



Tolon & Nafplion

We have featured Tolon every year since the early days of our Greece programme (1976!), and seen the village grow into a thriving small resort with a very wide appeal. We are not surprised – beach apart, the sheer range of things you can see and do from here is enormous.



We would recommend Tolon in particular to families, parties of mixed ages or interests, first time visitors to Greece, and anyone with even a passing interest in history and archaeology. One thing we can promise is that you will not get bored!

Built around the curve of a sheltered bay, Tolon has a very long sandy beach - narrow at the village end, widening out as you walk around the bay - which has a coveted Blue Flag (2018). Water sports are available, small motorboats can be rented, and two pretty islets await exploration a short pedalo ride across the bay. A tempting array of cafés and small restaurants lines the beach – there are more in the village, as well as a sprinkling of bars.

Tolon lies in the heart of the Argolid, the north-eastern corner of the Peloponnese. All about is evidence of a turbulent and fascinating past. This was the arena of city states,

whose battles are now legend. From Tolon it is easy to visit ancient Mycenae, Argos, Tyrins, Corinth and the impressive amphitheatre of Epidavros (classical plays performed here during June, July and August – our local representative can arrange transportation). All are accessible by organised excursion, hire car or local bus, as is Athens. Boat excursions run regularly to the Saronic isles of Hydra and Spetses.

A ten minute walk over the headland is ancient Assini, from where a fleet was launched against Troy. There can be few, if any, Homeric sites which you can explore, then swim from the beach below followed by a lazy taverna lunch overlooking the bay! The site has recently had major EU funding and is a must-see – visit our website for further details.

Although busy at weekends and in the high season, largely with Athenians, Tolon has retained its charm and friendliness.

A 25 minute bus ride (buses hourly) takes you to elegant Nafplion. Largely Venetian it is topped by massive fortifications (1,000 steps up!) and adjudged one of the most handsome towns in Greece.

Nafplion was the first capital of the modern nation and the narrow lanes of the old town, its mix of Venetian, Turkish and neoclassical architecture, the busy waterfront, the shaded squares and the many fine tavernas, make this historic town a magnet for Greek and foreign visitors alike.



TOLON & NAFPLION INFORMATION

Getting to Tolon & Nafplion

Saturday flight Heathrow to Athens or, Manchester to Kalamata. Then 2 hours by coach or shared taxi. For flight details see page 270. We can also arrange odd durations and tailor-made holidays with taxi transfers or car from Kalamata or Athens airport.

Multi-Centre Options

Tailor made with Athens, islands easily reached from Athens and any South Peloponnese resort (with a car). Tolon should be booked as the first centre.

Car & Motorboat Hire

See pages 268-9 for details.

Free Activities from Tolon

2 hrs free motorboat plus free use of bicycles for all Tolon guests. See resort pages.

Representative

Based in Tolon.

Things to do from Tolon

There is so much to see and do from Tolon that you may have trouble fitting it all in – at least if you want to leave some time for the beach! Below are some of the options that were available last summer, all of which you can book locally through our resort representative.

Coach trips...

All coaches are fully air-conditioned and escorted. Should numbers be small excursions may operate by minibus or taxi (not escorted).

- **Ancient Epidavros, Mycenae & Nafplion** (€69)
- **Ancient Corinth & Corinth Canal** (€65)
- **Athens** (€70)
- **Epidavros Performance** (Jul/Aug) – by taxi
- **Winery visit & tasting** (€35 – Jun-Sep)

Cruises...

Operated by Pegasus Cruises on their fast, modern and comfortable boats.

- **Hydra & Spetses** (€34)
- **Nafplion by Night** (€10 – high season)

Local options...

- For Sunvil guests only, a popular **Greek Meze Night** (€24)
- **Local Walks** see your Sunvil representative.
- Explore the Homeric site of **Ancient Assini** just over the headland (free).

General excursion notes: Children aged 5-12 reductions of up to 50% (under 5 free); entrance fees are included (reductions apply for over-65s and accredited students in full time education; major credit cards accepted; excursions operate subject to demand; there may be changes to last year's programme.



Corinth Canal



Ancient Epidavros Theatre

Tolon Activities

To help make the most of your stay in Tolon we are offering the following to all Sunvil guests staying for 1 week.

Free Motorboat

2 hours free motorboat hire

A very popular activity. Cruise around the bay, down the coast or to the back of Romvi island where there is a beach and crystal clear water for swimming and/or a picnic. Boats are 5.5m with 20hp inboard diesel engines licensed for 6-7 persons. No previous experience is required as basic boat handling instruction will be given.

The 2 hours free boat hire offer applies per party, includes fuel and can be extended locally at an additional charge.

Free use of Bicycles

A communal pool of bicycles for all guests to use free of charge.

We have both adult and child bikes available (frame sizes from 20" to 26").

The area around Tolon is excellent for cycling, being on the whole largely flat with a network of small country roads running through orange and lemon groves.

Bikes are intended for casual daytime use around the local area only - they are not permitted to be ridden to Nafplion for example, as the main road is busy! Any loss or damage to the bicycle is the users responsibility. Locks and helmets are provided; and kiddy-seats are available at a small local charge (note: we do not supply helmets for

small children). There is a small charge for repairs (punctures etc.) and should you need assistance outside Tolon a call-out charge will be made.

Bicycles are subject to availability and fair usage policy - they are not intended for unlimited use. Please book them out via your Sunvil Tolon representative. As there is no charge made, no refunds will be considered for any reason.

We are sure that the provision of these facilities at no additional cost will enhance your overall holiday experience to Tolon.



Watersports available locally

- Waterski (tuition available)
- Windsurfing (tuition available)
- Banana rides
- Ringo rides

There is a dive school in Tolon who also operate popular snorkeling boat trips.

See: www.seabreeze-tolo.gr

Please see your Sunvil representative on arrival for details of any of the above.



Lido Apartments Tolon

Lido is our main accommodation in Tolon. We selected it for its space and excellent location, being in a quiet side street a minute or two's walk from the beach and the street (with no hills to negotiate). To the front, across the side road, the Lido has its own large freshwater swimming pool (depth 1m-1.75m) with poolside furniture.

Built around a courtyard in a number of 2-storeyed blocks, all units have air-conditioning. The studios are first (top) floor with twin beds, kitchenette (mini-oven, hob, fridge); shower room with wc; and balcony or sun terrace. An iron and ironing board can be supplied on request locally in all units. They can take an extra folding bed for a child with ease.

The 1-bedroomed apartments have a twin bedroom; living room area (again spacious with a twin or double sofa-bed or two single beds), kitchenette (mini-oven, hob, fridge); bathroom with renovated walk-in shower (2018); and balcony or terrace.

The 2-bedroomed apartments are on three levels maisonette style. They comprise an upper ground floor open-plan living room with a twin bedded sleeping gallery above and a cool lower-ground floor twin or triple bedroom (note: quite steep steps). Other facilities are as per the 1-bedroom.

Lido has been a mainstay of our Tolon programme for many years. Although an older property, and typically simply furnished, it offers excellent value, plenty of space (especially good for families) and a quiet location within a very short easy walk of restaurants, shops and beach.



Air-conditioning: Available at a local daily charge of 6 Euros per day (studio and 1 bedroom); 8 Euros per day (2 bedroom).

NOTE: The swimming pool operates from 16 May to 03 Oct.

<p>The Apartments: Self Catering</p>	<p>Studios for 2/3 Apartments for 2/4 and up to 6 Air Conditioning Swimming Pool Free WiFi</p>
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Ancient Assini bay is just over the headland

Hotel Romvi Tolon

The Romvi occupies a prime beachfront position at the 'old village' end of Tolon, a short walk from the harbour, high street, and cafés and tavernas. It is a typically Greek 'small and friendly' hotel.

The hotel comprises only 14 rooms on its upper two floors (note, no lift). Most are twin-bedded (there is one double on the middle floor) and some can take an extra bed for a child.

Sunvil's rooms are directly above the sea and each has a good-sized private balcony terrace from which to enjoy the gorgeous views over the bay and off-shore islands. All ours possess a modernised shower room (2012), individual air-conditioning, a fridge and tea/coffee making facilities. They have simple décor and furnishing.

The Family Suite comprises two rooms – one double at the front with sea view, one twin at the rear – each with AC and its own balcony (note: unrenovated shower room).

The large covered terrace downstairs houses a good restaurant (try the fish soup!). The terrace provides a welcome escape from the heat of the day where you can enjoy a drink or an ice-cream in the shade. The hotel provides sun beds and umbrellas free of charge on the beach for its guests.

The warm atmosphere, wonderful views, home cooking and excellent location draw many guests back to this charming little hotel year after year.

Air-conditioning: available at a local charge of €6 per day 01/6-30/9 – outside this period free of charge, as is breakfast.

Family Suite Note: breakfast and A/C are included.

The Hotel:	Sea View Rooms (Room Only)
2 Stars	Family Suite for up to 5 (BB)
	Air Conditioning
	Free WiFi



Romvi al fresco dining



Beach by Hotel Minoa

Hotel Minoa Tolon

Right on the sea, with a small beach to one side and close to Tolon's fishing harbour, is the Minoa Hotel. Long established, it has built up an excellent reputation and the family who run it ensure a friendly atmosphere.

All 44 rooms have been nicely updated and possess bright, modern decor, AC, sat TV, mini-fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, bathroom with bath or shower, and balcony - front rooms have lovely views to Romvi island opposite. Some front and rear rooms can interconnect, perfect for families.

There are four superb Suites on the third floor and one penthouse suite on the top floor. Open-plan and tastefully furnished, they have double beds (can also sleep a third person on a double sofa-bed) plus

tea-making equipment and a walk-in hydro-massage shower (one is larger with a jacuzzi bath). All have a living area and a large private front sea view balcony with superlative views.

Facilities include a ground floor lounge, restaurant and covered beachside bar to one side, and a lift.

Sunbeds and umbrellas on the beach here are free of charge to hotel guests. Guests may also use the swimming pool of its sister hotel, the King Minos a 5 minute (but steep) walk away.

The Minoa offers not only an excellent location, perhaps the best in the village, but a standard of comfort and facilities above its official category and in our opinion is one of the best run and most comfortable hotels in Tolon.

Due to its location, ramp access for wheelchair users and lift we consider the Minoa to be a good choice for those of limited mobility.



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The Hotel:	Air Conditioning
3 Star	Use of pool
Bed & Breakfast	Free WiFi

King Minos Hotel Tolon

Offering a high modern standard of comfort, great views and spacious rooms, King Minos is one of the premier hotels in Tolon.

A five minute walk from the beach near the Minoa Hotel, its position on the hill towards the harbour gives exquisite views, although the steep approach would not be suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. However the hotel does have a private parking area to the rear.

The hotel offers 57 large rooms of various types and contemporary tasteful décor. All have a hydro-massage shower or a bath (some jacuzzi) with standard shower attachment, satellite tv, air-conditioning, hairdryer, safety deposit box, iron/ironing board and minibar. Sea view rooms enjoy magnificent views over the bay from their large marble-tiled balcony. Some sea view rooms interconnect with a mountain view room – perfect for families with older children or different generations.

Family Suites have side sea or mountain views from the balcony, and are good for families as they can sleep up to four in two rooms with

two full sized sofa-beds in the second room (note: one is open-plan).

The 5th (top) floor houses the new Superior Suites. Large, modern and stylishly decorated, in addition to the room facilities listed above all have hydro-massage bath with shower, a sofa bed (either a double or two singles), sitting area and panoramic sea views from their large sun-terrace, which is furnished with wicker sun-loungers.

The ground floor is given over to an elegantly furnished lounge, bar and restaurant. The hotel offers complimentary WiFi, a fitness room and a sauna (local charge).

To the front is the large freshwater swimming pool with attendant pool bar (high season) and again stunning views over the village, bay, islands and mountainous coastline.

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



Stella Apartments Tolon

The highly recommended Stella Apartments occupy a prime beachfront location. They offer excellent modern standards and we consider them to be amongst the pick of Tolon's accommodation.

There are four maisonettes on the ground floor. Each boasts a spacious open sun terrace (shaded by a large sun-umbrella) with full sea views which leads directly down, via a few steps, onto the beach. Open-plan, each comprises a living room with a well equipped kitchen area (mini-oven, rings and fridge) and one or two sofa-beds for children or young adults, a tiled shower room and steep stairs up to a sleeping gallery above with twin beds (can be placed together) and sea views.

The spacious studios are housed on the second floor (there is no lift). Also twin-bedded they have an open-plan kitchen area, shower/wc and a good-sized private balcony with a retractable sunblind. Our studios are directly sea-facing and boast panoramic views over the bay and islands.

Fixtures and fittings are of top quality, and furnishings tasteful and modern. All units have a hairdryer and an iron and ironing board available on request from reception. In the courtyard is a stock of sun beds which guests are welcome to use free of charge on the beach immediately to the front.

Air-conditioning: Available at a local daily charge of €6 (studio); €8 (maisonette).

The Apartments:	Studios for 2/3
Self Catering	Maisonettes for 2/4
	Air Conditioning
	Free WiFi

Arethusa Hotel Apartments Tolon

The Arethusa's location, on the hillside towards the harbour end of Tolon, affords fine views over the village and bay.

The 18 ground and first floor studios here are built in pairs, stepped back for privacy. All possess double or twin beds (some have bunk-beds too for smaller children), AC, free WiFi, TV (with BBC World), 2-ring kitchenette (suitable for light cooking only), fridge, room-safe, hairdryer, walk-in shower and good-sized covered front sea view terrace.

The pool to the front is 86 sq m (depth 1m-2m) and has a children's section. The surrounding pool terrace has sun-beds and shade, and there is a poolside cafe-bar

servicing breakfast, snacks, light meals and drinks.

The 4-5 minute walk up from the beach and main street is steep in parts, so unsuited to anyone with walking difficulties unless a car is hired (there is parking).

The friendly service and hospitality you will encounter here is typical of the best family-run small Greek hotels.

The Apartments:
Self Catering

Studios for 2/4
Family Units for 4/6
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



The Nemean Games, June 2020

Relive the spirit of the Ancient Olympics and take part in the Nemean Games. Tolon is just a 45 minute drive away.

27th June 2020 brings the seventh modern Nemead. First staged in 573BC, the Nemean Games have been brought back to life by Professor Stephen Miller and are now held every four years in the ancient stadium of Nemea which dates from 330BC. Free entry for all; sprint the 90m in a traditional Greek tunic and be crowned a champion with a wreath of wild celery.

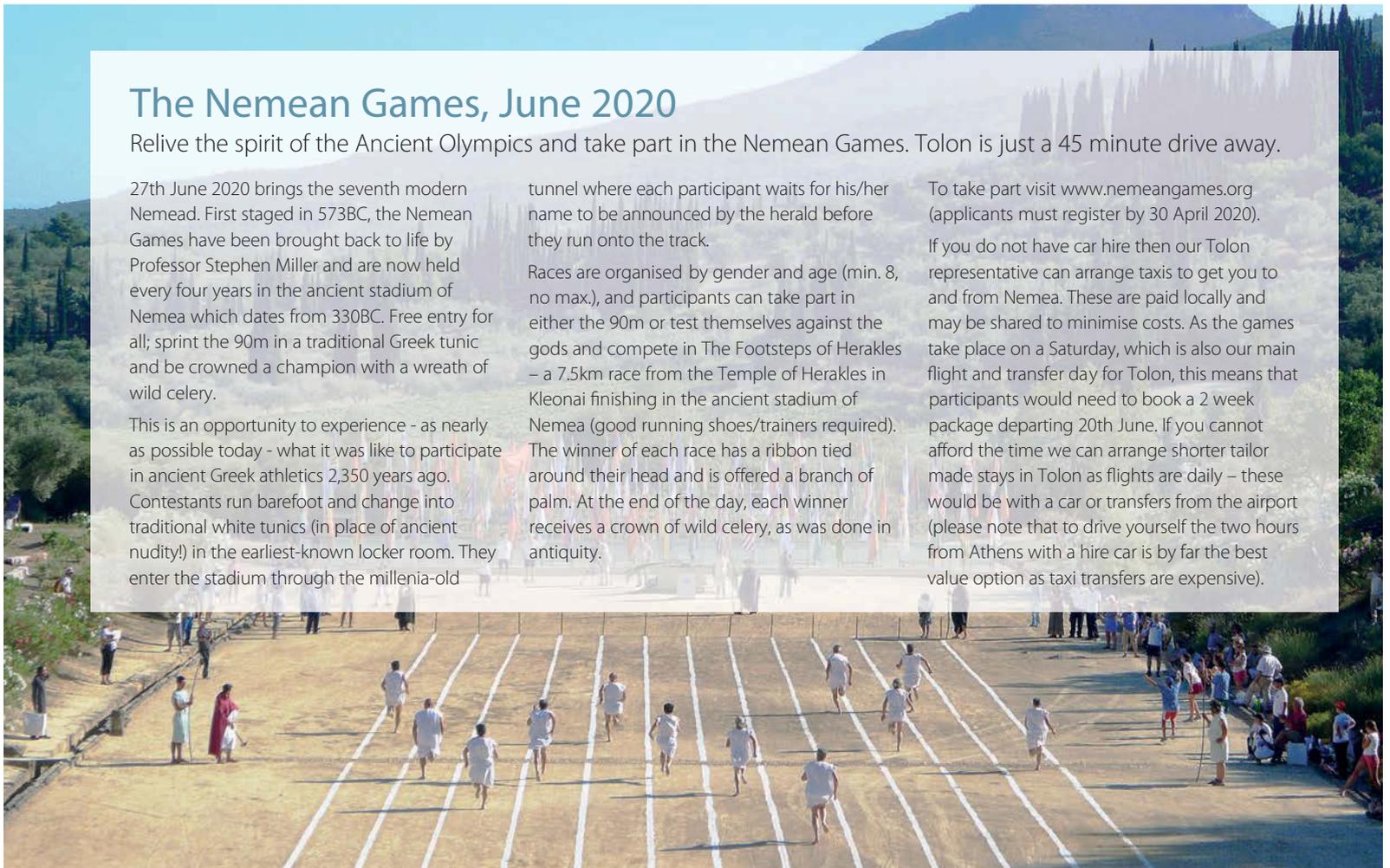
This is an opportunity to experience - as nearly as possible today - what it was like to participate in ancient Greek athletics 2,350 years ago. Contestants run barefoot and change into traditional white tunics (in place of ancient nudity!) in the earliest-known locker room. They enter the stadium through the millenia-old

tunnel where each participant waits for his/her name to be announced by the herald before they run onto the track.

Races are organised by gender and age (min. 8, no max.), and participants can take part in either the 90m or test themselves against the gods and compete in The Footsteps of Herakles - a 7.5km race from the Temple of Herakles in Kleonai finishing in the ancient stadium of Nemea (good running shoes/trainers required). The winner of each race has a ribbon tied around their head and is offered a branch of palm. At the end of the day, each winner receives a crown of wild celery, as was done in antiquity.

To take part visit www.nemeangames.org (applicants must register by 30 April 2020).

If you do not have car hire then our Tolon representative can arrange taxis to get you to and from Nemea. These are paid locally and may be shared to minimise costs. As the games take place on a Saturday, which is also our main flight and transfer day for Tolon, this means that participants would need to book a 2 week package departing 20th June. If you cannot afford the time we can arrange shorter tailor made stays in Tolon as flights are daily - these would be with a car or transfers from the airport (please note that to drive yourself the two hours from Athens with a hire car is by far the best value option as taxi transfers are expensive).



Grande Bretagne Hotel Nafplion

Housed in a neoclassical building dating from the 19th century, the Grande Bretagne has a central location on the edge of the old town overlooking the port area. All Nafplion's main attractions - museums, restaurants, the boats to visit the Bourtzi fortress in the bay - can be reached from here within a few minutes' walk.

The hotel is unashamedly old style, with rich decor, heavy drapes and curtains, and the odd chandelier. The 20 rooms here are on the upper

floors and served by a lift. Standard rooms to the front and side have sea view (only a few have a balcony, on request only), those to the rear have town views (no balcony). There are also suites and, under the eaves, attic suites, but beware the low beamed ceilings.

All possess AC, Wifi, TV, mini-fridge, hairdryer, room safe and bathroom, most with bath and shower above.

The ground floor houses the breakfast room, lounge and bar area.

Rather old school but comfortable and well located with friendly service.



The Hotel: 4 Stars
 Bed & Breakfast
 Air Conditioning
 WiFi



Nafplion

ACCOMMODATION		PERSONS BASIS	Guide prices per person in £s departing during							
			Low Season (May - end Jun & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (early Jul - early Sep)			
			From	To	From	To	From	To		
Arethusa	Studio	2 SC	752	910	821	1027	855	1101	918	1164
		3 SC	726	860	781	947	808	1000	865	1057
Grande Bretagne Hotel	Standard	2 BB	1032	1501	1054	1523	1054	1523	1112	1580
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	1078	1593	1100	1615	1100	1615	1158	1672
	Attic Suite	2 BB	1148	1732	1170	1754	1170	1754	1227	1810
	Suite	2 BB	1171	1778	1193	1800	1193	1800	1250	1857
King Minos	Standard Mountain View	2 BB	844	1109	901	1200	901	1243	1001	1343
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	886	1191	944	1286	944	1329	1044	1428
	Suite Mountain View	2 BB	959	1338	1012	1424	1012	1514	1160	1660
		3 BB	835	1090	878	1154	878	1214	995	1331
		4 BB	781	982	819	1036	819	1084	923	1188
	Suite Side Sea View	2 BB	980	1379	1034	1466	1034	1514	1138	1618
		3 BB	849	1117	892	1183	892	1214	981	1303
		4 BB	791	1002	832	1062	832	1086	912	1166
	Suite Front Sea View	2 BB	1086	1592	1176	1750	1176	1806	1288	1918
		3 BB	947	1314	1018	1435	1018	1469	1110	1561
		4 BB	879	1178	939	1277	939	1301	1020	1381
	Lido	Studio	2 SC	732	841	764	894	800	930	857
		3 SC	693	763	722	806	754	838	811	895
1 Bedroom		2 SC	771	918	807	992	866	1042	923	1098
		3 SC	719	815	750	875	805	919	862	976
		4 SC	693	762	722	816	774	858	831	914
2 Bedroom		2 SC	810	996	850	1081	912	1134	969	1190
		3 SC	745	867	779	934	835	980	892	1037
		4 SC	712	802	743	860	797	904	854	960
	5 SC	693	763	722	816	774	858	831	915	
	6 SC	680	737	708	786	758	827	816	884	

ACCOMMODATION		PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - early Jul & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (mid Jul - early Sep)			
			From	To	From	To	From	To		
Minoa	Standard Mountain View		2 BB	823	1066	857	1112	857	1162	964
	Standard Sea View	2 BB	864	1148	900	1198	900	1248	1006	1354
	Suite	2 BB	990	1401	1032	1464	1032	1558	1184	1710
		3 BB	884	1188	921	1239	921	1303	1041	1423
	Grand Suite	2 BB	1080	1582	1128	1654	1128	1758	1288	1918
Romvi	Top Floor Suite	2 BB	1083	1586	1130	1658	1130	1760	1288	1918
	Standard Sea View	2 RO	732	855	761	890	786	915	843	972
	Family Suite	3 BB	764	947	834	1067	834	1067	891	1101
		4 BB	719	859	778	954	778	954	835	994
		5 BB	711	842	763	924	763	924	820	968
Stella	Studio	2 SC	743	863	776	920	813	956	870	1013
		3 SC	700	778	730	823	763	855	820	912
	Maisonette	2 SC	786	948	823	1026	884	1076	940	1134
		3 SC	729	835	761	897	816	942	873	999
	4 SC	700	778	730	832	782	875	840	932	

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 and 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 flight 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).