

Parga

Parga is almost too pretty for its own good. With a lush countryside which remains fresh and green throughout the summer, magnificent beaches, and a characterful harbour topped by a castle, it is no surprise that this bustling little town has become so popular.

It is the only true resort in Epirus, that mountainous province of north west Greece. Like Sivota further up the coast, Parga has beautiful natural surroundings. Its hills are covered in olive, pine and cypress, a perfect complement to the attractive indented coastline and wooded islets just offshore.

The town shelters behind a rocky headland crowned by a Venetian fort. An array of brightly canopied cafés and restaurants lines the waterfront. Behind, narrow lanes, small shops and old houses climb the hill. Night life is whatever you want to make it, from traditional tavernas to lively music bars.

There is a perfectly fine town beach, from which you can pedalo or swim to one of the islands in the bay. However most head for magnificent Valtos beach just around the headland, or Lichnos further south. Both are long, sheltered and sandy, and have a full range of water sports. Water-taxi shuttle 'twixt harbour and beach. The more energetic can walk over the headland to Valtos in about 20 minutes.

Epirus is well worth exploring. You don't have to go far to be in the midst of untamed country containing an abundance of bird and wildlife. Storks, their nests precariously balanced on the tops of telegraph poles, are some of the easiest to spot. Excursions now run to Albania, as well as to the island of Paxos and up the Acheron River (which, according to mythology, was the entrance to Hades!).



Parga is an organised resort which holds great appeal for all ages and nationalities. It gets particularly busy in the high season and sometimes at weekends with Greeks. So far Parga's character and charm have enabled it to survive its growing popularity – there are still no big hotels for example. However, if you can, visit off-season when this still delightful town is at its best.



PARGA INFORMATION

Getting to Parga

Sunday flight Gatwick, Bristol, Birmingham or Manchester to Preveza. Then 1 hour by coach or taxi. For flight details see page 270.

Multi-Centre Options

With Sivota, Lefkas, Meganissi, Epirus, Albania, Fly-Drive.
For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Parga/Sivota.



Parga Beach Hotel Valtos Beach

This well established hotel offers top quality accommodation directly on lovely Valtos beach, which has a Blue Flag. Shaded by olive trees, the hotel's gardens provide a peaceful natural retreat from the heat of the day.

The 104 spacious deluxe rooms and suites are housed in stone-built bungalows and are ground or first floor. All possess the mod cons you would expect - aircon, WiFi, modern bathroom with bath and/or shower, flat screen Sat TV, mini-bar or fridge, hairdryer, room-safe and twin or double beds with orthopaedic mattresses and pillow menu.

Rooms are tastefully furnished in a classic style - for families most have a sofa-bed for a third and fourth person and some interconnect. Each has a balcony or veranda overlooking the gardens (sea views are limited due to the trees) and room service is available.

Rather than one large pool the hotel has three smaller ones. One is by the beach and two are quietly located in the gardens. Directly on the beach is the hotel restaurant and beach snack bar. Pool/beach towels are provided free of charge although, as is common practice in Greece, sun

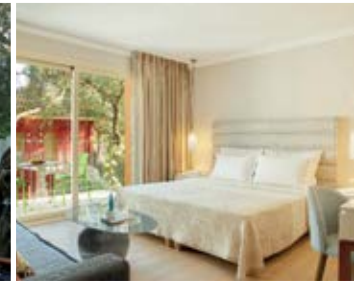
beds on the beach are charged. Valtos beach stretches for more than a kilometre and is one of the best, being of golden sand, with water sports available and a choice of other cafes and restaurants nearby. Although popular, it is long enough and wide enough to accommodate all, and the swimming from here is excellent.

Parga town is a 20 minute walk up and over the headland, but a regular water taxi service runs from the beach until at least 11pm and costs €2 per person (2014).

Half Board: £175 per week (accompanying children 2-12 years free of charge).

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for bookings made before 28/2.

The Hotel: 4 Stars
Bed & Breakfast or Half Board
Air Conditioning
3 Swimming Pools
Free WiFi



Piso Krioneri beach - Achilleas Hotel is the red building



Achilleas Hotel Parga

The Achilleas is one of Parga's established hotels (since 1988) and occupies what must be the best location in town. It is directly above Piso Krioneri beach, and just a 5 minute walk from the harbour.

The hotel has 32 twin or double bedded rooms on its three floors. Rooms possess air-conditioning, TV, mini-fridge, hairdryer, room-safe (local charge 10 euros a week), shower room and balcony with front sea view or rear view over the village to the mountains behind Parga. Those on the top floor have a cosy chalet-style but beware the lower wooden ceilings! All shower rooms were fully renewed in 2018 and our contracted sea view rooms refurbished with new beds and mattresses.

Directly above the beach there is a wide terrace where you can take breakfast or enjoy a drink. Steps lead down to the popular beach below, which is mainly pebble (some sand).

In season the hotel also operates a super cafe-bar called Atrium up steps on the promontory to one side of the beach - the views from this 'crows nest' position are fabulous.

The Achilleas is friendly and family-run, with many repeat guests. Due to its location it features on many of the postcards showing a classic view of Parga.

The Hotel: 2 Stars
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Piso Krioneri beach

Villa Corali Parga

You really could not find a better location than this in town! Almost directly on Krioneri, Parga's popular town beach, you are just 250m away from the harbour but at one remove from the associated bustle and noise. The small street which runs above the beach to the front of the hotel sees the odd car but is mainly used by pedestrians.

The rooms are recently refurbished and provide contemporary levels of comfort. Double or twin bedded, all are stylishly furnished and possess AC (some have a ceiling fan also), Wifi, room safe, sat TV (BBC World),

hairdryer, mini-fridge, modern shower room and good sized balcony or terrace with sea, mountain or garden views.

To the front is the hotel's cafe-bar - perfect for a sundowner - where a decent breakfast is provided each morning.

The Hotel: 3 Stars Plus
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Free Wifi



Krioneri beach



Margarita Studios Parga

On a quiet hillside a 10 minute walk up from the harbour and Krioneri beach (700m), the Margarita provides a comfortable, convenient and restful base from which to make the most of Parga.

The 17 studios here have been recently upgraded and offer modern comfortable accommodation. All studios are spacious and possess twin beds (flush together so easy to become a double on request), kitchenette with 2-ring mini-oven and fridge, AC, TV, WiFi, safety deposit box (local charge), shower room and good sized front balcony or terrace, most with views to the hillside opposite.

Steps lead up to the main building which then has a lift to the upper floor rooms. Further stairs then lead up to the attractive rooftop swimming pool area (75sq m - depth 1.20m-1.80m) and a pool bar which serves a good breakfast.

Thanasis and his family take great pride in their hotel - it is spotless - and in taking good care of their guests.

You will find a mini-market and a couple of restaurants on the main road a 3 minute walk down the hill - very handy for those who don't want to go into the busier part of town. Due to the location we would not recommend a stay here to those with mobility problems.

Air Conditioning: Available at a local charge of €6 per day.

Breakfast: Can be prebooked at a supplement of £56 per person per week.

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

Palatino Hotel Parga

The Palatino's location, high on the headland at the top of Parga's old town, lends stunning views over the castle, Valtos beach and the sea.

The hotel is has three floors, served by a lift. All rooms are attractively furnished and possess air-conditioning, wifi, room-safe, hairdryer, fridge, tv and balcony, those to the front with panoramic sea views.

Standard Deluxe double rooms are on the first and second floors and double or twin-bedded with sea or town/hill views. They are nicely furnished and possess a walk-in shower.

The Grand Deluxe rooms on the top floor are double-bedded with a modern style. They are spacious with room enough for a double sofa-bed, and all have a bath with shower above or a walk-in hydro-massage shower and a larger balcony (ours with front sea views) - we do not believe any other hotel in Parga can rival the views from here! There is also a 2-room family suite on the top floor.

Other facilities include sauna and hamam (local charge). The outside terrace, where you can take breakfast, a drink from the bar or a snack/evening meal, again has wonderful views.

From the hotel a narrow road takes you to the castle, where steps lead down to mile-long Valtos in one direction and (via a maze of narrow lanes) to the harbour in the other. It is about a 10 minute walk to each (a little longer back). However, the old town here has its own good selection of tavernas around the castle, and a really friendly 'village' atmosphere to boot - so no need to join the harbour throng!

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



Palatino (red building) is directly above Valtos beach



Acrothea is the red buildings

Acrothea Hotel Parga

This beautifully designed small hotel opened in 2008, and combines a wonderfully convenient location a very short walk from the harbour with fine views and great comfort.

The 19 rooms here are opulently furnished, in keeping with the building's neo-classical style. All are double-bedded with all mod cons - flat screen TV, fridge, air-conditioning, room safe, hairdryer and a nicely tiled shower room, some with a small bath too. Iron bedsteads, richly coloured curtains and hand-carved furniture complete the picture.

Sunvil's rooms all have a front balcony with views to the harbour, island in the bay, castle and old town. Deluxe rooms are on the top floor and boast uninterrupted views.

There is a small breakfast room - although this will usually be taken on the outside terrace - and the hotel has free Wifi access. The friendly family who own and run the Acrothea aims to give a high level of personal service.

A minute's walk via one of Parga's warden of tiny alleys brings you to the harbour, and a further minute or two to popular Krioneri beach. However, the slightly elevated position of the hotel, and a number of steps at the property, would make it unsuited to those with walking difficulties.



Acrothea location

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

Lemon Tree Apartments Parga

Lemon Tree are towards the back of Parga, a 10 minute walk from the harbour and a couple more from Krioneri beach. They are built in lush gardens on two sides of a swimming pool.

The 23 studios here are on the ground or first floor. Simply furnished, all possess twin or double bed, AC, basic kitchen facilities (2 rings, fridge), TV, hairdryer, shower room and balcony or terrace.

The swimming pool measures 72 sq m (depth 1.0m-2.5m) and the attractive pool area has sun beds and a pool bar serving drinks, snacks and light meals. There are a couple of tavernas close by if you don't want to go into the centre or harbour to eat.

A perfect location for those wanting accommodation with a pool within walking distance of all Parga has to offer, yet with a feeling of seclusion and away from the bustle.

Local charges: air conditioning €6 per day; Wifi €10 per week; room safe €20 (1 week), €30 (2 weeks).

The Apartments: Self Catering Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
WiFi



Milos Studios Parga

For those wishing to be central in Parga - close to everything but away from the hubbub - and are happy to stay in simple older-style Greek accommodation, the Milos Studios should suit.

They are located on a small side street, with an olive grove to one side and a cul-de-sac to the other, yet a 2-3 minute walk brings you to the centre of Parga's busy harbour front.

The 13 studios here are ground or first floor. Mostly twin bedded (double on request only), all possess basic kitchen facilities (1 ring, fridge, kettle, toaster), AC, Wifi, room safe (local charge), small shower room and front balcony with sunblind. Some pairs of studios can interconnect via a balcony gate. Rooms are not large and decor and furnishings traditional older style, and this is reflected in the pricing.

To the front there is a furnished terrace and resident's bar. Guests may also use the swimming pool at the nearby Bacoli Hotel a 3 minute walk away, subject to the usual protocol of purchasing a snack or drink.

Simple traditional 'small and friendly' Greek accommodation in an excellent location.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €5 per day.

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

PARGA 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
Achilleas Standard Mountain View	2 BB	774	975	878	1115	878	1115	918	1172
	2 BB	836	1100	941	1242	941	1242	966	1268
Acrothea Superior Room	2 BB	775	978	1084	1528	1084	1564	1145	1626
	2 BB	866	1161	1172	1704	1172	1744	1236	1808
Coral Villa Standard Room	2 BB	790	1009	1024	1410	1024	1410	1109	1554
	2 BB	846	1123	1084	1528	1084	1528	1189	1713
Lemon Tree Studio	2 SC	718	848	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	920	1162
Margarita Studio	2 SC	774	934	858	1034	858	1049	924	1089
	3 SC	743	870	823	963	823	975	885	1012
Milos Studio	2 SC	732	878	824	994	824	994	888	1098
Palatino Deluxe Town View	2 BB	772	971	1104	1568	1104	1568	1090	1514
	2 BB	790	1009	1124	1608	1124	1608	1129	1594
	2 BB	836	1100	993	1497	1144	1648	1189	1713
	2 BB	1110	1656	1283	1966	1323	2006	1467	2270
	3 BB	1057	1549	1219	1835	1255	1871	1387	2110

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Parga Beach	Deluxe Room	2 BB	816	1062	1378	2118	1378	2205	1626	2588
		3 BB	793	1015	1305	1971	1305	2050	1531	2397
	Grand Suite	4 BB	781	991	1268	1898	1268	1972	1483	2301
		2 BB	944	1321	1720	2802	1720	2952	2128	3590
		3 BB	908	1248	1613	2587	1613	2723	1982	3299
		4 BB	890	1211	1559	2479	1559	2608	1909	3153

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