



Ammouliani

A 40 minute drive to the south of Olymbiada, not far from the small town of Ouranoupolis (known as the gateway to Mount Athos), followed by a 15 minute ferryboat ride, brings you to sweet little Ammouliani, Halkidiki's only island.



Ammouliani measures just 4.5 sq kms. and has one village (pop 542 at the last count).

Built on a small hill above the port, the village is one of the friendliest you could come across and should provide all you need for your stay. It has four taverna restaurants, a couple of pizzerias and cafe-bars, a number of surprisingly well stocked mini-markets, and even an ATM.

But the jewel in Ammouliani's crown is its string of wonderful white-sand beaches shelving gently into calm sheltered aquamarine waters. You

could be in the Caribbean! A car is not necessary as the island is so small and the beaches are all walkable (max. 3½-4 kms from the village) - most have sun beds and a taverna. However you can also reach the beaches by minibus, water taxi (seasonal) or hired motor boat.

Of course Ammouliani is far from being a secret to the Greeks and the island receives plenty of visitors from mid-June to early September, including visitors from eastern Europe. Contrastingly, out of the main season the island can be very quiet, especially in May and from

mid-September onwards when not all tavernas or beach facilities may operate.

There is only one excursion possible from Ammouliani but it is not to be missed - the spectacular cruise along the western Athos coastline to

view the historic monasteries from the sea. These depart daily from Ammouliani (via Ouranoupolis - you will have a little time here to explore or visit the museum should you wish) and cost 25 euros per person last year.



Megali Ammos beach

AMMOULIANI INFORMATION

Getting to Ammouliani

Daily flights Gatwick to Thessaloniki (regional flights available from MAN, EMA, LTN) - odd durations possible. Then 2 hours transfer to Tripiti port and 15 mins ferry to Ammouliani where you will be met and taken to your accommodation (5-10 mins. on foot - your luggage will be transferred separately). Please note, as we cannot pre-purchase ferry tickets on this route the ferry ticket is not included and to be purchased on board (cost €2.50 per person one way last year). On your return the reverse applies. There will probably be a short wait for the ferry on arrival but they run quite frequently in the summer months.

Multi-Centre Options

With any of our Halkidiki resort areas (note: Olymbiada is easiest and cheapest to combine with Ammouliani). A few nights at the start or end of your holiday can be easily arranged in Thessaloniki - see page 240 - and also at the wonderful 5 star Imaret Hotel in Kavala (page 241).

Representative

We have a local agent based in Thessaloniki who can always be contacted but no representative in our Halkidiki resort areas. However, English is spoken at all our hotels, who are always happy to give local information and assistance.

Stay in a Mount Athos Monastery

For details of this unique opportunity - if you are male! - please see page 87 and our website.

Kastalia Hotel Ammouliani Island

This very sweet little hotel is run by the charming Sisi, a bustling helpful mine of information who cannot do enough for her guests. It is in a quiet location in a back street a short 3 minute walk up the small hill from the harbour.

The 8 apartment-style rooms here are spacious and simply but attractively furnished. All possess twin or double beds, TV, AC, basic kitchenette (2 rings, fridge), shower room and good-sized covered balcony.

To the rear of the hotel is a common seating area with tables, chairs and sofas, and here Sisi will serve a hearty breakfast with many homemade items and traditional Greek specialities.

You could not stay in a more welcoming or friendly small hotel.

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



Alykes beach



Ammouliani Village



Dominici Hotel Ammouliani Island

The fact that the owner is an interior designer is in evidence throughout this small, very pretty hotel. It enjoys a great location, just back from the old fishing harbour and sandy beach.

The hotel has only 6 rooms on its upper two floors. Each one has a different style of furnishing and decor, but they are all lovely!

All possess an iron-wrought double bedstead, TV, AC, fridge, mozzie-netted windows and balcony doors, modern shower room (some with bath) and large balcony, those on the top floor having some sea or side-sea views.

You can be on the beach in less than a minute. It is a 2-3 minute walk to the square at the top of the hill, and the same again down the other side to the centre and restaurants.

Breakfast: if required breakfast can be prebooked at a cost of £40 per week and is taken in a nearby café.

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
2 Stars Free WiFi
Room only



Ammouliani beach below Dominici

Athos Bay Ammouliani Island

Athos Bay is built on a small hill a short distance out of the village and would be a good choice for those wanting to stay closer to Ammouliani's best beaches. It also benefits from a very peaceful location, great views over the sea to Mount Athos and (rare on Ammouliani) a swimming pool.

The 8 rooms here are all on the ground or upper ground floor and mostly double bedded. They are simply but nicely furnished in a clean modern style and all possess air conditioning, modern walk-in shower, fridge, coffee maker and front terrace, most with some sea views.

There is a cafe/snack bar where breakfast can be had (local charge) and a garden area with seating. The chlorine-free pool is not large but quite serviceable with deckchairs on the terrace surrounds and shade provided by the palm trees. The family are most welcoming and proud of the eco-friendly way they have built their accommodation.

Alikes beach, one of the island's most well known, is a kilometre away (12 minutes' walk) and others can be found further on. The village is the same distance in the other direction. We'd recommend a torch for evening returns, or take a taxi.



Alikes beach

The Hotel: Room Only
Swimming Pool
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Sunrise Hotel Ammouliani Island

Quietly located above the sea, just a few minutes' walk from the harbour and the centre of the village, the Sunrise is one of the larger hotels here with 46 rooms housed in two buildings.

Our rooms are the renovated Superior doubles on the upper two floors of the front building (stairs, no lift). They enjoy sea views to the side, and some also have views to distant Athos. The rooms are attractively furnished and double or twin-bedded - all have air-conditioning, TV, mini-fridge, room-safe, bath or shower, hairdryer and sea view balcony.

On the ground floor the hotel has a lounge and snack bar. There is seating in the small garden bordering the hotel where (in season) breakfast can be taken.

A path and steps lead down to a concreted lido area on the rocks below from where you can swim - handy for a quick dip but most here will want to head for one of Ammouliani's famed sandy beaches. The closest (in town) is a five minute walk.

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

AMMOULIANI		Guide prices per person in £s departing during							
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - end Jun & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (early Jul - early Sep)			
		From		To		From		To	
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk
Athos Bay	Standard Room 2 RO	916	1154	1036	1398	1094	1478	1236	1621
Dominici Hotel	Standard Room 2 BB	884	1090	954	1200	977	1222	1136	1422
Kastalia Hotel	Standard Room 2 BB	844	1010	937	1143	937	1172	1097	1326
	3 BB	763	916	843	1022	843	1041	989	1184
Sunrise Hotel	Superior Room 2 BB	932	1186	1066	1407	1072	1414	1192	1534

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 as sourced from Easyjet in November and are likely to increase as time passes. Prices 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 price 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).