

Parga

Parga is almost too pretty for its own good. With a lush countryside which remains fresh and green throughout the summer, magnificent beaches, and a characterful harbour topped by a castle, it is no surprise that this bustling little town has become so popular.

It is the only true resort in Epirus, that mountainous province of north west Greece. Like Sivota further up the coast, Parga has beautiful natural surroundings. Its hills are covered in olive, pine and cypress, a perfect complement to the attractive indented coastline and wooded islets just offshore.

The town shelters behind a rocky headland crowned by a Venetian fort. An array of brightly canopied cafés and restaurants lines the waterfront. Behind, narrow lanes, small shops and old houses climb the hill. Night life is whatever you want to make it, from traditional tavernas to lively music bars.

There is a perfectly fine town beach, from which you can pedalo or swim to one of the islands in the bay. However most head for magnificent Valtos beach just around the headland, or Lichnos further south. Both are long, sheltered and sandy, and have a full range of water sports. Water-taxis shuttle 'twixt harbour and beach. The more energetic can walk over the headland to Valtos in about 20 minutes.

Epirus is well worth exploring. You don't have to go far to be in the midst of untamed country containing an abundance of bird and wildlife. Storks, their nests precariously balanced on the tops of telegraph poles, are some of the easiest to spot. Excursions now run to Albania, as well as to the island of Paxos and up the Acheron River (which, according to mythology, was the entrance to Hades!).



Parga is an organised resort which holds great appeal for all ages and nationalities. It gets particularly busy in the high season and sometimes at weekends with Greeks. So far Parga's character and charm have enabled it to survive its growing popularity – there are still no big hotels for example. However, if you can, visit off-season when this still delightful town is at its best.



PARGA INFORMATION

Getting to Parga

Sunday flight Gatwick, Bristol, Birmingham or Manchester to Preveza. Then 1 hour by coach or taxi. For flight details see page 270.

Multi-Centre Options

With Sivota, Lefkas, Meganissi, Epirus, Albania, Fly-Drive.

For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Parga/Sivota.



Parga Beach Hotel Valtos Beach

This well established hotel offers top quality accommodation directly on lovely Valtos beach, which has a Blue Flag. Shaded by olive trees, the hotel's gardens provide a peaceful natural retreat from the heat of the day.

The 104 spacious deluxe rooms and suites are housed in stone-built bungalows and are ground or first floor. All possess the mod cons you would expect - aircon, WiFi, modern bathroom with bath and/or shower, flat screen Sat TV, mini-bar or fridge, hairdryer, room-safe and twin or double beds with orthopaedic mattresses and pillow menu.

Rooms are tastefully furnished in a classic style - for families most have a sofa-bed for a third and fourth person and some interconnect. Each has a balcony or veranda overlooking the gardens (sea views are limited due to the trees) and room service is available.

Rather than one large pool the hotel has three smaller ones. One is by the beach and two are quietly located in the gardens. Directly on the beach is the hotel restaurant and beach snack bar. Pool/beach towels are provided free of charge although, as is common practice in Greece, sun

beds on the beach are charged. Valtos beach stretches for more than a kilometre and is one of the best, being of golden sand, with water sports available and a choice of other cafes and restaurants nearby. Although popular, it is long enough and wide enough to accommodate all, and the swimming from here is excellent.

Parga town is a 20 minute walk up and over the headland, but a regular water taxi service runs from the beach until at least 11pm and costs €2 per person (2014).

Half Board: £175 per week (accompanying children 2-12 years free of charge).

Early Booking Offer
Reductions apply for bookings made before 28/2.

The Hotel:

- 4 Stars
- Bed & Breakfast or Half Board
- Air Conditioning
- 3 Swimming Pools
- Free WiFi



Piso Krioneri beach - Achilleas Hotel is the red building



Achilleas Hotel Parga

The Achilleas is one of Parga's established hotels (since 1988) and occupies what must be the best location in town. It is directly above Piso Krioneri beach, and just a 5 minute walk from the harbour.

The hotel has 32 twin or double-bedded rooms on its three floors. Rooms are simply furnished and possess air-conditioning, tv, small fridge, hairdryer, room-safe (local charge 10 euros a week) and tiled shower room.

Book early and we can confirm rooms with a sea view balcony or terrace. Those on the top floor have a cosy chalet-style but beware the lower wooden ceilings! Standard rooms are to the rear. The hotel has WiFi available in certain communal areas.

The Hotel:

- 2 Stars
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air Conditioning
- Free WiFi



Villa Corali Parga

You really could not find a better location than this in town! Almost directly on Krioneri, Parga's popular town beach, you are just 250m away from the harbour but at one remove from the associated bustle and noise. The small street which runs above the beach to the front of the hotel sees the odd car but is mainly used by pedestrians.

The rooms are recently refurbished and provide contemporary levels of comfort. Double or twin bedded, all are stylishly furnished and possess AC (some have a ceiling fan also), Wifi, room safe, sat TV (BBC World), hairdryer, mini-fridge, modern shower room and good sized balcony or terrace with sea, mountain or garden views.

To the front is the hotel's cafe-bar - perfect for a sundowner - where a decent breakfast is provided each morning.

Low Season Offer
Reductions apply for stays completed by 20/5 and commencing 30/9 onwards. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

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



Krioneri beach



Margarita Studios Parga

On a quiet hillside a 10 minute walk from the harbour and Krioneri beach (700m), the Margarita provides a comfortable, convenient and restful base from which to make the most of Parga.

The 17 studios here have been recently upgraded and offer modern comfortable accommodation. All studios are spacious and possess twin beds (flush together so easy to become a double on request), kitchenette with 2-ring mini-oven and fridge, AC, TV, WiFi, safety deposit box (local charge), shower room and good sized front balcony or terrace, most with views to the hillside opposite. One on the ground floor has wheelchair access.

It is a few steps up to the main building which has a lift to the upper floors. A dozen stairs then lead up to the attractive rooftop swimming pool area (75 sq m - depth 1.20m-1.80m) and pool bar which serves a good breakfast.

Thanasis and his family take great pride in their hotel - it is spotless - and in taking good care of their guests.

Margarita is a 3 minute walk up a slight hill from the main road, where you will find a mini-market and a couple of restaurants - handy for those who don't want to go into the busier part of town.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €8 per day.

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

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

Palatino Hotel Parga

The Palatino's location, high on the headland at the top of Parga's old town, lends stunning views over the castle, Valtos beach and the sea.

The hotel is has three floors, served by a lift. All rooms are attractively furnished and possess air-conditioning, wifi, room-safe, hairdryer, fridge, tv and balcony, those to the front with panoramic sea views.

Standard Deluxe double rooms are on the first and second floors and double or twin-bedded with sea or town/hill views. They are of a good size - most also have a sofa bed - and nicely furnished with a walk-in shower.

The Grand Deluxe rooms on the top floor are double-bedded and have a light modern style. They are spacious with room enough for a double sofa-bed, a bath with shower above or a walk-in hydro-massage shower and a larger balcony (ours with front sea views) - we do not believe any other hotel in Parga can rival the views from here! There is also a 2-room family suite on the top floor.

Other facilities include sauna and hamam (local charge). The outside terrace, where you can take breakfast, a drink from the bar or a snack/evening meal, again has wonderful views.

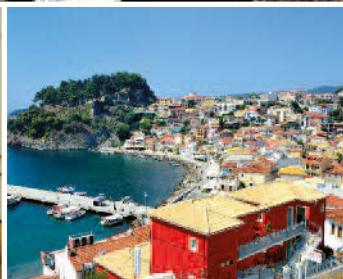
From the hotel a narrow road takes you to the castle, where steps lead down to mile-long Valtos in one direction and (via a maze of narrow lanes) to the harbour in the other. It is about a 10 minute walk to each (a little longer back). However, the old town here has its own good selection of tavernas around the castle, and a really friendly 'village' atmosphere to boot - so no need to join the harbour throng!

The Hotel:

- 3 Stars
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air Conditioning
- Free WiFi



Palatino (red building) is directly above Valtos beach



Acrothea is the red buildings

Acrothea Hotel Parga

This beautifully designed small hotel opened in 2008, and combines a wonderfully convenient location a very short walk from the harbour with fine views and great comfort.

The 19 rooms here are opulently furnished, in keeping with the building's neo-classical style. All are double-bedded with all mod cons – flat screen TV, fridge, air-conditioning, room safe, hairdryer and a nicely tiled shower room, some with a small bath too. Iron bedsteads, richly coloured curtains and hand-carved furniture complete the picture.

Sunvil's rooms all have a front balcony with views to the harbour, island in the bay, castle and old town. Deluxe rooms are on the top floor and boast uninterrupted views.

There is a small breakfast room – although this will usually be taken on the outside terrace – and the hotel has free WiFi access. The friendly family who own and run the Acrothea aims to give a high level of personal service.

A minute's walk via one of Parga's warren of tiny alleys brings you to the harbour, and a further minute or two to popular Krioneri beach. However, the slightly elevated position of the hotel, and a number of steps at the property, would make it unsuited to those with walking difficulties.



The Hotel:

- Boutique Hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air Conditioning
- Free WiFi

Lemon Tree Apartments Parga

Lemon Tree are towards the back of Parga, a 10 minute walk from the harbour and a couple more from Krioneri beach. They are built in lush gardens on two sides of a swimming pool.

The 23 studios here are on the ground or first floor. Simply furnished, all possess twin or double bed, AC, basic kitchen facilities (2 rings, fridge), TV, hairdryer, shower room and balcony or terrace.

The swimming pool measures 72 sq m (depth 1.0m-2.5m) and the attractive pool area has sun beds and a pool bar serving drinks, snacks and light meals. There are a couple of tavernas close by if you don't want to go into the centre or harbour to eat.

A perfect location for those wanting accommodation with a pool within walking distance of all Parga has to offer, yet with a feeling of seclusion and away from the bustle.

Local charges: air conditioning € per day; WiFi €10 per week; room safe €20 (1 week), €30 (2 weeks).

The Apartments:

Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
WiFi



Milos Studios Parga

For those wishing to be central in Parga - close to everything but away from the hubbub - and are happy to stay in simple older-style Greek accommodation, the Milos Studios should suit.

They are located on a small side street, with an olive grove to one side and a cul-de-sac to the other, yet a 2-3 minute walk brings you to the centre of Parga's busy harbour front.

The 13 studios here are ground or first floor. Mostly twin bedded (double on request only), all possess basic kitchen facilities (1 ring, fridge, kettle, toaster), AC, WiFi, room safe (local charge), small shower room and front balcony with sunblind. Some pairs of studios can interconnect via a balcony gate. Rooms are not large and decor and furnishings traditional older style, and this is reflected in the pricing.

To the front there is a furnished terrace and resident's bar. Guests may also use the swimming pool at the nearby Bacoli Hotel a 3 minute walk away, subject to the usual protocol of purchasing a snack or drink.

Simple traditional 'small and friendly' Greek accommodation in an excellent location.

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

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

ACCOMMODATION		Guide prices in £s per person										
		PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - early Jul & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (mid Jul - early Sep)				1Wk 2 Wks	1Wk 2 Wks
Achilleas	Mountain View		764	966	836	1073	846	1084	886	1140		
	2 BB	828	1093	899	1200	910	1211	934	1235			
Acrothea	Superior	2 BB	766	970	1042	1486	1052	1533	1112	1593	1Wk 2 Wks	1Wk 2 Wks
		2 BB	859	1154	1130	1662	1140	1712	1204	1776		
Lemon Tree	Studio	2 SC	707	837	825	1063	860	1101	888	1129		
Margarita	Studio	2 SC	761	915	816	992	827	1018	891	1055	1Wk 2 Wks	1Wk 2 Wks
		3 SC	729	852	781	921	791	943	853	979		
Milos	Studio	2 SC	718	860	778	944	788	954	852	1058		
Palatino	Deluxe Town View	2 BB	744	924	883	1348	1072	1537	1096	1521	1Wk 2 Wks	1Wk 2 Wks
		2 BB	766	970	907	1392	1092	1577	1116	1581		
		2 BB	824	1086	943	1467	1132	1656	1156	1660		

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		PERSONS BASIS	From	1Wk	To	2 Wks	From	1Wk	2 Wks	
Parga Beach	Deluxe Room	2 BB	794	1090	1336	2076	1347	2190	1514	2396
		2 BB	916	1366	1678	2760	1689	2969	1952	3271
		3 BB	882	1287	1571	2545	1581	2734	1820	3009
Villa Corali	Standard Room	2 BB	864	1248	1517	2437	1528	2616	1754	2877
		2 BB	782	1000	943	1288	954	1298	1057	1482
	Sea View	2 BB	840	1116	1022	1447	1033	1458	1136	1640

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