

Alonissos

Alonissos is the least developed of the northern Sporades; a green retreat in which to swim, walk and gently explore. Around its shores are many coves and beaches, lapped by the clearest of seas and backed by green hills. Inland is a scenic joy, and the network of marked trails through the varied countryside makes for some excellent walking.

The island is about 20 kilometres long by 4 wide, its hilly terrain softened by oak and pine.

Ferries and catamarans leave regularly from the main port of Patitiri for Skopelos, only 20 minutes away, and for Skiathos, another hour further to the west. This makes the odd day excursion easy, as well as twin-centre holidays.

Some twenty minutes walk to the north is the delightful fishing harbour of Votsi, its clear waters and pretty pebble beach backed by cliffs and pines. Votsi has a traditional, generally sleepy village atmosphere, a handful of small shops and some good tavernas. Walk back over the headland towards Patitiri and you will come to the beach at Rossoum which has tavernas of its own.

Old Alonissos, high above Patitiri, boasts stunning views and is certainly picturesque. Abandoned in the 1960's, the old houses are now largely restored and favoured by artists and writers. The village now has a dozen tavernas, several cafés, a couple of bars and a mini-market. There is a bus link from Patitiri (operates June to September) and it can also be reached on foot in about 40 mins via a goat track or by taxi. Old Alonissos is particularly atmospheric in the evenings, and we'd recommend all visitors to come for dinner here at least once.

Alonissos was one of only 22 areas in the world to be awarded a Quality Coast certificate in 2013



(www.qualitycoast.info). The seas around the island are designated a National Marine Park, set up to protect the indigenous Monk Seal. You can visit it by organised boat trip.

On the edge of the Park, halfway up the coast, is the pretty fishing harbour of Steni Vala – very peaceful with four authentic local tavernas plus a couple of cafés and mini-markets. A dive centre is now also based here and a bus service to Patitiri operates June to September.

Alonissos is a quiet, very beautiful island which is quite happy to remain off the main tourist path. Largely traditional, it would suit those looking for an unhurried holiday in natural surroundings, fine views, good swimming – there is a string of fine beaches up the east coast from peaceful Milia to picturesque Aghios Dimitrios – and walking.

ALONISSOS INFORMATION

Getting to Alonissos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Manchester inbound flight via Kavalas). Then 60-70 minutes by scheduled Flying Cat or 2½ hrs by ferry. (Note: should ferry schedules remain as last year you should expect an early morning departure from the island on your return journey). For flight details see page 270.

Multi-Centre Options

Skiathos and Skopelos. For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car & Boat Hire

See pages 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Patitiri - visits all areas



Nina's Studios Patitiri

Patitiri is the main port of Alonissos and has a wide selection of restaurants and cafes strung along the waterfront against a backdrop of chalk-white cliffs.

Nina Studios enjoy fabulous views from their elevated location to the side of the bay overlooking the turquoise waters below, and yet they are a 5 minute walk from all the facilities and a small beach at the far end of the harbour.

The studios are some of the loveliest we have yet seen on Alonissos, being beautifully furnished and decorated with care and taste. All have double beds (some with an extra single) and each has AC, Wifi, TV, hairdryer, room safe, light kitchen facilities (2

ring hob, fridge, kettle, toaster) and a bathroom with shower.

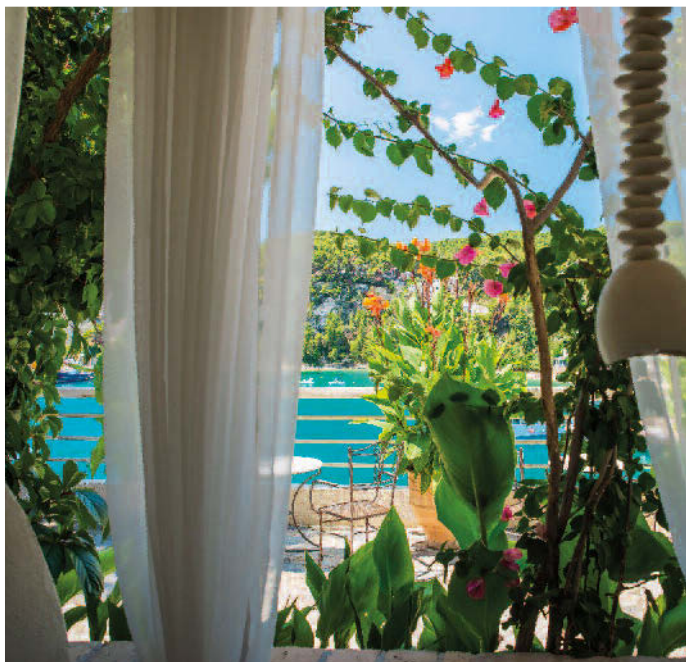
The views from your private furnished balcony over Patitiri Bay are superb, and one could sit for hours watching the harbour life below come and go. However your payment for these views is a steep walk up via steps and a path, so unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties.

The very nice beach of Rossoum in the next bay can be reached in around 10 minutes.

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



Patitiri view from near Nina's and Liadromia



Liadromia Studios Patitiri

Being next door to Nina's, the Liadromia location is excellent, overlooking the bay on the escarpment above the harbour (see location description for Nina's).

The studios are mostly ground floor. Each room has a double bed and a full size sofa bed. All rooms have AC, WiFi, TV, hairdryer, basic kitchenette, small shower room and front terrace. Some views from here may be partial due to the pine trees in front, which provide welcome shade. Decor is pretty and the new furniture of good quality.

The hotel has a very nice rooftop

bar with panoramic views over Patitiri where breakfast can be taken (local charge) or a drink from the bar in the evening.

Tavernas are a 5 minute walk down the hill (steep in parts and some steps), as is the beach at the far end of the harbour. The very nice alternative beach of Rossoum is a 10 minute walk over the headland.

The Studios: Self Catering
Studios for 2/3
Air Conditioning
Free Wifi



Liadromia (brown shutters centre right) & Nina's (blue shutters centre left)

Atrium Hotel Near Patitiri

Set amongst the pine trees up the hill at the back of the village, where the road to Alonissos Old Village begins, the Atrium has lovely views out to sea over the forest. The edge of Patitiri, with its shops and attractive waterfront tavernas, is approximately 600m away (a ten minute walk and a further five to the harbour), and it's a similar distance to the very nice beach of Rossoum.

The Atrium provides good facilities and a high level of comfort from its upgraded and stylish 30 double or twin-bedded rooms. Not only do they all possess air conditioning, Sat TV and a sea view balcony, added benefits (all at no extra charge) include a mini-bar (initial stock is

free of charge), a safety deposit box, filter coffee machine (plus coffee!), hydro-jet shower and hairdryer. The hotel also offers free Wifi.

The hotel has two swimming pools (plus one for children) and a pool bar - pool towels are provided.

The Atrium offers good modern standards and facilities in an attractive location and with excellent views from almost everywhere.

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



Alonissos Old Town



Konstantina Studios Alonissos Old Town

Having been comprehensively upgraded (2015) these boutique-style studios are amongst the best we have seen on the island. They are at the edge of Alonissos' beautiful Old Village, a three minute walk from the square, mini-market and bus stop.

The eight studios are surrounded by a flower filled garden, where a good breakfast with local treats can be taken each morning (local charge). All possess double or French style beds, kitchenette (2 rings, fridge), top-end walk-in shower and front balcony with fabulous views east over the edge of the village and hills to the sea and the Dio Adelphia islands. Decor

is individual to each room but beautifully done and everything is of the highest quality.

The village now has around a dozen good tavernas, as well as a handful of cafes and bars, and these engender a vibrant evening atmosphere for much of the season - it has become the venue to dine of an evening!

Patitiri port is 3 kms away by road and linked by bus (seasonal mid-Jun to mid-Sep)- for walkers there is a footpath which takes around 30 mins. - and it's 1500m to Megalo Mourtero beach reached by a steep path. Car hire is recommended for non walkers.



Alonissos Old Town

The Studios: Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Free Wifi

Yalis Hotel Votsi

In our view this fabulous small hotel sets the standard for all others on the island. The Yalis is built on a small cliff directly above the sea close to Votsi bay. Here you will enjoy high standards of comfort, spacious rooms, good service and wonderful views.

The hotel has just 20 rooms and suites split between its three buildings. All are very spacious and possess iron double bedstead, air conditioning, bathroom with bath and shower, hairdryer, safety deposit box, light kitchen facilities (2 rings, kettle and fridge), an open-plan living room area with double sofa-bed and a large private sea-facing covered balcony or terrace.

The difference between the various room categories is mainly one of location, balcony size and some facilities. The higher category the room, the higher the floor and the better the view e.g. the Superior Suites are on the top floor, and also have a DVD and CD player; Double Suites on the floor below also have excellent views; Double Premium rooms on the first floor have full sea view; Double Plus rooms on the

ground floor have terrace with partial sea views.

At the top level is reception, lounge and bar. To one side is the good-sized sea water swimming pool (pool towels can be provided) with a low-key pool bar. A five minute walk along a small road takes you down to Votsi bay which has a handful of tavernas and a pretty beach.

Ten minutes in the other direction, towards Patitiri, is the popular beach of Rossoum.

Due to the slightly elevated location of the hotel and steps within the property (there is no lift) the Yalis may not be suited to those with mobility problems. Please note that entrance from the small street behind is into the reception at the upper level of the hotel so the Suites are accessed by fewer steps.

The Hotel: 4-Star Boutique Hotel
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Votsi beach



Mega Nero Cottages Votsi

This pair of detached cottages offer top standards. They are just at the top of the hill leading down to Votsi in a very quiet location and the elevated position enables wonderful views over the bay towards the offshore islets beyond.

Both houses are near-identical inside and provide modern, light and extremely comfortable accommodation equipped to a very high standard. Each comprises a spacious air conditioned living room which has a full sized sofa-bed, a fitted kitchen area (with a full cooker, fridge and washing machine), a double bedroom with French doors opening onto a sea facing patio (sun beds are provided) and a modern bathroom with shower cabin.

The living room opens onto a spacious front covered terrace with table and chairs for dining and lovely views to the sea.

Other facilities include mozzie-netted windows and doors, a flat-screen TV, safety-deposit box, CD player, hairdryer, iron and board.

The Upper Cottage has its own swimming pool to the rear.

Measuring 5m x 3.5m (depth 1.4m) it has good privacy, being overlooked only by olive trees provide useful shade. The nearest supermarket is 200m distant and the restaurants and beach at Votsi a further 600-800 meters respectively. A torch would be useful for late night returns for those without a car.

The cottages are well placed for walks into the forested western side of Alonissos, with its numerous tracks up in the hills and pathways that lead down to a number of hidden coves and beaches.

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

The Cottages: Self Catering Cottages for 2/3
Private Pool (upper cottage)
Air Conditioning
Free Wifi

Glyfa Beach Cottages & Apartments Steni Vala

These delightful cottages and apartments are very peacefully located amongst olive trees just steps away from the white-pebble beach of Glyfa. The fishing harbour of Steni Vala, with its pair of mini-markets and handful of restaurants, is just a five minute walk away.

The stone-built cottages are to the front of the mature garden close to the sea. Each has a double bedroom, spacious open-plan living room with one or two extra beds and a kitchen area with full cooker or 2-ring mini-oven, a shower room, and large shaded front veranda with views to the sea through the trees. Both cottages are furnished in a rustic style, and have wooden ceilings, tiled floors and AC.

To the side and slightly above the cottages is a two-storey building housing a ground floor studio and a first floor apartment. The studio has been refurbished to a high standard (winter 2017) and is double-bedded, with shower room, kitchenette, A/C, washing machine and a very large sea view covered veranda.

Upstairs the more basically furnished apartment has a double bedroom, separate air-conditioned living room with an extra bed and kitchen with light cooking facilities (rings), and a good-sized shower room. Both the main rooms open onto the wide covered front balcony which runs the length of the house and affords fabulous sea views over the sea to Peristera island.



Glyfa beach

The Cottages and Apartments:

- Self Catering Studio for 2
- Apartment for 2/3
- Cottages for 2/4
- Air Conditioning
- Free WiFi



Upper cottage



Apartment



Limani Cottage Steni Vala

The sweet little cottage is set on the green hillside above the compact, pretty port of Steni Vala, a two minute walk from the shops, cafés and tavernas on the quayside. You will find a small beach even closer, at the foot of the steps. A further five minutes brings you to the white pebbles and clean sea of Glyfa beach.

A stable door opens into the open-plan lounge, which has a dining table and two built-in sofas (could sleep a smaller child); and, one step up, a kitchen area containing a fridge/freezer, full cooker with hob and a microwave oven. A second door off the kitchen gives natural through ventilation. Off the living room are the two bedrooms – one

double, one twin – and a tiled shower room. Recent improvements have seen the addition of a TV with DVD, a CD player, a hairdryer and some upgraded furniture.

There is a wide covered terrace to the front running the length of the house, and from here you have lovely views over the port (great fun to watch the harbour comings and goings) to the island of Peristera. If you prefer sun, there is an open terrace to the side. Due to low balcony walls we do not recommend Limani Cottage to families with young children. The small surrounding garden has olive, pomegranate and citrus trees.

Limani is a simple house which has plenty of traditional Greek character, with its terracotta floor tiles and a very Greek blue and white décor. Due to some 30 steps up from sea level, a stay here may be unsuited to those with walking difficulties.



Steni Vala

The Cottage: Self Catering House for 2/5 Air Conditioning

Milia Bay Hotel Milia

In thickly forested surroundings on the cliff above Milia Beach, this excellent hotel offers exceptionally high standards in a beautiful natural setting.

The 22 rooms here are housed in five small two-storeyed buildings set in landscaped Mediterranean gardens. A mix of studios and apartments, all are spacious and tastefully furnished in a fresh light style with some traditional touches.

All possess a large sea-facing covered balcony or veranda from which to enjoy the superb sea, garden and forest views. Room facilities include air-conditioning, sat tv, safety-deposit box, hairdryer, and a kitchenette with cooking rings and fridge. The studios are twin-bedded, the apartments have a living room with a double sofa-bed and one or two separate bedrooms (one twin or a twin and a double).

Below is a spacious terrace with large seawater swimming pool (16.5m x 10m, depth 1.1m-2.2m, towels provided) and adjacent snack bar serving light meals and drinks. WiFi access is free in public areas here.

A ten minute walk down the hill brings you to the beautiful shingle beach of Milia. Walkers will love the network of paths through the trees and other fine beaches can be found not far away. Patitiri and Old Alonissos are a drive of some 10 minutes, and Steni Vala is 15-20 minutes in the other direction.

The Hotel: Self Catering
Studios for 2/3
Apartments for 2/3 and up to 5
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi
Car included from the Port



Alonissos Activities

Motorboats

Alonissos is ideal to explore from the sea, and motorboats can be hired locally from Patitiri harbour. They will deliver to Votsi and Steni Vala where boats can be moored overnight for the duration.

Diving

There is now a PADI scuba diving centre. Please see your representative for more details.

Walking Guide & Guidebook

'Alonissos Through the Souls of your Feet' by Chris Browne is a walking & field guide to Alonissos and her surrounding Marine Park islands. The book contains individual maps and descriptions for each walk plus sections on "what to take & wear", flora & fauna and snorkelling sites.

'An Insider's Guide to Alonissos' by Julia Browne is a comprehensive general guide to everything the visitor needs to know in order to make the most of their stay on this beautiful island.

Both books can be bought for Amazon or locally from our representative on Alonissos (cost €15 each).



Milia beach

ALONISSOS		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	
Atrium Hotel	Sea View	2 BB	838	1065	978	1314	983	1318	1152	1640
Glyfa Beach	Studio	2 SC	770	918	1113	1571	1120	1578	1137	1596
		3 SC	736	850	928	1299	982	1304	1000	1322
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	790	958	1032	1408	1038	1414	1055	1432
		3 SC	750	877	924	1191	928	1195	945	1220
	Cottage	2 SC	814	1006	1234	1816	1243	1825	1261	1842
3 SC		766	909	1058	1462	1065	1468	1082	1486	
Konstantina	Studio	2 SC	884	1143	1048	1441	1054	1447	1125	1571
Liadromia	Studio	2 SC	851	1078	992	1327	996	1332	1014	1021
		3 SC	798	974	916	1174	920	1178	937	944
Limani	2 Bedroom	2 SC	863	1102	1092	1530	1099	1537	1248	1818
		3 SC	785	947	951	1245	955	1249	1060	1442
	4 SC	4 SC	745	868	880	1102	883	1105	966	1254
		5 SC	722	822	837	1016	840	1019	910	1142
Mega Nero	1 Bedroom	2 SC	859	1059	1063	1434	1063	1459	1284	1856
		3 SC	787	918	936	1181	936	1197	1090	1468
	1 Bedroom with pool	2 SC	998	1332	1038	1384	1038	1406	1103	1444
		3 SC	880	1100	919	1147	919	1162	977	1193
Milia Bay (incl car)	Studio	2 SC	925	1240	1074	1546	1120	1592	1202	1740
		3 SC	829	1049	923	1215	940	1232	985	1305
	2 Bedroom	2 SC	1107	1602	1316	2034	1366	2084	1490	2314
		3 SC	885	1159	1005	1395	1038	1428	1110	1555
		4 SC	817	1024	917	1211	942	1236	1000	1336

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Nina	Studio	2 BB	859	1094	1012	1368	1017	1373	1112	1546
		3 BB	804	984	932	1207	936	1211	1011	1344
Yalis	Double Plus	2 BB	842	1073	1120	1598	1127	1606	1218	1771
		2 BB	898	1186	1176	1712	1184	1720	1288	1910
	Double Suite	2 BB	950	1290	1281	1924	1291	1934	1420	2174
		2 BB	1012	1411	1346	2054	1356	2066	1489	2313
	Superior Suite	3 BB	943	1275	1179	1717	1186	1724	1280	1895
4 BB	908	1206	1095	1548	1100	1553	1176	1686		

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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).