

Dodecanese

The islands of the Dodecanese are the furthest grouping from the Greek mainland, and hug the Turkish coastline so closely that in some places one could seemingly swim between the two continents.



Being in Greece's far south-eastern corner, they not only enjoy an enviable sunshine record but a very strategic location, and it is their turbulent past which has resulted in such a distinctive history, culture and architecture.

Within the group, however, there is a great deal of variety, and each island has its own character, from Patmos in the north – which has amore Cycladic style – to tiny, remote Kaste llorizo in the south.

Over the millennia the Dodecanese have been under the control of outsiders for much of the time – Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Crusader knights, Ottoman Turks and, until 1943, Italians have all held sway.

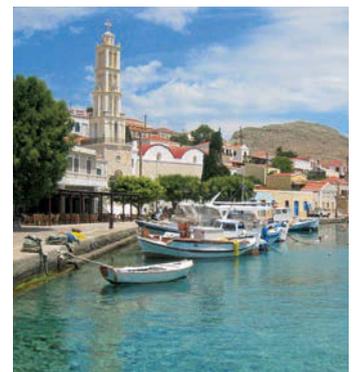
In the 1st century AD St Paul and St John visited (John eventually settling on Patmos), and in the 20th century the islands saw fierce fighting between German and Allied forces during WW2. So if you like history you will not be disappointed! Evidence of most past invaders is still all around, from the Crusader castles – medieval Rhodes Town is the outstanding example – to the grandiose public buildings left by the Italians.

Add to this a decent smattering of Hellenistic ruins, a myriad of Byzantine chapels, and atmospheric harbours lined by 19th century sea captains' mansions and you have a unique and vibrant mix.

But overlying all this is the islands' overwhelmingly Greek character. All the elements which make Greece such a wonderfully relaxed, friendly and picturesque holiday destination are here, from the small whitewashed villages clinging to the hillside above the sea to beaches as good as you will find anywhere.

The main hubs here are popular Rhodes and Kos, which have organised tourism served by direct charter flights. But hop on a ferry for an hour or two and you are transported to an older, quieter world. Rhodes apart, we feature most of the smaller islands either in this brochure or on our website. Should you wish to sample a selection, island hopping holidays are easy to arrange here – please enquire.

As with all Aegean islands, there can be strong winds - notably the Meltemi which normally blows from the north in July and August - so do be prepared for possible disruption to the boat schedules. Although rare, in this event we will make all arrangements necessary at no extra cost to you, which may include an unscheduled overnight in Rhodes or Kos.



Halki

IMPORTANT – TRANSFERS AND FERRIES

We include all transfers and all ferry tickets. However please note that full ferry schedules may not have been published when your holiday is booked, in which case we base our transfer arrangements on last year's. If there is subsequently no same-day connection we will add overnight hotel(s) and additional transfers where required - we do not consider this to be a major change to your holiday. Even once published, ferry schedules are subject to change and can be affected by weather conditions, delays and mechanical problems. In this event we shall amend your itinerary on the spot at no extra cost.



Symi



Tilos

Tiny Tilos (pop. 550), midway between Rhodes and Kos, is the most enlightened Greek island we know and leads the way in environmental protection and eco-tourism.



The islanders, led by a progressive mayor, realised years ago that the way forward was in limited, high quality tourism a world away from the mass market. To this end they dedicated their efforts to sustainable tourism – becoming the first island in Greece to ban hunting was a bold start – and have never looked back.

The island's 64 sq kms, together with its surrounding archipelago of 16 uninhabited islets, have been designated an Important Bird Area, an EU-registered Special Protection Area and a Natura 2000 site amongst others. What this all means is that visitors here will find a protected natural environment with a wonderful diversity of flora and fauna, especially birds (there are 155 documented wild species, including the rare Eleonora's Falcon).

Tilos is therefore a paradise for walkers and now boasts 67km of signed walking trails (many being restored cobbled mule paths) which run through untamed countryside, linking rugged mountains with fertile valleys of wild flowers, pine, oak and almond watered by the island's many

underground springs. From the heights, the views to six neighbouring islands and Turkey are stunning. A walking map is available locally. For a good idea of the walking possibilities here see the website www.tilostrails.com.

And there are certainly things to explore whilst out and about – some 200 Byzantine country chapels, seven Crusader castles, abandoned villages, a Byzantine monastery, and one of the most important archaeological finds in recent history – a cave full of dwarf elephants, the last of their kind to survive in Europe. The small museum here is a must-visit.

Many walking trails start from the main port of Livadia. This sleepy, traditional and overwhelmingly friendly little village boasts a lovely long pebble beach, shaded by tamarisk trees, lapped by the clearest of seas and backed by a car-free walkway. It also has some dozen very good tavernas and the same number of café-bars, seven mini-markets (will deliver), a bakery and a bank with an ATM. Cars can be rented and some organised trips do run, by bus, boat

or on foot, including (last year) Tilos Highlights and Monastery and Sunset. A bus runs to the other main settlement of Megalo Chorio (in season) to sandy Eristos beach. Tilos has 19 beaches, many of which can be reached only on foot or by boat as they have been purposefully left road-free.

Of course all the usual benefits which make Greece such a great destination

for a relaxing holiday are present in abundance on Tilos – sun, sea, tavernas, village life etc. But Tilos offers so much more, and is a shining example to other small islands under similar economic pressures. By visiting you will not only have a splendid holiday, you will be supporting the island's initiative and helping others to see that an alternative to mass tourism can work.

TILOS INFORMATION

Getting To Tilos

Wednesday flights from Gatwick, Manchester and a range of regional airports to Rhodes.

A direct boat connection operates on a Wednesday from early or mid-May using the small port of Kamiros Skala on Rhodes' west coast, an approximate 35 minute transfer time from the airport.

Departs Kamiros Skala 18.00, arrives Tilos 20.00

Departs Tilos 07.00, arrives Kamiros Skala 09.00

Should your flight not connect with this boat service, or if for any reason (e.g. weather, technical, early or late season) it does not operate we will overnight clients in Rhodes Town on arrival

and/or departure with ferry transfers to Tilos on Thursday morning and from Tilos on Tuesday afternoon. Ferry information is based on 2019 schedules and subject to change.

Representative

We have our own local representative based on Tilos. However please note that transfers are not escorted.

Car Hire

Available locally – see your representative.

Multi-Centre Options

With any other Dodecanese island (via Rhodes). Should ferry schedules remain as last year this will mean an overnight is required in the middle except for Nisyros, Kos, Kalymnos and Halki which had a direct connection on Tuesday and Thursday.

Ildi Rock Livadia

The Ildi Rock has the best views in town and is highly praised by our guests. It occupies a splendid position above the bay overlooking the village and is a three minute walk above the sea to the harbour. A pair of pretty shingle coves afford fine swimming below the hotel.

Modern in style (opened fully in 2009), the hotel comprises several buildings. The studios contain twin or double beds, a kitchen area with 2-ring mini-oven or microwave and fridge, air-conditioning, tiled shower room, TV, hairdryer, room-safe, iron and a front balcony with wonderful views over the bay. The apartments have the addition of a living room with two sofa beds (some built-in) for children and a bigger terrace. The hotel also has Junior Suites, which are really just bigger versions of the studio, and a corner Honeymoon Suite.

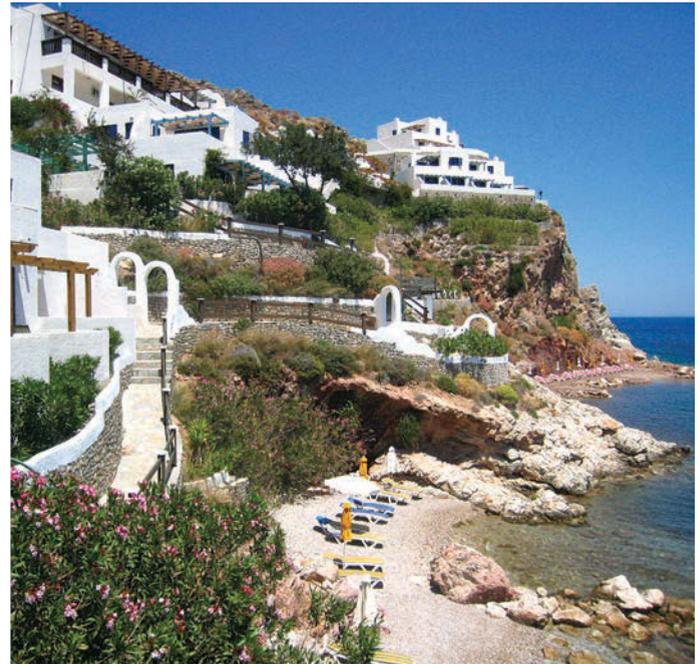
There is a fitness room and a sauna (both free) and a comfortable lounge-bar in the main reception

area with a huge outdoor terrace, again boasting splendid views to Livadia. WiFi is available here (and in some rooms) at no extra charge, and there is also a PC guests can use.

Steps lead down to a pair of small pebble beaches below with complimentary sunbeds for guests. From June onwards the hotel operates a very smart beach bar in a stunning location above the sea, offering breakfasts, snacks and meals during the day. Although there are many steps within the hotel (as it is built into the cliff) please note that, on request we can book rooms in the first block, which is at the lowest level just by the start of the footpath to the village (so no steps).

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €7 per day.

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



Eleni Beach Hotel Livadia

This popular family-run beachfront hotel is very friendly and offers good service and value. It has a traditional flavour in its pretty blue and white décor, local pottery and nautical theme.

The 36 rooms are contained in four low-rise buildings, a mix of doubles, twins and triples. All are simply and attractively furnished (some with iron bedsteads) and possess air-conditioning, ceiling fan, fridge, tiled shower room and balcony with good sea or side sea views. Kettles and hairdryers can be provided on request.

The hotel also has some studio rooms with light cooking facilities (although breakfast is still included),

a couple of which can interconnect for families - these rooms are on request.

Above the beach is the hotel's snack bar where breakfast is served. The beach to the front is pristine and the hotel provides sun beds free of charge for its guests. A ten minute walk along the paved beachfront footpath, past a choice of tavernas and cafes, brings you to Livadia's fishing harbour and the centre of the village.

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



Livadia Beach Apartments Livadia

The Livadia Beach Apartments offer very good quality self catering accommodation directly on Livadia beach. They comprise 16 units within three separate buildings, each of two floors, with pretty garden surrounds.

There is a choice of studios and suites. All units are spacious, nicely furnished in a light, modern style and possess air-conditioning (local charge), WiFi, TV, iron with board and safety deposit boxes (free).

Standard Studios are to the rear and are double-bedded with an open-plan kitchenette (2-ring mini-oven, fridge), nice tiled bathroom with bath and shower, and good-sized balcony or garden terrace with mountain or side sea views.

The Grand Studios are similar but twin-bedded and larger in size with the addition of an attractively furnished living room area. All are on the first floor and possess a large covered balcony boasting full sea views.

The Suites are very spacious. All are ground floor with a double bedroom and a separate living room containing one or two full-size sofa-beds and a plasma tv. All, too, have a generous sea view terrace to the front and a second terrace over the gardens.

A seasonal snack bar (operates from June) to the side and front of the garden serves breakfast and light meals through the day. It is directly above the super shingle beach, where sun beds and umbrellas are offered free of charge to guests.

A 15 minute stroll above the beach via the pedestrian path brings you to Livadia harbour, and you will find a tempting choice of restaurants along the way.

Air Conditioning: Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €7 per day.

The Apartments: Air Conditioning
Free WiFi
Self Catering
Studios for 2
Suites for 2/4



Irini Hotel Livadia

This small family-run hotel stands in a quiet residential area just 2-3 minutes walk from both the beach and the centre of Livadia. The hotel was fully refurbished in 2017 and has 23 rooms set in semi-tropical gardens of rose, hibiscus, palm and banana trees. Within the gardens is the large swimming pool (12m x 8.5m) - still a rarity on Tilos.

Rooms are ground or first floor and comprise twin or double beds (usually built-in), air-conditioning, ceiling fan, fridge, kettle, room-safe, small ensuite shower room and private balcony or terrace - views are either towards the pool (a handful have some sea views on request only) or mountains and surrounding gardens. Furnishings

and décor are simple, bright and cheerful.

A continental breakfast is served inside or on the garden terrace, and within a short easy 5 minute walk you will find a good choice of tavernas, either in the centre of the village or behind the beach.

Recommended for its convenient but quiet location, large swimming pool and lush gardens.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €7 per day.

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
2 Star Free WiFi
Bed & Breakfast (lobby)



Livadia, Tilos

Marina Studios Livadia

The elevated position of these 12 studios ensures panoramic views over Livadia village and bay from their front balconies.

The studios are spacious, nicely but simply furnished. All are air-conditioned and mostly twin-bedded (double on request) with a basic kitchenette (hob, fridge), TV, hairdryer, iron and shower room. French doors open onto the good-sized balcony from which to sit and admire the views. Most studios have free WiFi access.

It is not so far from the centre of the village as it may look. A short cut, via a small path and some steps, brings you to the harbour in five minutes, and the beach in just a few more.

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

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



Church of the Archangel Michael, Tilos



Livadia



Mikro Horio

Walking on Tilos

Sadly Ian and Lyn Fulton, who operated guided walks on Tilos for many years, have left the island. However they have left a legacy for independent walkers of a network of researched paths, some of which are (at the time of writing) still available to view on their website www.tilostrails.com e.g the Introductory walk up to the abandoned old village of Mikro Horio. Our island representative will also be able to give information on walking options locally.



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Eleni Beach	Standard Room	2 BB	975	1240	1060	1384	1068	1400	1228	1562
		3 BB	888	1096	953	1201	974	1243	1135	1404
	Studio	2 BB	1034	1360	1088	1440	1111	1488	1272	1649
Iliidi Rock	Studio	2 SC	1010	1312	1088	1440	1088	1440	1248	1602
	Junior Suite	2 SC	1042	1376	1143	1552	1143	1552	1304	1712
	Apartment	2 SC	1110	1510	1250	1766	1250	1766	1412	1928
		3 SC	988	1298	1157	1609	1157	1609	1318	1770
		4 SC	942	1176	1075	1416	1075	1416	1236	1577
Irin Hotel	Standard Garden View	2 BB	915	1121	996	1258	996	1258	1157	1418
	Standard Pool View	2 BB	971	1232	1044	1353	1044	1353	1204	1514
Livadia Beach	Studio	2 SC	1022	1336	1080	1424	1080	1468	1284	1673
	Grand Studio	2 SC	1042	1376	1091	1448	1091	1504	1308	1720
	Suite	2 SC	1098	1487	1202	1671	1202	1707	1400	1904
		3 SC	988	1298	1082	1461	1082	1508	1291	1717
Marina	Studio	2 SC	895	1081	920	1106	940	1146	1125	1354
		3 SC	819	958	844	983	860	1015	1031	1197

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Halki

Tiny Halki is the closest island to Rhodes, just 6 kms off its western coast, and you will not find a better example of two completely contrasting neighbours.



Halki is tiny, the smallest inhabited island in the whole Dodecanese group, measuring just 28 sq kms and with a resident population numbering just a few hundred (Rhodes pop 115,000!) easily outnumbered by foreign visitors in the summer months. There is one proper hotel, one village and one sandy beach. You are forced to relax, because there is not much to do here except eat, swim, read, sleep and generally forget the world. In other words you are free to enjoy a blissfully guilt-free holiday!

The local population live in Emborio. This handsome natural amphitheatrical harbour is lined by elegant Venetian stone mansions and boasts the tallest freestanding bell tower in the Dodecanese. The bells are silent now, ever since it was decided that people would sleep better without its loud chiming every 15 minutes. But the fact that they had to stop the clock to achieve this sums Halki up - this is one island on which time really has stood still!

The harbour is archetypal and as pretty as a postcard. We have not seen clearer water in any harbour than you will find here. Multi-hued

and almost translucent, it is certainly a joy to swim - if you don't mind the small fish having a nibble! We even saw cuttlefish, which rarely visit shallow waters.

Nightlife revolves around the fine half-dozen or so waterfront tavernas which of course specialise in fish caught that morning (and which you may well have seen coming in off the fishing boats). There is a similar number of cafes and low-key bars, and various small shops selling all you should need.

The village behind is as exactly as you would expect - whitewashed lanes lined with old houses (some crumbling), sudden splashes of colour provided by brightly painted doors and shutters, an unexpected burst of bougainvillea, or hardy geraniums thriving in an old olive oil tin.

You can swim to the side of Emborio harbour - there are jetties, steps or a ladder here and there to enable you - but should you prefer a beach the nearest is the small shingly cove of Ftenagia, a 5 minute walk behind the harbour via a rough path. The taverna here lays out its sun beds above the sea. The island's main beach is sandy Pondamos, a 10-15

minute walk and also with attendant taverna. Further coves and bays, mostly pebble, can be reached on foot; others, better but more remote, are best reached by taxi-boat from the harbour. The swimming in crystal-clear water is excellent everywhere.

There is a walking map you can buy on the island but trails are not well signed and can be difficult to find. But on an island as small as Halki you can't get lost for long! One walk most visitors make is to the old village, now deserted, of Chora, 3 kms to the west and topped by a crumbling Crusader castle. Your reward for the stiff walk up is panoramic vistas over Emborio to Rhodes and towards distant Karpathos.

Alternatively take the island public minibus high up the mountain to the Monastery of St John (c €5) and walk back - it takes around 2 hours. Halki was designated 'the island of peace and friendship' by UNESCO in 1983. They got it absolutely right - Halki is certainly peaceful and you could not find a friendlier island anywhere.

HALKI INFORMATION

Getting to Halki

Flights are from Gatwick, Manchester and a range of regional airports via Rhodes which connect with the late afternoon local ferry service (late flights may not connect - we will arrange transfers an overnight hotel in Rhodes Town with transfers). Taxi transfer to port (40 mins) and small ferryboat to the island dep. c. 17.15 (c 1 hour, tickets included). Short walk to your accommodation with luggage transfer. On your return the reverse applies with an early start from Halki - ferries are daily so odd durations are possible.

Representative

We do not have a representative on Halki. There are local travel agents for information and our main agent in Rhodes can always be contacted.

Multi-Centre Options

With any other Dodecanese island via Rhodes. Last year Halki had a fast direct sea connection with Tilos, Nisyros, Kos and Kalymnos (Tue and Thu) which avoided travelling via Rhodes Town. Should mid-centre transfers be via Rhodes we can store luggage to allow free time to explore the Old Town before your late afternoon ferry or flight.

Villa Antonis Emborios, Halki

This lovely stone house enjoys an excellent location just 20m back from Emborios waterfront and offers harbour and sea views. It is attractively furnished in a traditional island style and has the atmosphere more of a home than a holiday villa.

The house is on the upper (first) floor, reached by a path and a few steps up from the harbour. Entrance is into a spacious, light and high-ceilinged living room with a well equipped kitchen area (full cooker and fridge) to one end. There is a TV and a sofa bed for a child. French

windows open onto the front stone balcony, which has table, chairs and a sun umbrella and affords fine views to the harbour and bay over the roof of the house in front.

Off the living room are two bedrooms – one twin and one double (both with AC) – and a full bathroom with bath and shower above. There is also a small shaded area you can sit to the rear of the house, overlooking the courtyard.

Although you are just steps from the harbour and just a few minutes' walk from a choice of some good local tavernas, the location is quiet. Guests staying here may also swim very close by, using a ladder from the quayside into very clear waters. Sandy Pondamos beach is an approximate 15 minute walk and small boats leave the harbour daily in season for trips to other beaches.



Emborios

The Villa: Air Conditioning
Self Catering Free WiFi
House for 2/5



Pontamos beach



View from Aretanassa



Aretanassa Hotel Halki

Situated above the sea at the entrance to sweeping Emborio bay, the Aretanassa offers 19 stylish rooms on its 3 floors, served by a lift and all with panoramic sea views.

Rooms are tastefully furnished with light and airy decor, and possess twin or king sized beds, AC, TV, fridge, room safe, bath or shower, hairdryer and sea view balcony or terrace (the terraces of the ground floor and second floor rooms are particularly generous).

A large sea-facing terrace to the front of the hotel provides the perfect setting for breakfast, the

lunchtime restaurant (seasonal) or just to relax with a drink or snack.

At the water's edge you'll find a decked platform, and sun loungers and parasols are provided as well as a ladder directly into the crystal clear water - the swimming from here is superb. The hotel is 600m from the harbour (8 mins walk) via the narrow lanes behind.

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

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Antonis Villa	Villa 2 SC	1022	1320	1159	1612	1202	1655	1451	1991
	3 SC	920	1144	1019	1347	1048	1376	1268	1654
	4 SC	913	1101	994	1259	1016	1281	1220	1530
	5 SC	873	1039	943	1171	960	1188	1156	1419
Aretanassa	Standard Ground Floor 2 BB	1034	1344	1123	1576	1202	1655	1364	1816
	Standard First Floor 2 BB	1074	1424	1163	1659	1246	1742	1408	1904
	Deluxe Second Floor 2 BB	1114	1503	1226	1758	1282	1814	1443	1975

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Symi

For centuries Symi was a major commercial centre, which is why such a small island has such an impressive port. Grand neoclassical houses and mansions, many once owned by wealthy sea captains of yore, line the horseshoe-shaped bay on three sides and climb the steep hill behind.



Symi Town has two parts – Chorio above and Yialos below. Each has its own atmosphere, shops and tavernas, and the two are linked by a wide street (and nearly 400 steps) known as Kali Strata.

Given that Symi is only 24 miles from Rhodes, the waterfront can be busy with day-trippers, but only for a few hours during the hottest time and easily avoided. Beaches tend to the pretty pebble variety and best reached by one of the regular water-

taxis that shuttle to and fro through the day (there is a bus alternative to Pedi in the next bay). Boats also run to nearby islands and you can visit Turkey only 4 miles distant.

Both Chorio and Yialos come into their own in the evening when the lights of the town and the waterfront restaurants reflect from the bay to create a very special mood. Chorio also has good tavernas, and can have a lively traditional village atmosphere.

Symi is quite mountainous and not as barren as may first appear. Some good walking opportunities exist, to small bays or inland, which contains many chapels as well as a monastery or two.

But most visitors come simply to relax; to enjoy Symi's very clear seas, warmth of welcome, and one of the most atmospheric small harbour towns in the Aegean.



SYMI INFORMATION

Getting to Symi

Flights from Gatwick, Manchester and a range of regional airports. Taxi transfer to Rhodes port (40 mins), late afternoon ferry to Symi (60-90 mins. - tickets included). Depending on your accommodation (see descriptions) short walk, luggage transfer or transfer to accommodation. On your return the reverse applies, departing Symi on the early ferry. If there is a long wait before your flight back to UK luggage storage will be provided in Rhodes Town allowing time to explore the Old Town before your transfer to the airport.

Should your flight not connect with a ferry on arrival we will overnight you in Rhodes Town and book you on the next

morning ferry to Symi - all additional transfers provided. Ferry information is based on 2019 schedules and subject to change.

Representative

We do not have a representative on Symi - the hoteliers are happy to give local information and our main agent in Rhodes can always be contacted.

Multi-Centre Options

With any other Dodecanese island as they all have either a direct sea connection or via Rhodes (may need an overnight). See page 8.

Odd durations

As there is a daily ferry service that connects with most flights on arrival and departure odd duration holidays are easy to arrange - please enquire.

Iapetos Village Hotel Yialos

The attractively designed Iapetos Village offers good modern standards in an enviable location. It is quietly situated yet an easy 2 minute walk (no steps) brings you to the central part of Symi's atmospheric harbour.

The hotel's 19 spacious rooms are built around three sides of a Mediterranean garden containing palms, cacti and shrubs, and boasts a beautiful swimming pool (rare on Symi). Although some of the rooms have basic self catering facilities, breakfast is included.

All rooms are beautifully decorated with wood and iron details and possess WiFi internet access, TV, room-safe, air conditioning, ironing facilities, fan, modern shower room, hairdryer, bathrobe & slippers, coffee/tea-making facility, and furnished balcony or garden terrace.

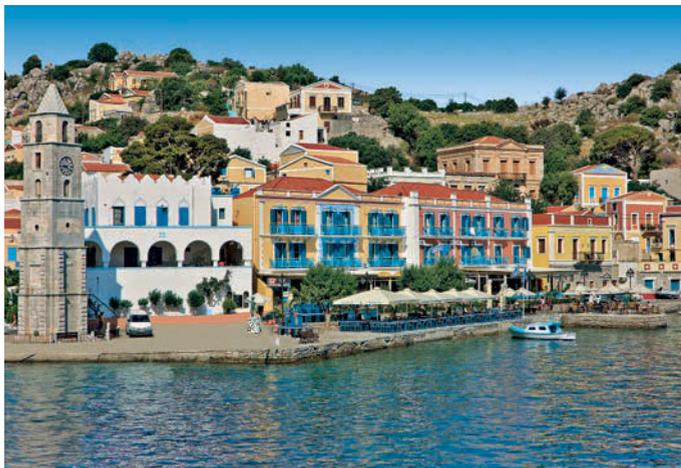
The standard double rooms (30 sq m) are twin or double bedded and have a patio or balcony to the front

overlooking the garden. The Studio Suites (35 sq m) are double bedded (plus two sofa beds) and also have a kitchen area for snacks or light meals only. The maisonette apartments (40 sq m) comprise a first floor twin or double bedroom (AC) - some with two additional sofa beds here - and downstairs a living/kitchen area with a pair of sofa beds for children, and the shower room. Pool and/or garden views from the terrace.

The pool measures 9m x 5m (depth 0.90m-1.60m) and is covered to give respite from the sun (sun beds are placed outside the stone archways). There is a low-key garden snack bar for guests in the central courtyard.

The Hotel Apartments: 4 Star Hotel Apartments

Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Nireus Hotel Yialos

Designed in the neoclassical style this well established hotel is ever popular and enjoys a premier position on the waterfront, with commanding views across the entrance to Symi harbour.

The hotel has 36 nicely renovated rooms on its two upper floors. Rooms belie the hotel's official category and are spacious and tastefully furnished and decorated. All possess air-conditioning, TV, fridge, telephone, safety deposit box, hairdryer and tiled shower room. Most are twin-bedded and those to the front have wonderful views over the bay from their balcony. The hotel also has rear rooms with views over the town to the hillside.

The ground floor houses the reception area, an internet corner (local charge), a large sunny outside terrace, and a popular restaurant and cafe-bar with tables and chairs above the sea. The jetty to the front of the hotel acts as a lido, with sun beds and a ladder into the sea if you do not wish to walk the 10-15 minutes to Nos, the nearest beach. The Nireus has many regular guests so early booking is recommended, especially for the sea view rooms. Please note that, as the ferry docks almost next to the hotel, no luggage transfers are provided.

The Hotel: 2 Stars Plus

Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning

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Iapetos Village	Double Room	2 BB	1078	1443	1179	1714	1274	1810	1435	1971
	Standard Room	2 BB	1078	1443	1179	1714	1274	1810	1435	1971
	Studio Suite	2 BB	1138	1562	1218	1830	1350	1962	1511	2122
		3 BB	1065	1433	1140	1672	1254	1786	1415	1947
	Maisonette	2 BB	1194	1674	1294	1981	1426	2112	1586	2274
		3 BB	1115	1533	1204	1802	1321	1919	1482	2080
	Master Suite	4 BB	1098	1483	1185	1736	1290	1842	1451	2003
		2 BB	1289	1864	1501	2454	1692	2646	1853	2806
	3 BB	1198	1698	1387	2213	1549	2375	1710	2536	
	4 BB	1174	1634	1352	2116	1503	2268	1664	2428	
Nireus	Standard Rear View	2 BB	935	1157	1016	1293	1016	1293	1200	1502
		3 BB	901	1104	976	1229	976	1229	1161	1438
	Standard Balcony Rear View	2 BB	979	1244	1060	1380	1060	1380	1268	1637
		3 BB	940	1183	1018	1314	1018	1314	1222	1560
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	1022	1332	1103	1468	1103	1468	1320	1740
		3 BB	983	1268	1058	1394	1058	1394	1267	1650

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Kalymnos, Telendos & Pserimos

Just a short hop from Kos, the very friendly island of Kalymnos offers plenty of variety. From the bustling main port of Pothia in the south to the sleepy Greek charm of Emborios in the north, the island can accommodate a wide range of holiday tastes within its 21km length. The distinctive island of Telendos, lying just a kilometre off the mid-western shore, is a step back in time.



Massouri beach

In the past **Kalymnos** was famed for the bravery of its sponge-divers. However recent years have seen the island reinvent itself as an activity holiday centre. The island is now a mecca for rock climbers and attracts off-season walkers. Scuba diving and sea-kayaking are also available – see our website.

Most visitors stay in the narrow coastal area halfway up the western side. Fringed by a string of sand/pebble beaches, accommodation is centred in Myrties and Massouri, which are now almost one. A reasonable choice of restaurants and beach tavernas offer good value in traditional relaxed surroundings. Views from just about everywhere are spectacular to rocky Telendos opposite.

In the far northwest is tiny Emborios, comprising simply a tamarisk-fringed shingle beach (you can walk to others), five good taverna restaurants, a church and a small shop. Not much more to do here, then, other than swim, walk, read, eat and sleep in very peaceful surroundings, interrupted only by

the occasional goat and church bells. From Myrties and Massouri it is possible to explore the island by local bus. Elsewhere there are Byzantine chapels, ruined Knights' castles, the abandoned citadel-town of Pera Kastro and the impressive Kefala cave to discover.

Tiny **Telendos** is easily reached from Myrties in just ten minutes by water-taxi (which cost €3 last year and runs every half-hour until midnight). There is one tiny fishing hamlet and a number of sand-shingle beaches, one of which is naturist - the closest is just a five minute walk over the headland from the harbour. Blissfully tranquil (no cars), the pretty waterfront has half-a-dozen tavernas, a couple of cafes and a small shop or two.

A very sweet little island with a delightful 'away from it all' atmosphere, Telendos was once joined to Kalymnos but separated by an earthquake in AD 554. They say that, if you look hard, you can see the remains of a submerged village on the way across.

At just 15 sq kms **Pserimos** is little bigger. This rocky islet between Kos and Kalymnos comprises just one tiny village, some half dozen beaches, and many more goats than its 80 inhabitants! The sole village (and de facto 'capital') is Avlakia and is really most appealing. Fronted by a wide crescent of fine sand stretching around the bay which shelves into a very blue clean sheltered sea, everything is within a minute's walk of the beach.

Avlakia has some four tavernas, two cafes, one small shop for basics and a church. Other than some rough walking paths to other beaches (30-45 mins. - take water, provisions, a sun hat and good trainers) there is nothing to do, so you have no option other than to spend your days between the sea, beach and taverna! Do be aware that the island receives day trip boats from Kos between approximately midday and 3 pm. Although these short-stay visitors are only on Pserimos for about an hour before getting back on board, their local spend ensures the island's survival in difficult times.

KALYMNOS INFORMATION

Getting to Kalymnos, Telendos & Pserimos

Flight on various days from Gatwick, Manchester and a range of regional airports via Kos. Short taxi transfer to Mastihari (10 mins) and a 20-30 minute boat journey (there may be some waiting time at the port). Onward transfer to your accommodation (10-50 mins incl. a 10 min watertaxi ride for Telendos). On your return the reverse applies.

Representative

We have a local agent on Kalymnos but do not employ our own representative.

Car Hire

Can be arranged locally on Kalymnos by our agent or your hotel.

Multi-Centre Options

These three islands combine very easily as they are so close - please note that for transfer reasons Pserimos must always be booked as your last island. Kalymnos and Telendos (but not Pserimos) have good ferry connections with many of the other Dodecanese islands - please enquire.

Ambiance Studios Massouri, Kalymnos

The Ambiance Studios occupy an enviable position being located above the sea by the northern end of Massouri beach, which is reached directly by steps from the side of the hotel. They enjoy superb open views to the island rock of Telendos which you feel you can almost touch.

There are 16 studios built on four floors, all with sea and Telendos views. Most are double bedded (there are a few twins) and attractively furnished in a simple modern Greek style. All have a furnished balcony, kitchenette with fridge and light cooking facilities (2 rings) and kettle, TV, air conditioning and hairdryer. The studios are of a

good size and most can take an extra bed. Bathrooms are with shower.

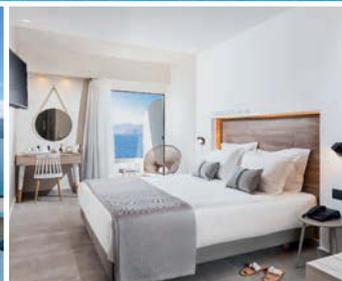
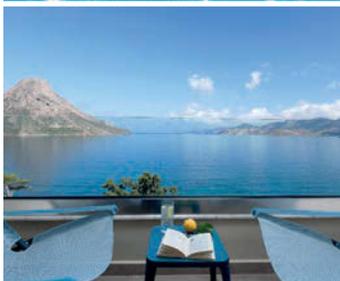
Guests can enjoy light meals and drinks at the on-site cafe bar and spacious terrace at the bottom of the property above the sea, which has an area for sun beds.

There are a variety of cafes, tavernas and mini-markets an easy walk from the studios, all you need for a traditionally lazy, relaxing and typically Greek holiday.

Note: Ambiance does not accommodate children under 10 years of age. Due to the steps within the hotel we would not recommend a stay here for those with mobility difficulties.



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



Carian Hotel Massouri, Kalymnos

Following a complete refurbishment and upgrade in 2018, we believe the Carian now offers the best modern hotel standards on Kalymnos. In addition it has a wonderful location, directly above the sea towards the quieter northern end of Massouri. Below the hotel is a pair of small pebble coves from which to swim.

The hotel has only 34 rooms in total, ensuring a personal and efficient service to guests. Rooms are double bedded with AC, satellite TV, free Wifi, mini-bar, room safe and hairdryer. Bathrooms have a walk-in shower and all our rooms have a front balcony with memorable views over the sea to Telendos island. Furnishings are cool and contemporary with light coloured woods and fabrics to the fore.

The pool area is below the hotel close to the sea and has a pool snack bar, a great venue for a sundowner. From here a rough path leads to the two aforementioned coves with crystal waters in just a minute. Massouri's main sandy beach is a 5-6 minute walk away (450m) and you will find a range of tavernas and cafes nearby.

The Carian also has Calliope Wellness Spa next door, which offers a full range of treatments, and has its own car hire.

To the rear of the hotel are the high rock cliffs so typical of Kalymnos and a magnet for climbers.

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

Myrties Apartments

Myrties, Kalymnos

These top notch apartments are the best we have found on Kalymnos. They are on a small hill at the entrance to Myrties, far enough from the main road to be peaceful but close enough for quick access to the beach, bus stop, shops and tavernas. They also enjoy spectacular views to Telendos just over the bay, which is easily reached.

There is just a pair of very spacious apartments here. Each has a living room with a double sofa-bed (can be two singles), a well equipped kitchen area (2-ring mini-oven, microwave, fridge), a twin bedroom (can be double on request), large modern full bathroom, and a choice of either the large front veranda or side terrace, with garden furniture and sunbeds from which to admire the views over Myrties Bay to Telendos.

Mod cons include sat TV, DVD, full AC (both rooms), safety deposit box, free Wifi, beach towels, bathroom amenities and robes.

The apartments are 350m from Myrties beach and the watertaxi for Telendos, which takes just 10 mins, costs peanuts and runs every half hour until midnight, making it easy to pop over for dinner.

Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply on bookings made by 30/4. Please enquire for a costing.

The Apartments:
Self Catering

Apartments for 2/4
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Harry's Paradise Garden

Emborios, Kalymnos

When you see the gardens here you will understand why this small block of six studios is named as it is. They are really quite magnificent, full of shrubs, trees, plants and rioting flowers! Set in this garden, away from the rooms, is an excellent restaurant, well known in the area.

The rooms are equally as lovely, being spacious and contemporary with a beautiful design and decor. Each is double or twin-bedded, with air-conditioning, safety-deposit box, a small kitchen area with light cooking facilities (2 rings, fridge), a very nice modern shower room, and

large covered terrace overlooking the gardens to the front.

Next door is a small stone cottage called Alexandra. This is very traditional with a raised double bedded platform to one side of the air conditioned living room, a simple kitchen, shower room and a shaded stone garden terrace. The cottage has plenty of rustic Greek charm.

It is just 100 metres to the beach, and you will find another four tavernas and a mini-market close to hand in this peaceful and most relaxing little village. Please note the bus service from here is limited.



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

Porto Potha Hotel Telendos

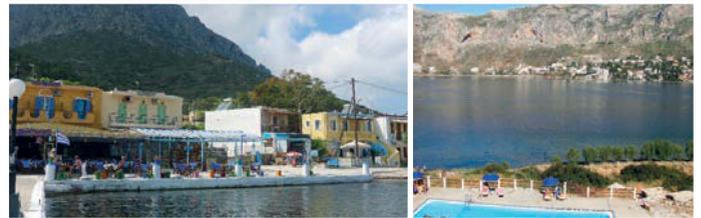
The Porto Potha is the only hotel on Telendos and built on the hillside above a narrow sand-shingle beach. It is a five minute walk to Telendos' quite charming waterfront.

The hotel is family-run and has 20 rooms, a mix of BB hotel rooms and suites on the first floor and SC studios in a separate building to the side. Mostly twin bedded, all possess air conditioning, shower room, fridge and a balcony with wonderful views over the strait to Kalymnos. The new Suites are corner rooms and possess double bedroom, separate living room and three balconies. The studios also possess basic kitchen facilities (2 rings). Furnishings are simple and traditional throughout.

Steps lead down to the good-sized sea water pool below, and continue on down to the beach and seaside path. Other small beaches may be found a 15 minute walk away.

Simple accommodation in peaceful natural surroundings (albeit a little scruffy in places) with great views. A taste of old style Greece - the family are most welcoming but do not expect very slick service! - we think you will have no option but to relax.

The Hotel: Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi
2 Stars
Bed & Breakfast
or Self Catering



Telendos waterfront



Pserimos

Pserimos Villas Pserimos

Just a minute's walk from the main beach on this small island are these stone and wood built apartments and a beautiful pool.

The Pserimos Villas are composed of 18 units of different sizes to suit couples and families alike looking for a place to relax and enjoy the simplicity of a small island lifestyle spent between beach, pool and taverna, with a comfortable base to retreat to when it all gets too much!

The deluxe apartments for two persons are on the ground or first floor. They are open plan studio-style and have a double bed, kitchenette with light cooking facilities (2 rings, fridge) and shower room.

The superior houses can sleep up to four persons (if a family) and are also open plan. These are split level apartments with a spacious ground floor containing a sleeping area with double bed, kitchenette (as above), living room space and

shower room. The wooden mezzanine gallery above has a double or two single beds.

All units have AC, free Wifi, TV, hairdryer, bathroom amenities and a shaded front balcony or terrace with views over the gardens or pool.

The pool is large with attendant pool bar for drinks, ice creams and light snacks throughout the day.

A very friendly, clean and well run accommodation with the simple amenities of the small village (a handful of tavernas, two cafes, one small shop) very close to hand. This is a holiday where you can pack away your watch and practically live in a swimsuit.

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

KALYMNOS, TELENDOS & PSERIMOS ACCOMMODATION		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
Kalymnos									
Ambiance Studios	Studio 2 SC	1023	1284	1094	1400	1100	1406	1156	1461
Carian Hotel	Deluxe Room 2 BB	1190	1618	1377	1985	1403	2042	1502	2153
Harrys Paradise Garden	Studio 2 SC	997	1226	1068	1342	1074	1348	1130	1403
	3 SC	905	1079	957	1153	960	1156	1015	1211
Myrties Boutique	One Bedroom 2 SC	1132	1497	1218	1634	1218	1634	1352	1848
	3 SC	1059	1387	1141	1516	1141	1516	1153	1486
	4 SC	1076	1386	1156	1511	1156	1511	1194	1530
Telendos									
Porto Potha	Standard Room 2 BB	1036	1280	1098	1376	1106	1386	1161	1440
	3 BB	977	1193	1035	1282	1043	1291	1098	1346
	2 SC	1048	1304	1102	1388	1114	1402	1169	1456
	3 SC	985	1209	1038	1292	1051	1307	1106	1362
	Suite 2 BB	1160	1526	1222	1647	1257	1688	1312	1743
	3 BB	1081	1400	1144	1517	1173	1551	1228	1606

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ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	From		To		From		To	
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		Pserimos	Deluxe Apartment 2 SC	1268	1745	1398	1986	1414	2002
Pserimos Villas	Superior House 2 SC	1332	1872	1462	2113	1478	2129	1532	2184

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Patmos

Patmos' fame belies its size. This is where St John the Divine wrote the Book of Revelation, and the island hence receives many visitors, most of whom stay for only a few hours before returning to their cruise boat. That leaves the rest of this starkly beautiful island to those who, like us, prefer to fall under Patmos' spell in its own time.



It is the most northerly island of the Dodecanese and one of the smallest, measuring little over 20 square miles. Its hilly interior and highly indented coastline, however, means there is plenty of scope for walking and independent exploration.

The attractive port of Skala is the best place to stay, as everything seems to start from here. Skala is a bustling, quite sophisticated little

place, with elegant arcaded cafés (a legacy of the Italians, who were here until 1947), fine tavernas and some smart shops hidden in the narrow backstreets.

A surprisingly good bus service runs at regular intervals to beaches and villages north and south, and to Hora and the monastery above. Skala has sand of its own, and caiques leave the quay for other beaches, such as

sandy Psili Ammos (only accessible by boat or on foot). Sea excursions operate 'around the island', as well as to nearby Arki and Lipsi.

High on the hill above Skala is the Monastery of St John, the white houses of Hora clustered below its imposing fortifications for protection. It is one of the magnificent sights of Greece. Founded in the 11th century, the monastery contains treasures second only to Athos. The best way to visit is by a 40 minute walk up the shaded cobbled path from Skala, via the Cave of the Apocalypse where St John received the Word of God. Hora is quite beautiful, with its old mansions and flower-filled courtyards, and has some good restaurants. The views from the square over Patmos and the Aegean are stunning.



PATMOS INFORMATION

Getting to Patmos

Flights to Samos or Kos with onward ferry to Patmos (2 hrs 15 mins - 2 hrs 45 mins). It is likely that an overnight hotel will be required in one or both directions - this will be arranged by Sunvil and normally advised at the time of booking. Ferry information is based on 2019 schedules and subject to change.

Multi-Centre Options

The easiest islands to combine with Patmos are Samos, Lipsi, Leros, Kalymnos and Telendos and Kos. There are also ferry links to most of the other Dodecanese island chain as well as Icaria and Fourni. Please enquire for a tailor-made itinerary and quote.

Representative

We do not employ a resident representative on Patmos but have a local agent based in Skala. Our rep in Samos can always be contacted if required.

Patmos Garden Skala

Flowers and shrubs surround this highly praised accommodation, which is in a quiet corner of Skala just 500m from the harbour (no hills) with views to Chora and the monastery.

The seven studios are mostly ground floor. They are tastefully furnished and all possess a double or twin beds, kitchenette area with cooking rings, mini-oven and fridge, and a tiled shower/wc. A pair are maisonette-style with a sleeping gallery above a living area. All studios have a sitting-out area in the garden.

The four detached cottages are a little further up the garden. Each has two twin bedrooms (or one bedroom and a sleeping gallery) - there is one double - plus a spacious living room, a kitchen (oven, hob, fridge), a shower room, and a spacious covered veranda to the front overlooking the colourful gardens and pool.

Décor and furnishings throughout are tasteful and of good quality, and all studios and cottages possess hairdryer, safety deposit box (free) and air conditioning.

In the beautiful garden is a lovely freshwater swimming pool measuring over 100 sq. m. (depth 1.1m - 2.6m).

Despite the somewhat convoluted journey, Patmos Garden has many repeat guests, which speaks for itself.

Air Conditioning: available at a local daily charge of 6 euros (studio), 12 euros (cottage which has 2 AC units)

The Apartments:
Self Catering

Studios for 2/3
Cottages for up to 5
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Cottages

Studio



Skala port



Skala Hotel Skala

This well-established hotel (since 1983) enjoys an excellent location close to the centre of Skala and only 50m back from the harbourfront. Entrance is via a tunnel of jasmine and bougainvillea into a tranquil garden courtyard – a haven from the bustling port beyond.

The hotel has 78 rooms housed in two buildings. All rooms possess air-conditioning, mini-bar, tv, telephone, hair-dryer, shower room (some bath) and balcony – views are mainly to the mountain, monastery or garden. Recent renovation means that furnishings

and décor are light, up-to-date and tasteful. Rooms in the main building are served by a lift.

The hotel has a bar, free wi-fi throughout (as well as an internet corner) and offers a good continental buffet breakfast. The pool is to one side of the garden and measures 15m x 8m.

The Hotel:
3 Stars
Bed & Breakfast

Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi

PATMOS		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	
Patmos Garden	Studio	2 SC	994	1180	1068	1331	1106	1462	1254	1611
		3 SC	957	1128	1017	1240	1042	1327	1160	1445
	2 Bedroom	2 SC	1074	1340	1168	1561	1236	1800	1461	2025
		3 SC	965	1144	1038	1303	1084	1462	1252	1631
		4 SC	944	1081	1008	1208	1042	1328	1182	1468
Skala Hotel	Standard Room	2 BB	1048	1288	1164	1486	1165	1488	1458	2020
		3 BB	986	1187	1088	1358	1089	1359	1333	1791
	Family Room	3 BB	1038	1291	1140	1463	1142	1464	1442	2010
		4 BB	1000	1191	1085	1328	1086	1330	1325	1752

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Lipsi & Leros

The charming sister islands of Lipsi and Leros lie between Kalymnos and Patmos. They are only 20 minutes apart by the fast Dodecanese Lines catamaran but quite contrasting and thus can make an easy and good twin-island option. Lipsi is the smaller of the two – only 16 sq kms – and there are many even tinier islets in the surrounding archipelago, most uninhabited.



Unspoiled **Lipsi's** sleepy atmosphere, limited tourist numbers and fine beaches make it ideal 'away from it all' territory. The little port is the only village. Most tavernas are, of course, on the quayside, from where steps lead up to the old part of the village. There is a good sandy town beach, and others can be reached on foot or by minibus.

Lipsi offers good walking amongst its gentle rolling landscape dotted with blue-domed chapels, and even has its own archipelago of deserted satellite islets, many of which can be visited by excursion boat. Boats also

run to Patmos for the day.

This is a pastoral island, green and rural, where you can completely relax and forget the world outside.

Gentle **Leros** has a heavily indented coastline, resulting in plenty of sheltered coves and bays. These made Leros an attractive anchorage in WW2, and the Battle of Leros is commemorated here every September.

Inland, there are a surprising number of traditional villages for such a small island, as well as Crusader castles and Byzantine chapels to discover.

There are three beaches within the wide sweep of Alinda Bay and quiet Krithoni is the middle one. To the north is the small resort of Alinda; to the south the attractive little port of Ayia Marina, above which is the handsome capital Platanos topped by a Knight's castle.

Leros is an untouristic, very friendly and genuine island worthy of exploration, and one where you can still often find a small beach or cove to yourself.

LIPSI & LEROS INFORMATION

Getting to Lipsi & Leros

Wednesday flights from Gatwick and a range of regional airports to Kos. Then taxi to port (20 mins) and high speed ferry to Leros (90 mins) and Lipsi (2 hrs. – ticket included). Short transfer to accommodation. On your return the reverse applies. Based on last year's ferry connections it will probably be necessary to overnight in Kos on arrival or departure and this will be prebooked in a BB hotel with all additional transfers provided. Leros also has domestic flights from Athens.

Representative

We do not have a representative on these islands. The hoteliers will happily provide local information and our main agent in Rhodes can always be contacted.

Multi-Centre Options

Lipsi and Leros are a perfect combination as they are contrasting and only 20 mins apart by ferry. However they can also combine with any other Dodecanese island – Kalymnos and Telendos are the next closest.



Lipsi



Leros

Lipsi Nefeli Hotel Lipsi

This is a really lovely accommodation, offering plenty of space, peace and quiet, high standards, good views and easy access to both beach and the pretty port. Built directly above the sandy beach of Kampos, a 10 minute walk from Lipsi harbour, its hillside location provides magnificent views over the sea.

All 20 units are spacious and stylishly furnished - a mix of traditional and modern - with large front terraces to make the most of the views.

The studios have built-in twin beds, a kitchenette (electric rings, fridge) and shower room. The 1-bedroom apartments are open-plan with a living area. The 2-bedroom apartments have a separate living room with a full kitchen. All units possess sofa-beds for one or two

children, air-conditioning, TV, WiFi and sea view terrace.

As access from the main road is a little steep in parts a stay here may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties.

This is a sister-hotel to the Leros Nefeli, and equally as well run - a split-stay holiday between them is highly recommended and very easy as the islands are only 20 minutes apart by sea.

The Hotel: Apartments for 2/5
3 Stars
Bed & Breakfast
Studios for 2/3
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



Leros Nefeli Hotel Leros

Designed in harmony with the local architecture, the Leros Nefeli Hotel enjoys a quiet location in the little village of Krithoni, 60 metres from the long sand/shingle beach.

There are 24 units here, contained within two-storey blocks split between studios and apartments. All are spacious inside, with studios comprising built-in twin beds, open-plan kitchen area (electric rings, fridge) with a built-in sofa bed for a child, and shower room. The 1-bedroom apartments are open-plan and have an additional living/kitchen area with two built-in sofa-beds for children. The 2-bedroom apartments have a separate living room.

All units possess air-conditioning, TV and balcony or garden terrace with some offering sea view.

There are beautiful gardens of palm trees and bougainvillea where breakfast is served and there is bar service during the day. Tavernas can be found within a 10-15 minute walk either close to Alinda beach or a wider choice within the picturesque port of Ayia Marina.

This is a sister-hotel to the Lipsi Nefeli, and equally as well run - a split-stay holiday is highly recommended and very easy as the islands are only 20 minutes apart.

The Hotel: Apartments for 2/5
3 Star Hotel
Bed & Breakfast
Studios for 2/3
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi

LIPSI & LEROS		Guide prices per person in £s departing during									
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Nefeli Lipsi	Studio	2	BB	1015	1244	1160	1576	1236	1664	1303	1732
	One Bedroom	2	BB	1102	1420	1296	1884	1408	2016	1482	2090
	Two Bedroom Suite	2	BB	1194	1602	1383	2100	1536	2280	1617	2360
		3	BB	1038	1313	1175	1656	1278	1775	1350	1847
		4	BB	993	1201	1104	1467	1181	1556	1249	1624
	5	BB	941	1108	1037	1328	1098	1400	1163	1465	
Nefeli Leros	Studio	2	BB	1026	1212	1128	1456	1203	1544	1270	1612
	One Bedroom Apartment	2	BB	1114	1387	1192	1624	1308	1760	1382	1834
	One Bedroom Suite	2	BB	1138	1435	1216	1690	1348	1844	1426	1922
	Two Bedroom Suite	2	BB	1182	1522	1326	1932	1480	2112	1560	2192
		3	BB	1040	1269	1148	1554	1250	1673	1322	1745
	4	BB	1014	1188	1103	1410	1180	1499	1248	1567	
	5	BB	962	1103	1041	1287	1102	1359	1167	1424	

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Karpathos

Karpathos lies between Rhodes and Crete and is the third largest of the Dodecanese. Long, narrow, remote and starkly beautiful (especially in the vertiginous north), it is similar in these respects to Amorgos and Ikaria. However, with flight connections from Rhodes and Athens it is not as difficult to reach.

The southern third is lower-lying and has the airport so it is here that most people stay, especially in and around Pighadia, the island capital. Situated to the south of beautiful Vrondi bay – a magnificent 3km stretch of golden sand – the town itself offers all the facilities you need, including a good choice of tavernas, cafés and shops.

Pighadia port is the departure point for excursion boats to the north. Some superb east coast beaches, such as famous white-sand Apella,



Olymbos Village

can be reached by sea or 4x4, but the best trip is to stay on the boat and continue up the coast to the remote fishing village of Diafani, where buses take you the short distance to Olymbos. This mountain village is known throughout Greece for its traditional ways – a sign of its historical isolation – where locals still wear colourful embroidered dress and speak an ancient dialect. Although the continuation of some of these traditions today may have a slightly commercial aspect, the village is well worth seeing.

Between the two, not far from Pighadia and fine to explore by car, is a scattering of very attractive villages in the foothills of Mount Kalilimni (1215m), such as Pyles. From here you can take the west coast road to Lefkos, three gorgeous sandy bays with a small summer resort-village behind. Despite its growing popularity Lefkos remains quiet and laid back for much of the

year, only busy for a few peak weeks, and has at least a dozen restaurants, a selection of small shops, sunbeds and car hire available.

For a relaxing holiday in attractive low-key environs, with a choice of beaches as good as you'll find anywhere on your doorstep, we think Lefkos would be hard to beat.



KARPATHOS INFORMATION

Getting To Karpathos

Flights from Gatwick or Manchester to Rhodes – other regional airports may be available. Alternatively via Athens. Domestic flight to Karpathos (35 mins.). Then 30-75 min. taxi transfer to accommodation. On your return the reverse applies. It may be necessary to overnight on arrival or departure – we hope to have this information available at the time of booking.

Representative

We do not have a representative on Karpathos. The hoteliers will happily provide local information and our main agent in Rhodes can always be contacted.

Multi-Centre Options

With any other Dodecanese island (via Rhodes) – please enquire.

Avra Studios Lefkos

This small unit stands across a small road (not busy) just 10 metres from Frangolimnionas beach, the third of Lefkos' lovely sandy bays.

Avra has only five studios and one apartment on its two floors. They are spacious and nicely furnished in a light modern style. All possess twin beds (can be placed together), air-conditioning, TV, corner kitchenette (electric rings, fridge), safety-deposit box (€7 per week), hairdryer and nice tiled shower room.

Each room opens onto a large open front sun terrace with fine views over the beach and sea to Sokastro islet just offshore and, on the horizon, Kassos.

The 1-bedroom apartment on the first floor has the same facilities and comprises a double bedroom and separate living room with a sofa-bed for a child. Both rooms have air-con and both open onto a very large front sea view terrace.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €7 (studio) and €10 (apartment, 2 x AC units) per day.

The Studios: Studios for 2
Self Catering Apartment for 2/3
Air Conditioning



Pighadia beach

Sunrise Hotel Pighadia

For those who prefer to be in town, the Sunrise is a 5 minute walk from the harbour and 10-15 minutes from the start of Pighadia's long sandy beach. Despite its central location the hotel is not especially noisy.

The hotel has 30 simply furnished rooms on its four upper floors, served by a lift. All possess AC, TV, mini-fridge, hairdryer, room-safe, small shower room and a good-sized covered balcony, most with lovely views over the harbour and bay. WiFi is available at a local charge by the hour (€1), day (€5) or €15 for 100 hours.

On the ground floor there is a lounge and snack bar. A continental buffet breakfast is laid out here and can be taken on the terrace to the front.

You will find a good selection of shops, tavernas and cafes within a short walk, as is the bus station. Pighadia is the best place to be for boat trips up the coast to other beaches and the famous village of Olymbos in the remote north.

The Hotel: 2 Stars
Bed & Breakfast
Air Conditioning
WiFi

KARPATHOS		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)					
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Avra Studios	Studio	2	SC	842	1115	850	1166	908	1226	996	1312
		3	SC	784	1030	786	1060	836	1111	923	1198
	One Bedroom Apartment	2	SC	1108	1648	1097	1637	1131	1671	1218	1758
		3	SC	901	1263	890	1252	924	1286	1011	1373
	4	SC	842	1115	830	1104	864	1138	952	1225	
Sunrise Hotel	Mountain View	2	BB	735	905	728	898	762	932	868	1052
	Sea View	2	BB	751	937	743	929	777	963	932	1166
	Family Room	3	BB	726	918	720	913	754	947	865	1075

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Other Dodecanese Islands

see www.sunvil.co.uk for details

Astypalea

Fashionable, remote Astypalea feels more Cycladic than other islands in the Dodecanese, due to its whitewashed Hora, one of the most striking in the Aegean and crowned by the inevitable Kastro. Livadia, in the next bay, is a fine beach, wide and long, but avoid August when the island is heaving! Has a ferry link with Amorgos.

Astypalea Palace (4 Star Boutique Hotel, B/B)

Surprisingly luxurious small hotel at the top of the town a short walk from the atmospheric old town. The rooms are like mini-suites, lushly furnished with all mod cons and great sea and Hora views. A small plunge pool completes the picture. Car hire recommended.



Kassos

For those who recall visiting the smaller Greek islands 30 years ago, this welcoming traditional island will bring back memories of how things used to be! Lying just a few miles off Karpathos' south western tip, rocky Kassos is one of the remoter islands of the Dodecanese and little visited. The capital is called Fry (pronounced 'free'). It is a little scruffy but overwhelmingly friendly, and has a most attractive fishing harbour. Real Greece at her best!

Hotel Anagenisis (2 Star, B/B)

This traditional Greek harbour hotel has been recently renovated and offers simple accommodation overlooking Fry's small port. Fry is a small place and you will find all amenities of the village within a few minutes walk. There is a small pebble beach a 5 minute walk away, and a better one at Emborios in 15 minutes.



Kastellorizo

Kastellorizo is the most south-easterly island of the Dodecanese and one of the smallest. It lies very close to Turkey – the town of Kas is but 3 miles across the strait. The main port is called Mandraki. A natural horseshoe-shaped harbour, Kastellorizo (like Symi and Halki) enjoyed a wealthy sea-faring past, as is reflected in its handsome neoclassical harbour mansions now slowly being restored.

Kastellorizo Hotel (3 Stars, B/B)

Located directly above the sea on the quiet side of Kastellorizo's harbour, this small boutique-style hotel offers 14 rooms housed in five separate buildings, all traditionally furnished with care and taste. The majority have front or side sea views over the harbour to the pastel-shaded houses which line the waterfront opposite and the mountain behind.



Kos

The third largest island in the Dodecanese, Kos has managed to balance catering for tourists' interests without losing its identity as an island steeped in history and blessed with natural beauty. Certainly you will find beach resorts but just as easily you can discover secluded bays and traditional villages. Kos Town is elegant and historic, as evidenced by its large Agora and the Asklepieion where Hippocrates himself practised medicine.

Alexandra City Hotel (3 Stars, B/B)

Centrally located in Kos Town, the Alexander is extremely well placed for exploration as it is a just few minutes' walk from all the main attractions and 10 minutes from the start of the long town beach should you need a dip to cool off.



Nisyros

Atmospheric Nisyros is distinguished by the pair of large volcanic craters at its centre which are still active (the last eruption was in 1888!) and a variety of walking trails offer fabulous views over these to neighbouring islands. You can explore the moonlike crater floor and its bubbling mud pools. Legend has it that the seismic sound effects are the groaning of a giant defeated in battle by Poseidon!

Porfyris Hotel (2 Stars, B/B)

Quietly located close to Mandraki's attractive central square, the Porfyris has 38 comfortable rooms and fine views over the port to the sea. Facilities include a large swimming pool, particularly welcome to those who have spent the day exploring the volcano.



Rhodes

Rhodes is the largest of the Dodecanese and the most popular, as the island enjoys one of the best sunshine records in the Med. and a string of fine sandy beaches. It also boasts one of the best preserved medieval cities in the world in Rhodes Old Town. Here the Crusading Knights of St. John had their headquarters for over 200 years, and it is their silent presence that holds sway still.

Cava D'Oro Hotel (3 Stars, B/B)

This 800 year old building is in what was once the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. Although in a quiet corner beneath the walls, you can walk to the main square in less than five minutes. The Cava D'Oro combines character and modern comforts with an atmospheric location.

