

Meganissi

Meganissi is the largest of Lefkas' half-dozen satellite islands by some distance, and the only inhabited one. Although just half-an-hour by regular ferry from Nidri, which sails past Onassis' Skorpis en route, its sleepy atmosphere and slow pace of life feel like a different planet.



This is an island from which to forget the cares of the world, one where you can completely relax and lose yourself in magnificent views, walking, swimming and other simple pleasures.

Meganissi has two ports, each with a village above. The first small harbour is called Spilia, named after a nearby sea-cave. It comprises simply a pretty bay where fishing boats jostle with visiting yachts for mooring, a popular taverna and, to one side, a shingle beach called Rocca, also with a taverna. It is a 10-15 minute walk up to whitewashed Spartochoori above, a delightfully flower-filled village with a couple of restaurants of its own.

3½ kilometres to the east is the small port of Vathy. Vathy has some half-dozen well liked waterfront restaurants, popular with Lefkadians who pop over on Sundays for a leisurely fish lunch! The attractive village of Katomeri is a kilometre inland. Some

pretty pebble beaches can be found within a 10-15 minute walk, and others may be reached by water-taxi.

The ports and villages are all linked by a circular road which runs above the sea and then winds its way inland through an idyllic country landscape. Walking through the gentle rolling countryside is a popular activity – you could, for example, complete the round of ports and villages (cheats can take the ferry from Spilia to Vathy!).

In keeping with Meganissi's unspoiled nature, beaches are generally uncommercial, pristine and uncrowded. Most are of white-pebble, backed by pine and cypress. Ai Yiannis, also linked by country road from Spartochoiri, is the best known in the west and has a taverna – views to Lefkas are exquisite. On the east coast, 1.7kms from Vathy (mostly walking above the sea but also served by a high season bus) brings you to beautiful Fanari. The heavily indented coastline hides many more secluded coves, bays and beaches, some accessible only on foot or by boat.

Car hire is recommended for non-walkers and bicycles and motor-boats can be hired. Island Hopping trips by excursion boats operate – alternatively small boats will take you around the sea caves and the neighbouring Prince's Islands. For brighter lights it is easy to visit Lefkas for the day, or even just a few hours. But we think most won't want to stir from this beautiful, restful spot.



Vathy

MEGANISSI INFORMATION

Getting to Meganissi

Sunday flight Gatwick, Birmingham, Bristol or Manchester to Preveza. Then 1 hour by coach or taxi to Nidri and 30-40 mins. ferry. For flight details see page 270.

Multi Centre Options

With Lefkas, Parga, Sivota, Epirus, Albania. For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car & Boat Hire

Cars are delivered from Lefkas – see pages 268-9. Motorboat rental is available.

Representative

Based on Meganissi.



Rose Garden Apartments Vathy

Rose Garden is built above and to the side of Vathy's pretty harbour. The slightly elevated position enables good views away from any harbour bustle, but the waterfront can be easily reached in just a couple of minutes by footpath (steep in parts) and a few steps.

All five studios possess a double bed; a fitted kitchenette area with 2 rings, mini-oven and full fridge; modern shower room; air-conditioning; safety deposit box; tv; and spacious covered front balcony with views over the village, hills and (to one side) the harbour. A hairdryer and iron can be supplied on request locally, as well as free use of a washing machine. Our studios are mainly top floor, but one on the upper ground floor is a little larger and has both a double and a single bed.

There is also a 1-bedroom apartment, also on the upper ground floor, which is similar with the addition of a living room (also air-conditioned) containing a double sofa-bed for one adult or

two children and an open-plan kitchen area with full cooker – both rooms open onto the splendid covered private balcony terrace here which is especially big.

The quality throughout is very good, with comfortable furnishings, modern fixtures and tasteful décor. To one side of the building is indeed a rose garden, with seating under a pergola, views to the harbour and a BBQ area in the corner for guests' use.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €3 per day (studio), €6 per day (1-bedroom).

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

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



2-bedroom

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Elizabeth Apartments Spartochoi

Towards the top of Spartochoi, a 3 minute walk up from the village square (a steady climb but nothing too steep), this pair of rooftop penthouse-style apartments offer exceptional standards for such a small simple island.

The two apartments are detached from one another. The 1-bedroom has its entrance into a fitted and well-equipped kitchen-diner, a lovely air conditioned double bedroom to the rear with tv, a spacious bathroom (full bath, shower) with washing machine, and private sun terrace (furnished) boasting beautiful views over the green hills to the sea and Oxia island.

The huge 2-bedroom apartment is magnificent, and furnished and equipped to a very high level. This has one double and one twin bedroom, each air-conditioned with access to a terrace; a very spacious living room with plasma tv and two sofa-beds; a large open-plan kitchen; bathroom with jacuzzi bath, shower and washing machine; and lovely wide covered private front veranda with views over the village and hills.

The Apartments: Self Catering Apartments for 2 and 2/6 Air Conditioning Free WiFi

MEGANISSI		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		
Elizabeth	1 Bedroom	2	SC	819	1057	975	1340	1014	1380	1040	1404
	2 Bedroom	2	SC	894	1209	1054	1658	1254	1857	1278	1882
		3	SC	806	1031	935	1353	1067	1485	1092	1510
		4	SC	762	942	875	1200	974	1300	999	1324
		5	SC	736	889	839	1108	918	1188	943	1213
Rose Garden	Studio	2	SC	721	850	801	942	801	954	864	992
		3	SC	676	759	751	842	751	850	809	884
	1 Bedroom	2	SC	765	940	851	1042	851	1058	938	1120
		3	SC	706	819	784	909	784	920	865	976

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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).