

# Sivota

Also known by its Turkish name of Mourtos (they were masters here until 1913) Sivota is in Epirus, that mountainous region of the north west. This is one of the loveliest areas of Greece – green, scenic and traditional.

Sivota enjoys a setting of remarkable natural beauty. All around are hills blanketed by pine, cypress and olive, the trees in many places reaching the water's edge. The twisting coastline is indented with rocky coves, sandy bays, and stretches of almost white coarse-sand/fine shingle beach such as Mega Ammos a mile outside the village.

The village has in recent years become increasingly popular and so the village, harbour and beaches bustle with life over weekends and during Greek holiday periods. Although now a thriving small resort, Sivota has managed to retain its Greek village character.

The harbour is pretty as a picture, with an array of cafés and restaurants (some quite smart), small shops, and often a flotilla moored at the quay. A ten minute flat walk (no hills) brings you to the upper part of the village, with church, stores and more tavernas. The nearest beach is just over the headland from the harbour, and many others can be reached in a 10-15 minute walk in either direction.

Just off-shore are three wooded islets with beaches of their own, great fun to explore by boat, maybe taking a picnic. The hire of a small motorboat is the best way to reach not only the islets in the bay but also nearby hidden beaches. A water-taxi will also take you inexpensively.

Excursions run (subject to demand) by boat to Paxos and Corfu, one of which is a lovely day out on a private sailing boat – and by bus to Albania, Necromanteion and Glyki. 4x4 off-road trips run to the mountains and remote beaches and remote beaches. There is a dive school now based in Sivota.

However, other than the very good 'road



train' service which operates to the string of fine beaches to the south of the village, there is a limited bus service, so if you want to make the most of the area the hire of a car would be a good idea. Some wonderful areas then become accessible, including the inland lakeside town of Ioannina; the preserved mountain villages of Zagorochoiria; even the 'monasteries of the air' of the Meteora, one of Greece's most impressive sites. All can now be done in a day using the new fast Via Egnatia highway.



Deh Beach



## SIVOTA INFORMATION

### Getting to Sivota

Sunday flight Gatwick, Bristol, Birmingham or Manchester to Preveza. Then 2 hrs by coach via Parga or taxi and local transfer in resort. For flight details see page 270.

### Multi-Centre Options

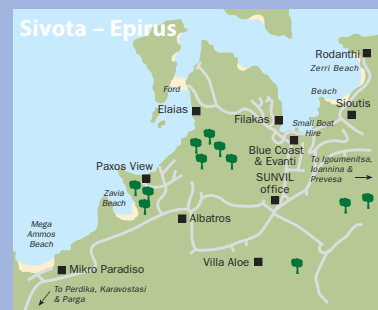
Sivota with Parga, Lefkas, Meganissi, Zagoria, Hidden Greece fly-drive, Albania. For multi-centre details see page 8.

### Car & Motorboat Hire

For details see page 268-9.

### Representative

Based in Parga/Sivota.





## Rodanthi Apartments Sivota

The Rodanthi enjoys rural surroundings and is a short walk from a choice of beaches and Sivota harbour (900m, 15 mins - take a torch for late night returns).

The five studios are a mix of twins and doubles (some can also accommodate a child) all possess AC, light cooking facilities (mini-oven, rings and fridge), shower room and a covered balcony with views to the sea over the wooded hills. The furnishings are comfortable and the decor light. A room-safe is provided free.

The 2-bedroom apartment is first floor and has one twin and one double bedroom, each AC and opening onto a covered terrace; a kitchen/diner with fitted units, full cooker and fridge; a shower room with wc; and a spacious covered front terrace. An extra bed for a child can be placed in one of the bedrooms.

The pool below measures 72 sq m (depth 1m-3m) and has sun umbrellas as well as a pergola for shade. There is a small water-park nearby in the high season but this is far enough not to disturb.

A path leads directly to popular sand/shingle Stavedo beach in only a minute or two, with its taverna behind. Pretty pebble Zeri beach, with its well liked restaurant above, is next door. And a five minute walk north brings you to little-known Deh beach (pronounced 'They-ee!'), a beautiful and usually peaceful bay. The slightly hilly approach and a number of steps would make Rodanthi unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties without a car.

**Air-conditioning:** local daily charge €4 (studio), €8 (2-br).

### Early Booking Offer

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

### The Apartments:

Self Catering  
Studios for 2/3  
Apartment for 4/5  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi



Location of Rodanthi Apartments (arrowed)



## Sioutis Apartments Sivota

Excellent newly built accommodation in quiet country surrounds within a short walk of both beach and harbour.

The eight 1-bedroom apartments here are in four detached buildings well separated for privacy and surrounded by spacious lawns and pretty borders. Each occupies its own floor and comprises a double bedroom; a living room with two extra beds suitable for children or smaller teens; a fitted kitchen area with full cooker and fridge; and a nice modern shower room with hairdryer. Both rooms have air conditioning and TV (BBC World), and both open onto the spacious covered front balcony or terrace (those on the top floor can glimpse

the sea over the olive trees). Room safe is free of charge.

Away from the buildings is a 7m x 4m swimming pool with a low key pool bar behind (seasonal) where breakfast is taken (included in the price). A country lane leads to Galikos Malos beach in 3 minutes, and the harbour is just a 5 minute walk away (400m). The walk up from the harbour, although nothing very steep, is a steady incline and so may not be suitable for slow walkers without a car.

Stylishly furnished throughout, the Sioutis offers a very good standard of spacious, modern accommodation in lovely surroundings, high levels of comfort and service (daily cleaning) and a quiet location close to town and beach.

**Air-conditioning:** available at a local charge of €5 per day.

The Apartments: Bed & Breakfast  
Apartments for 2/4  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi





## Filakas Hotel Sivota

The Filakas has a superb location on the hillside directly above Sivota's pretty harbour. Now it has the rooms to match the views, as all have been comprehensively and very nicely upgraded to what is actually a 4 star standard.

The 40 rooms are stepped up the hillside above the hotel's restaurant above the sea (known for its fresh seafood). All possess twin beds (normally placed flush together), lovely modern bathroom with walk-in shower, AC, TV, safety deposit box, hairdryer and good-sized balcony terrace, most with glorious harbour and sea views. Some interconnect.

The modern style, decor and furnishings are fashionable, light and attractive, and we found the staff to be helpful and friendly. The hotel has a lounge, cafe-bar and sun terrace above the restaurant area.

The hotel does not have a lift so the internal steps would make it unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties. .

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



Sivota view from Filakas



Sivota harbour



## The Blue Coast Sivota

The Greek-Canadian run Blue Coast overlooks the sea at the quieter end of the harbour, which means that everything you should need is within a short walk, including Galikos Malos beach over the headland in the next bay (5 minutes).

There are only four rooms here, all on the first floor. Each has a rear bedroom, a shower room with wc, and a living room at the front with tv, an electric kettle and fridge. Air-conditioning is available at a local charge if required. All open out onto the common front balcony, which has lovely views over the harbour and one of the islands in the bay. The ground floor restaurant serves Greek cuisine at its best.

Do not worry about having the restaurant below – it is not noisy and, besides, the bedrooms are at the back.

We have worked with The Blue Coast since we started our programme to Sivota Recommended for its harbour-front and friendly atmosphere, excellent views and central (yet relatively quiet) location.

**Note:** Cleaning is twice weekly and linen change once weekly. Air conditioning available at a local charge of €4 per day.

The Hotel: Bed & Breakfast  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi



Galikos Malos beach is a 5 minute walk from the harbour



## Evanti Apartments Sivota

At the quieter far end of Sivota harbour, these four newly built apartments offer high standards of comfort and good views.

The three 1-bedroom apartments are on the ground or first floor. Spacious and very nicely furnished in a bright modern style, each has a comfortable open-plan living room with one or two sofa-beds (full sized), flat-screen sat TV with DVD, and fitted kitchen area with full cooker and fridge; a very nice modern tiled shower room with hairdryer; and a cosy air conditioned double bedroom (a/c included). Both the bedroom and living room open onto a covered front balcony or spacious terrace with harbour views.

The open-plan studio on the ground floor is also large and double-bedded (can be made into twins) with the same facilities (but cooking rings only, no oven) and opens onto its own large covered terrace to the front.

With the harbour on your doorstep - so just steps from an array of restaurants and cafes - and Galikos Malos beach only a 5 minute walk over the headland, Evanti is the perfect choice for those looking for top quality self catering accommodation close to all the attractions of this little port. The ground floor units are suitable for those with impaired mobility as there are no steps.



The Apartments: Self Catering Studio for 2 Apartments for 2/4 Air Conditioning



View from Evanti



## Elaias Suites Sivota

These three stylish modern apartments are set high above the sea some 700m from the harbour and boast enviable views over Sivota's twisting coastline and the sea. There is one larger apartment on the ground floor and two smaller studios above.

The apartment has a comfortable open-plan living room with sofas, large flat-screen TV and full kitchen; a twin bedroom (can become a double on request); a tiny annexe room with two bunk-beds for smaller children (no door); and a hydro-massage shower. Facilities only for this apartment include DVD, CD, washing machine and dishwasher. Picture windows allow sea views to two sides and open onto the spacious covered front terrace with table and chairs.

The top floor studios are the same in terms of beds, kitchen and shower. Again, picture windows and private front terraces make the most of the light and views. The right-hand studio (B) is larger and has its own outdoor (but shaded) sitting

area behind with rattan furniture; the left-hand studio (A) is cosy and romantic with super views front and side from your bed!

To the front is a lawn and small pool for all guests' use with sun-beds and a pergola for shade.

Bella Vraka island beach - reached by fording across a narrow sandbar - is a 3 minute walk down the hill. The walk up from the harbour is steep at the start but you are well rewarded by the contemporary standards and the views here.

**Air Conditioning:** AC is included (all rooms) and set to 24C, which is considered the most comfortable temperature for sleeping.

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



## Mikro Paradisos Hotel Sivota

This friendly, family-run hotel is a mile from Sivota and next to Mega Ammos beach, one of the best in the area. Set amongst extensive and immaculate gardens, it is an oasis of lawns, flowers, trees, palms, shrubs, butterflies and birdsong!

The hotel has 30 rooms. Ours are the 'new' rooms at garden level that have been recently upgraded and enlarged to 25 sq m. All are double bedded (also with a comfortable full sized sofa-bed that can be made up on request) and have air conditioning, TV (BBC World), fridge, tea-making equipment, safety deposit box, hairdryer, nice modern walk-in shower, mozzie-netted windows and a rear terrace with lovely garden / olive tree views.

The hotel restaurant offers a varied buffet for those on half board (good value) and also an a la carte menu.

The magnificent freshwater pool at the front of the gardens measures 170 sq m (depth 0.7m - 2.0m) and has a Jacuzzi area, a children's section and an adjacent low-key pool bar. A small charge is made for pool towels. There is a lido above the sea (you can swim from the rocks) and a small path leads directly to popular Mega Ammos beach in only a minute. Here are three good tavernas just back from the beach.

For a thoroughly restful break by the sea in the most beautiful natural surroundings we can think of no better place to stay. Please note the hotel also has some rooms next door of a similarly high standard, close to their apartments.

**Half Board:** Adults £91, Child under 12 years £56 per person, per week.

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



## Mikro Paradisos Apartments Sivota

The Mikro Paradisos Hotel also has four beautiful stone-built apartments next door. Although fully equipped for self catering, breakfast is included in the price (taken at the hotel).

Set in a spacious lawned garden containing three separate buildings (the hotel also has some rooms here), the four apartments are ground or first floor. They offer high standards and plenty of space, each comprising a living room with a sofa bed for one adult or two smaller children; fitted kitchen area with 3-ring mini-oven and fridge; a double bedroom; lovely modern bathroom with a hydro-massage shower; and a generous covered front terrace or balcony overlooking the garden. The apartments are fully air conditioned and possess TV and Wifi.

Popular Mega Ammos beach, which has four tavernas, is a 5 minute walk away and Sivota village about a mile. The 'beach train' has a stop at the top of the road. Of course, all the hotel facilities are available to guests staying here - see hotel description for details.

Really a top accommodation that combines a high degree of comfort and the freedom of self catering with the facilities of a hotel.

**Half Board:** £91 (adult), £56 (child under 12) per week.

The Apartments: Bed & Breakfast  
Apartments for 2/4  
Swimming Pool  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi



Mega Ammos beach



## Paxos View Sivota

Paxos View offers a very high standard of accommodation in quiet country surroundings close to the beach. They also, as the name suggests, enjoy fabulous views!

There are just four terraced studio apartments here, built in two pairs above the sea. Each is spacious, modern and well furnished with double bed, kitchen area with 2-ring hob and fridge, AC, Wifi, LCD TV, hairdryer, washing machine, nice walk-in shower and mozzie-netted.

Each has a large furnished covered stone terrace to the front with good privacy from its neighbour. The views from here are lovely - over the pretty surrounding gardens and sea to Paxos and the beautiful Epirot coastline going south.

A two minute walk down the hill brings you to a pretty little sand/shingle beach, really tucked away and only found by those in the know.

The apartments are on a wooded headland a 15 minute walk (1 km) from the edge of Sivota, where you will find tavernas, supermarkets and a good bakery. Zavia beach is 900m and has a taverna, and the harbour 1700m.

This is a hilly location, with a fair few steps down from the top entrance, and car hire is recommended. However the supermarkets will deliver and a taxi back from the harbour costs c €7.

### 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  
Interconnecting for up to 4  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi



Beach near Paxos View



## Combine Sivota with Epirus & Albania

Epirus is a most beautiful and little-known area of the north west Greek mainland and can easily be combined with a holiday in Sivota. It is one of Europe's prime areas of outstanding natural beauty. With mountains, lakes, gorges, preserved stone villages and a unique flora and fauna it is one of Greece's best-kept secrets. For those staying with a car, it is a 2-2½ hour drive to the Zagoria national park.

We can pre-book a small mountain village hotel either for a few nights during your main holiday (car required) or for your second week. See page 235 for details. Please enquire for prices.

The Albanian border is not far away and we can arrange short or long stays in the vibrant port of Saranda or a cultural tour. Taxi transfers are provided (c 2 hrs). See our website for details.



## Small Boat Hire

Ideal for exploring Sivota's beautiful coastline, taking a picnic on a hidden beach or one of the pretty islands in the bay.

Please see page 269 for details.

### SIVOTA

#### 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 Wks
<b>Blue Coast</b> Standard Room	2 BB	676	798	762	904	762	904	858	1072
<b>Elaias</b> Studio	2 SC	793	1012	1008	1472	1107	1572	1132	1596
	2 SC	887	1202	1147	1870	1366	2088	1390	2114
	3 SC	787	999	981	1465	1127	1611	1152	1636
	4 SC	736	898	898	1263	1007	1372	1032	1397
<b>Evanti</b> Studio	2 SC	737	898	848	1094	888	1134	953	1238
	3 SC	699	822	795	975	822	1001	873	1079
	2 SC	774	974	968	1293	968	1293	1072	1477
	3 SC	724	872	875	1107	875	1107	953	1238
<b>Filakas</b> Standard Room	2 BB	810	1036	1062	1494	1062	1494	1225	1796
	2 BB	881	1204	1022	1534	1142	1654	1166	1678
<b>Mikro Paradiso Apts</b> 1 Bedroom	3 BB	778	996	893	1237	973	1317	998	1342
	2 BB	821	1082	918	1312	1022	1415	1047	1440
<b>Mikro Paradiso Hotel</b> Standard	2 BB	821	1082	918	1312	1022	1415	1047	1440
<b>Paxos View</b> Studio	2 SC	749	924	833	1024	833	1038	873	1078

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<b>Rodanthi</b> Studio	2 SC	699	792	775	877	775	886	834	920	
	3 SC	678	749	751	829	751	836	808	868	
	2 Bedroom	2 SC	764	924	848	1024	848	1038	933	1098
	3 SC	710	814	787	901	787	911	867	966	
<b>Sioutis</b> 1 Bedroom	2 BB	774	974	1008	1412	1048	1452	1072	1477	
	3 BB	737	898	915	1213	941	1240	966	1265	
	4 BB	718	860	868	1114	888	1134	913	1159	

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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).**