

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 from more than 1000 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 Milla to picturesque Aghios Dimitrios – and walking.

ALONISSOS INFORMATION

Getting to Alonissos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Gatwick inbound flight via Volos, Manchester inbound flight via Kavala). Regional flights also available from Stansted, Newcastle, East Midlands and Birmingham - prices on request. 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 car hire details. Motor boats can be hired locally via our representative.

Representative

Based in Patitiri - visits all areas



Marpunta Resort Near Patitiri

Set amongst pine trees on a rocky promontory some 2½ kms south of Patitiri, the Marpunta offers a quiet relaxed stay in some comfort with nature all around. The hotel is designed in a 'village' style, with most of its 104 rooms in one- or two-storey bungalow units above the main building, pool and beach.

There are various types of rooms and suites ranging from 20 sq m up to 55 sq m - see our website for details. Following the recent full renovation in 2016 they are furnished in a clean minimalist style with village (hotel), garden, side-sea or sea views from their terrace. All possess the facilities and mod cons you would expect, including luxury bedding.

The main building houses a lounge, main restaurant (buffet), bar and terrace. The large lagoon-style pool below has a pool bar and a seasonal a la carte restaurant. The main beach is

usually sheltered and has canoes for rent, and there is a second smaller pebble beach around the corner. Elsewhere in the grounds is a tennis court.

The hotel operates a free bus to and from Patitiri port twice a day, which can also be reached in a pleasant 35-40 minute walk along the little-used road.

Due to the location of the rooms, most of which are reached by steps or the alternative winding path up the hill, we would not recommend a stay here to those of limited mobility - however a Club Car can be called from reception to assist. Please note that the three Deluxe Junior Suites are at a lower level near the main building, pool and beach.

Half Board: £245 per week adults; £126 child 2-11.
Guests can swap dinner for lunch with a little notice to reception.



Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made before 31/3. Please note that 50% of the hotel cost must be paid at the time of booking for the offer to apply (quoted on request - non-refundable).

The Resort:

- 4 Stars
- Bed & Breakfast or Half Board
- Swimming Pool
- Air Conditioning
- Free WiFi



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 short walk from all the facilities and a small beach at the far end of the harbour, reached by a footpath and some steps in just 5 minutes.

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.

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

breakfast room (breakfast at a local charge) with panoramic views over Patitiri - an uplifting way to start the day!

The harbour tavernas are only a 5 minute walk away via a footpath and some steps, as is the beach at the far end. The very nice alternative beach of Rossoum is a 10 minute walk in the next bay.

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



Liadromia (brown shutters centre) & 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 Adelfia 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-June 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.

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



Alonissos Old Town

Hippocampus Apartments Votsi

Hippocampus (which is the sea-horse of Greek mythology if you were wondering!) is on the front row of the cliff above Votsi Bay, and thus enjoys superb views. It is a five minute walk down to the harbour in one direction and Votsi's pretty beach in the other.

The five studios are a good size and mostly double-bedded. All possess a ceiling fan in addition to AC, a basic kitchenette with 2 cooking rings and fridge, a shower room and a spacious front terrace with sunblind and fine views over the bay to the front or side. In-room amenities include TV, WiFi, iron and hairdryer. Decor is pretty and furnishing simple.

The apartments are similar with the addition of a rear living room, also air conditioned, with a sofa-bed. They have two regular balconies, one front and one rear.

There are now four or five tavernas at Votsi and all can be reached in around a 5 minute walk, as can the mini-market up the hill. Due to the location we would not recommend this property to those with mobility problems.

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



Votsi



Oniro Apartments Votsi

The Oniro is almost next door to the Hippocampus Apartments. It too has a lot of Greek charm and boasts beautiful views.

The studios here are all front sea facing. Each has a double bed (can become a twin on request), a shower room and light kitchen facilities (2 rings, fridge). The front balcony has a sunblind and offers glorious views directly over the bay and out to sea - some balconies can interconnect. Again the rooms are attractively but simply furnished - amenities include AC, WiFi, TV and hairdryer.

Breakfast can be purchased locally from the friendly owner and taken on the vine covered terrace below the building.

Due to a short cut through the building, distances to the beach and tavernas etc. are only 3 minutes.

The Apartments: Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Votsi beach

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 – the walk back up is quite steep so car hire is recommended. 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.

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. Access is via a wooden walk-way along the beach.

The stone-built cottages are set in the mature garden. 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 in the living room.



Glyfa beach

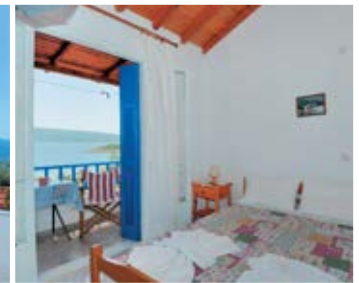
To the side and slightly above the cottages is a two-storey building housing a ground floor studio and a first floor apartment. The studio has been refurbished to a high standard (winter 2017) and is double-bedded, with shower room, kitchenette, A/C, washing machine and a very large sea view covered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

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/C, 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. Amenities include 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 40 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 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	
Atrium Hotel	Superior Sea View	2 BB	858	1076	1026	1367	1026	1372	1211	1712
Glyfa Beach	Studio	2 SC	798	942	1164	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ
	3 SC	765	875	1024	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	817	979	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	1112	1500
	3 SC	778	901	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	998	1273
	Cottage	2 SC	840	1024	1284	1870	1284	1878	1316	1910
3 SC	793	931	1105	1511	1105	1517	1134	1546		
Hippocampus	Studio	2 SC	851	1048	1010	1320	1010	1324	1082	1442
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	889	1123	1078	1458	1078	1463	1148	1574
	3 SC	813	971	954	1209	954	1213	1009	1295	
Konstantina	Studio	2 SC	927	1199	1119	1538	1119	1544	1202	1681
Liadromia	Studio	2 SC	874	1093	1038	1376	1038	1382	1128	1533
Limani	2 Bedroom Cottage	2 SC	896	1138	1184	1668	1184	1675	RQ	RQ
	3 SC	818	981	1024	1349	1024	1354	RQ	RQ	
	4 SC	778	903	944	1190	944	1194	RQ	RQ	
	5 SC	755	856	897	1095	897	1098	RQ	RQ	
Marpunta	Standard Garden View	2 BB	1097	1380	1396	2106	1396	2136	1464	2218
	Deluxe Sea View	2 BB	1251	1624	1630	2575	1630	2618	1718	2726
	Deluxe Junior Suite	2 BB	1439	1933	1930	3174	1930	3226	2030	3350
	Family Garden View	3 BB	1131	1435	1439	2191	1439	2220	1505	2300
	Family Sea View	3 BB	1431	1920	1907	3127	1907	3173	1998	3286
	Junior Suite Garden View	2 BB	1222	1582	1590	2494	1590	2532	1668	2628
	Junior Suite Sea View	2 BB	1295	1698	1704	2720	1704	2765	1792	2874
	Superior Side Sea View	2 BB	1156	1476	1486	2284	1486	2316	1554	2398
	Superior Sea View	2 BB	1211	1563	1566	2446	1566	2483	1644	2578
	Suite	2 BB	1634	2248	2237	3788	2237	3850	2350	3990

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Mega Nero	Cottage no pool	2 SC	885	1085	1114	1498	1114	1504	1320	1886
		3 SC	815	946	983	1236	983	1240	1128	1503
	Cottage with pool	2 SC	1002	1320	1076	1422	1076	1442	1144	1486
		3 SC	893	1102	958	1186	958	1199	1019	1236
Milia Bay (incl car)	Studio	2 SC	944	1246	1120	1594	1160	1639	1257	1805
	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	1001	1360	1200	1735	1220	1761	1318	1928
	3 SC	852	1062	962	1252	976	1269	1030	1351	
	2 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	1114	1588	1362	2078	1402	2128	1544	2380
	3 SC	901	1160	1043	1428	1070	1460	1154	1599	
		4 SC	837	1034	956	1246	976	1270	1044	1380
Nina	Studio	2 SC	885	1116	1058	1417	1058	1422	1165	1607
Oniro	Studio	2 SC	870	1085	1030	1360	1030	1366	1099	1476
Yalis	Double Plus	2 BB	868	1094	1170	1654	1170	1662	1278	1848
	Premium Double	2 BB	921	1200	1230	1775	1230	1784	1348	1988
	Double Suite	2 BB	970	1299	1352	2018	1352	2028	1484	2258
	Superior Suite	2 BB	1030	1420	1404	2122	1404	2134	1554	2398

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 and 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 flight 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).