

# Skiathos

Skiathos has a veneer of elegance and sophistication unusual for a small Greek Island. Very compact (only eight miles long) it is thickly forested and almost unrealistically pretty.

Along its undulating coastline hide over fifty beaches, almost all sandy. (A pebble beach on Skiathos is so rare that they offer boat excursions to the one at Lalaria). Those along the southern coast are linked with the town by a frequent, if crowded, bus service. Whichever beach you choose, the swimming is first rate and the sea crystal-clear.

Skiathos town is very attractive. A jumble of red-roofed houses and climbing stone-paved streets cover the rocky arms of the small harbour. During the day the town can appear rather sleepy, but in the evenings the waterfront hums with life and a daunting array of restaurants confronts one. Nightlife could mean a quiet café, a lively bar or an up-to-the minute music club – whatever your taste, Skiathos can accommodate it.

Fast, efficient catamarans and ferryboats link Skiathos with Skopelos and Alonissos making two-centre holidays simple. Excursions available include a good selection of boat trips.



Were we to design the perfect 'holiday' island, we would be surprised if the finished product did not look suspiciously like Skiathos. This small isle really does seem to have everything – beaches, lush scenery, a pretty port, good (but unobtrusive) nightlife, and plenty to do should you so wish.

Understandably, Skiathos is very popular, and gets particularly busy in the high season.



Monastery of Evangelistria

## SKIATHOS INFORMATION

### Getting to Skiathos

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 10-30 mins by taxi. For flight details see page 267.

### Multi-Centre Options

With Skopelos & Alonissos. For multicentre details see page 8.

### Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

### Representative

Based in Skiathos Town.





## Aegean Suites Megali Ammos

The Aegean Suites offer high standards of comfort and personal service a 15 minute walk from Skiathos Town (20 from the harbour) and just across the road from Megali Ammos beach.

The 22 suites here are built up the hillside. Junior Suites measure 40 sq m and have an open plan living area and garden terrace; Standards are similar but even more spacious at 60 sq m.; Deluxe have a bedroom and separate living room with sea view balcony (some over the roof of lower level suites); Charming Suites (open plan with garden view) are very romantic and have good terrace privacy with a hot tub/jacuzzi, as does the Heaven Suite (two rooms with sea view) on the upper level; and there is one 80 sq m two bedroom/two bathroom suite at the top.

Whichever you choose, all are spacious and most elegantly furnished, with luxury bedding

(king size bed) and all the mod cons you should expect.

At the lowest level is the swimming pool, pool bar and a la carte restaurant (room service is available) and the hotel has a small fitness room. Massage treatments can be booked at reception.

There is a complimentary daily transfer service to their larger sister hotel, the Skiathos Princess, for guests who would like some time on famous Aghia Paraskevi beach or to sample the spa facilities there.

Please note that the hotel does not accept children under 16 years of age. Due to the steps within the hotel a stay here would not be suitable for anyone with mobility problems.



Skiathos Town

### Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made before 28/2. 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 Suites:

5 Star Boutique Hotel  
Bed & Breakfast  
Swimming Pool  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi  
Adults Only

## Magdalena Studios Aghia Paraskevi

Magdalena is in country surroundings between the coast road and the sea within a short walk of two fine sandy beaches.

Surrounded by lawns and beautiful gardens, the eight studios are on two floors. All are simply furnished in pine. Each possesses twin beds, air conditioning, a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (rings and fridge), safety deposit box (free), a tiled shower room and a covered balcony or terrace. Ours are to the front and those on the top floor have some sea or side sea views, those on the ground floor overlook the pretty gardens.

Next door there is a swimming pool, which Magdalena guests are welcome to use free of charge, and accompanying low-key pool bar (free Wifi here). You will find a mini-market just a few minutes' walk away along the main road (note: can be busy in high season), as is the bus stop for town and other beaches, and a reasonable choice of local tavernas within five minutes.

The excellent beaches of Kolios and Aghia Paraskevi (also called Platanias) - both sandy and long with a taverna or two and water sports usually available from Paraskevi - can be reached in an approximate five minute walk via the road.

Sweet old-style Greek accommodation in an excellent location.

**Air Conditioning:** Available, if required, at a local charge of €6 per day.

### Early Booking Offer

Up to £100 off per apartment per week (max discount £200) for bookings made by 31/1. Conditions apply - see page 249.

### The Studios:

Self Catering Studios for 2  
Air Conditioning  
Use of Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi



Kolios Beach



## Galini Apartments Megali Ammos

These smart, modern and spacious apartments offer high standards and good views. They enjoy very quiet rural surroundings a short 10 minute walk from the beach and 25 minutes from Skiathos Town, which can also be easily reached by bus.

Our units here are maisonette-style and provide top quality accommodation. They are open-plan with a ground floor living room/kitchen and a double-bedded sleeping gallery above. The ground floor has twin beds plus a single sofa-bed. The interiors have stylish contemporary furnishings and decor, and facilities include air-conditioning, a large walk-in shower, a kitchen area (2 rings and fridge), and Sat TV (BBC World). Each has a ground floor terrace by the entrance and a good-sized open upper balcony with sun umbrella and good views to the sea.

Between the maisonettes is a twin bedded studio for 2. It has the same facilities and high standard of fixtures and furnishing as the maisonettes, and lovely views over the green hills and valley down to the sea from its terrace.

The swimming pool measures 10m x 5m and is quiet with lovely country and sea views from its furnished terrace. WiFi is available free of charge here.

The apartments are accessed via a narrow country lane 450m (c 7 mins. walk) from the main road. Here you will find a choice of mini-markets, tavernas, access to the beach of Megali Ammos, and the bus stop for town and a wide choice of alternative beaches (very good service). Please note the final 100m or so is an uphill walk.

### Early Booking Offer

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### The Apartments:

Self Catering Studio for 2  
Maisonettes for 2/5  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi

## Elivi Hotel Koukounaries

Spread over 200 acres of pine-wooded headland on Skiathos' south western peninsula, the island's newest 5-star hotel is designed to blend in sympathetically with its natural surroundings. The Elivi occupies a simply unbeatable location for beach lovers as it has direct access to four of the most famous golden-sand beaches on the island - Koukounaries, Ambelakia, Banana and Little Banana (part naturist).

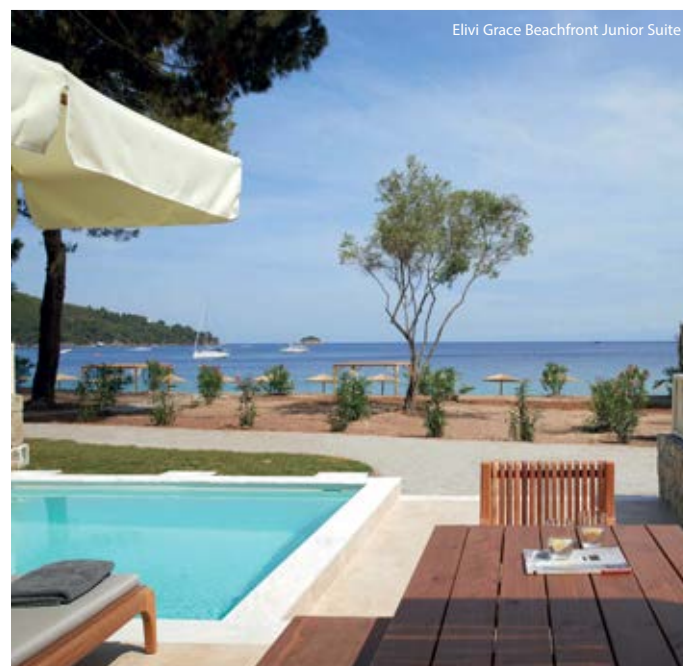
The hotel has three residential areas, each with its own style. To the east is the Elivi Xenia Hotel and Elivi Grace Suites. The Xenia houses the main reception, lobby bar, restaurant and spa. There is a shared outdoor pool. The Elivi Nest is over the headland behind Banana beach and has its own pool and restaurant. Club cars are available to take guests to and fro.

The Xenia rooms have mainly forest views - deluxe are first floor and the superior on the ground floor have direct access from each room terrace to a shared pool running the length of the building. A path leads down to Koukounaries beach. The

nearby Grace Suites have sea views as they are directly behind Ambelakia beach - some have private pool. Nest Rooms and Suites are housed in 2-storey buildings of 4 rooms each, again some with pool, some with hot tub. Rooms of course have all the modern facilities and comfort you'd expect - see our website for room descriptions. Please note that children under 12 are not accepted at Xenia and Grace.

A stay at Elivi can be as relaxed as you desire. Three restaurants and six bars (including beach bars) are available to guests. For more activity there is a tennis court, gym and the area is good for walking. Water sports are available. Skiathos Town is only 12 kms away and you can visit neighbouring Skopelos by boat.

The Hotel: 5 Stars  
Bed & Breakfast  
Swimming Pools  
Air Conditioning  
Free WiFi  
Child-restricted



Koukounaries beach

## Mandraki Village Hotel Koukounaries

The boutique-style Mandraki Village offers high quality and comfort combined with good service and an intimate atmosphere close to the most famous beach on the island. 40 rooms and suites are housed in various small 2-storey buildings scattered around acres of pretty gardens. Well furnished and decorated in light pastel shades, all possess air conditioning, flat-screen Sat TV, fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, modern shower room and balcony or terrace with garden views.

There is a swimming pool in the garden (towels provided), with adjacent restaurant and a pool snack bar operating during the day. The hotel also has an gourmet a la carte restaurant called Elia that half board clients may book at a supplement. A further choice of restaurants can be found within a 10 minute walk on the road to the beach. The bus stop for town is only 50m away.

A beautiful short cut through a nature reserve and past Strofilia Lake brings you to famous Koukounaries Beach in 5 minutes. However, a choice of 4 or 5 lesser known (and lesser populated) beaches, such as Mandraki and Elias on the north-west coast, can be reached in about 25 minutes through the pines.

**Regular Half Board** (pool restaurant):  
£160 per week (adult); £120 per week (child 2-12).

**Premium Half Board** (a la carte Elia Restaurant): £199 per week.

### Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for stays completed by 26/7 or commencing 23/8 onwards if booked by 28/2.

The Hotel: 4 Star Boutique Hotel  
Bed & Breakfast or Half Board  
Air Conditioning  
Swimming Pool  
Free WiFi

# Princess Resort Aghia Paraskevi

This well established hotel, also known as the Skiathos Princess, has a prime location, its 131 rooms and suites being built to 3 sides of spacious lawns and gardens that lead to beautiful Aghia Paraskevi beach. In the centre of the gardens, a little back from the beach, is the hotel's large swimming pool, main restaurant and pool bar.

There are many different room types - see our website for details - but all are spacious (minimum size 30 sq m) and furnished in a classic style, with good-sized balconies (most with sea or side sea views) or garden patios. All possess the facilities and mod cons you would expect, including luxury bedding, and some have a private pool.

The hotel has full spa facilities and, on the beach, a beach restaurant and bar - sun beds are

free for guests and water sports available a little further along.

Princess Resort is understandably popular with families and has a selection of family rooms, as well as creche facilities (6 months-4 years - local charge €10 per hour) and a kid's club for ages 4-12 (free). The hotel is also popular for weddings, usually on weekend evenings at the beach.

Outside the hotel there are a number of local tavernas and the bus stop for town.



Aghia Paraskevi beach

**Half Board:** £255 per week adults; £128 child 2-11. Half Board is for dinner only in the main restaurant (buffet) - a credit will be given for a la carte dining in one of the three other restaurants.

### Early Booking Offer

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### The Hotel:

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



SKIATHOS		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				
Aegean Suites	Standard Suite	2	BB	1822	3024	1976	3317	1976	3380	2078	3497		
	Charming Suite	2	BB	2169	3720	2389	4142	2389	4204	2488	4318		
	Deluxe Suite	2	BB	2088	3558	2276	3916	2276	3994	2398	4138		
	Heaven Suite	2	BB	2290	3962	2478	4320	2478	4424	2626	4614		
	Junior Suite	2	BB	1684	2750	1807	2978	1807	3008	1865	3070		
	Two Bedroom Suite	2	BB	2662	4706	2922	5208	2922	5467	3293	5927		
		3	BB	1971	3336	2151	3677	2151	3849	2405	4164		
		4	BB	1624	2649	1763	2909	1763	3038	1960	3280		
		5	BB	1432	2253	1547	2465	1547	2569	1709	2767		
	Elivi Skiathos	Deluxe Room	2	BB	1268	1994	1540	2428	1540	2520	1712	2750	
Junior Suite Private Pool		2	BB	1777	3092	2215	3778	2215	3940	2504	4334		
Presidential Suite		2	BB	3442	6672	4498	8344	4498	8742	5172	9670		
		3	BB	2623	4911	3333	6032	3333	6297	3790	6924		
		4	BB	2212	4030	2750	4875	2750	5074	3098	5549		
Superior Room		2	BB	1442	2370	1786	2921	1786	3038	2000	3324		
Suite Private Pool		2	BB	2080	3744	2631	4610	2631	4815	2989	5302		
		3	BB	1715	2959	2088	3543	2088	3679	2335	4012		
Galini	Studio	2	SC	790	920	814	947	814	955	870	986		
	Maisonette	2	SC	882	1102	908	1136	908	1149	989	1206		
		3	SC	794	938	817	966	817	975	894	1027		
		4	SC	748	854	769	879	769	886	844	936		
		5	SC	737	820	758	849	758	849	831	898		
Magdalena	Studio	2	SC	776	880	798	906	798	912	852	942		
Mandraki Village	Standard Room	2	BB	884	1368	1282	1911	1282	1920	1364	2052		
	Junior Suite	2	BB	932	1529	1427	2202	1427	2214	1495	2314		
		3	BB	817	1217	1153	1672	1153	1680	1206	1755		

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Princess Resort	Standard Garden View	2	BB	1298	1968	1526	2406	1526	2420	1604	2538		
	Deluxe Sea View	2	BB	1564	2501	1793	2940	1793	2958	1998	3326		
	Deluxe Family room	2	BB	1985	3342	2189	3732	2189	3756	2728	4788		
		3	BB	1741	2869	1913	3196	1913	3212	2360	4067		
		4	BB	1618	2632	1775	2928	1775	2940	2176	3706		
	Deluxe Junior Suite	2	BB	1993	3358	2205	3764	2205	3788	2770	4870		
		3	BB	1747	2882	1926	3222	1926	3239	2394	4135		
	Deluxe Suite	2	BB	2244	3859	2448	4248	2448	4277	2934	5198		
		3	BB	1914	3216	2088	3546	2088	3565	2503	4353		
	Family Room Private Garden	2	BB	1824	3018	2132	3618	2132	3642	2482	4295		
		3	BB	1621	2629	1862	3093	1862	3109	2153	3653		
		4	BB	1520	2455	1726	2831	1726	2843	1989	3332		
	Junior Suite	2	BB	1912	3196	2108	3570	2108	3592	2466	4262		
		3	BB	1680	2748	1846	3061	1846	3076	2143	3632		
	Superior Side Sea View	2	BB	1387	2146	1639	2632	1639	2646	1710	2752		
	Superior Sea View	2	BB	1556	2485	1768	2891	1768	2908	1866	3064		
Two Bedroom Jacuzzi Suite	2	BB	4070	7512	4775	8904	4775	8968	6422	12176			
	3	BB	3473	6333	4061	7492	4061	7535	5419	10185			
	4	BB	3174	5744	3704	6786	3704	6819	4918	9190			
Two Bedroom Pool Suite	2	BB	4757	8886	5366	11086	5366	11168	7982	15296			
	3	BB	4043	7474	4968	9305	4968	9360	6711	12769			
	4	BB	3686	6768	4518	8414	4518	8456	6075	11505			

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