neoclassical building dating from the 19th century, the Grande Bretagne has a central location on the edge of the old town overlooking the port area. All Nafplion's main attractions - museums, restaurants, the boats to visit the Bourtzi fortress in the bay - can be reached from here within a few minutes' walk.

The hotel is unashamedly old style, with rich decor, heavy drapes and curtains, and the odd chandelier. The 20 rooms here are on the upper floors and served by a lift. Standard rooms to the front and side have sea view (only a few have a balcony, on request only), those to the rear have

town views (no balcony). There are also suites and, under the eaves, attic suites, but beware the low beamed ceilings.

All possess AC, Wifi, TV, mini-fridge, hairdryer, room safe and bathroom, most with bath and shower above.

The ground floor houses the breakfast room, lounge and bar area.

Rather old school but comfortable and well located with friendly service and, we think (for Nafplion) rather well priced.

The Hotel: **4 Stars
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
WiFi**

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Grande Bretagne	Standard Sea View	2	BB	1099	1614	1136	1650	1147	1662	1172	1687
	Traditional Attic	2	BB	1168	1752	1205	1788	1216	1800	1242	1826
	Suite	2	BB	1192	1798	1228	1835	1240	1846	1265	1872
Latini	Standard Room	2	BB	816	1035	860	1086	872	1098	898	1123
	Suite	2	BB	912	1228	960	1285	972	1296	997	1322
		3	BB	806	1018	850	1069	861	1080	887	1106
		4	BB	785	976	828	1026	839	1037	865	1063

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