

Meganissi

Meganissi is the largest of Lefkas' half-dozen satellite islands by some distance, and the only inhabited one. Although just half-an-hour by regular ferry from Nidri, which sails past Onassis' Skorpios en route, its sleepy atmosphere and slow pace of life feel like a different planet.



This is an island from which to forget the cares of the world, one where you can completely relax and lose yourself in magnificent views, walking, swimming and other simple pleasures.

Meganissi has two ports, each with a village above. The first small harbour is called Spilia, named after a nearby sea-cave. It comprises simply a pretty bay where fishing boats jostle with visiting yachts for mooring, a popular taverna and, to one side, a shingle beach called Rocca, also with a taverna. It is a 10-15 minute walk up to whitewashed Spartochoi above, a delightfully flower-filled village with a couple of restaurants of its own.

3½ kilometres to the east is the small port of Vathy. Vathy has some half-dozen well liked waterfront restaurants, popular with Lefkadians who pop over on Sundays for a leisurely fish lunch! The attractive village of Katomeri is a kilometre inland. Some

pretty pebble beaches can be found within a 10-15 minute walk, and others may be reached by water-taxi.

The ports and villages are all linked by a circular road which runs above the sea and then winds its way inland through an idyllic country landscape. A network of footpaths and goat tracks makes walking through the gentle rolling countryside a popular activity – you could, for example, complete the round of ports and villages (cheats can take the ferry from Spilia to Vathy!). Serious walkers will enjoy the trail south along Meganissi's spine.

In keeping with Meganissi's unspoiled nature, beaches are generally uncommercial, pristine and uncrowded. Most are of white-pebble, backed by pine and cypress. Ai Yiannis, also linked by country road from Spartochoi, is the best known in the west and has a taverna – views to Lefkas are exquisite. On the east coast, 1.7kms from Vathy (mostly walking above the sea but also served by a high season bus) brings you to beautiful Fanari. The heavily indented coastline hides many more secluded coves, bays and beaches, some accessible only on foot or by boat.

Car hire is recommended for non-walkers and bicycles and motor-boats can be hired. Island Hopping trips by excursion boats operate – alternatively small boats will take you around the sea caves and the neighbouring Prince's Islands. For brighter lights it is easy to visit Lefkas for the day, or even just a few hours. But we think most won't want to stir from this beautiful, restful spot.



MEGANISSI INFORMATION

Getting to Meganissi

Sunday flight Gatwick, Birmingham, Bristol or Manchester to Preveza. Then 1 hour by coach or taxi to Nidri and 30-40 mins. ferry. For flight details see page 270.

Multi Centre Options

With Lefkas, Parga, Sivota, Epirus, Albania. For multi-centre details see page 8.

Car & Boat Hire

Cars are delivered from Lefkas – see pages 268-9. Motorboat rental is available.

Representative

Based on Meganissi.



Elizabeth Apartments Spartochoiri

Towards the top of Spartochoiri, a 3 minute walk up from the village square (a steady climb but nothing too steep), this pair of rooftop penthouse-style apartments offer exceptional standards for such a small simple island.

Unusually, the two apartments are detached from one another. The 1-bedroom has its entrance into a fitted and well-equipped kitchen-diner (fridge-freezer, electric cooker with hob, microwave oven, dishwasher), a lovely air conditioned double bedroom to the rear with plasma tv, a spacious bathroom (full bath, shower) with hair dryer and washing machine, and a large private sun terrace (furnished) boasting beautiful views over the green hills to the sea and Oxia island.

The huge 2-bedroom apartment is magnificent, and furnished and equipped to a very high level. This has one double and one twin bedroom, each air-conditioned with access to a terrace; a very spacious living room with plasma tv and two full-sized sofa-beds; a large open-plan kitchen (facilities as the 1-br but bigger); bathroom with jacuzzi bath, shower and washing machine; and lovely wide covered private front veranda with views over the village and hills.

What a surprise to find such well-appointed accommodation in the heart of such a simple traditional village.



Spartochoiri taverna

The Apartments: Self Catering
Apartments for 2 and 2/6
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi



2-bedroom



2-bedroom



Nijay Apartments Spartochoiri

For those wishing to stay in modern comfort but in traditional village surroundings these new apartments should suit. They are at the top end of sleepy Spartochoiri, quietly located a 3 minute walk from the centre. All four apartments here are extremely spacious and provide very high standards.

The 2-bedroom apartments are on the ground or first floor, each comprising one double and one twin bedroom; a large lounge with TV and a sofa bed for one adult or two children; full kitchen; modern cubicle shower room; and balcony or terrace with courtyard, village or (partial) sea views over the rooftops. All rooms have AC.

There is also a deluxe 1-bedroom apartment on the ground floor with a large garden terrace area to the

side. It has the same facilities but is equipped and furnished to an even higher spec., with the addition of a washing machine, dishwasher & microwave oven.

Spilia beach is a 15 minute walk via steps from the village square (longer back up). The centre of the village has two tavernas, two pizzerias, a café-bar with spectacular views and a couple of mini-markets. There is a bus service linking all the villages, a taxi, and of course the ferry can take you to Lefkas in just 30 minutes.

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Beach below Spartochoiri

Rose Garden Apartments Vathy

Rose Garden is newly built above and to the side of Vathy's pretty harbour. The slightly elevated position enables good views away from any harbour bustle, but the waterfront can be easily reached in just a couple of minutes by footpath (steep in parts) and a few steps.

All five studios possess a double bed; a fitted kitchenette area with 2 rings, mini-oven and full fridge; modern shower room; air-conditioning; safety deposit box; tv; and spacious covered front balcony with views over the village, hills and (to one side) the harbour. A hairdryer and iron can be supplied on request locally, as well as free use of a washing machine. Our studios are mainly top floor, but one on the upper ground floor is a little larger and has both a double and a single bed.

There is also a 1-bedroom apartment, also on the upper ground floor, which is similar with the addition of a living room (also air-conditioned) containing a double sofa-bed for one adult or two children and an open-plan kitchen area with full cooker – both rooms open onto the splendid covered private balcony terrace here which is especially big.

The quality throughout is very good, with comfortable furnishings, modern fixtures and tasteful décor. To one side of the building is indeed a rose garden, with seating under a pergola, views to the harbour and a BBQ area in the corner for guests' use.

Air Conditioning: available at a local charge of €3 per day (studio), €6 per day (1-bedroom).

Early Booking Offer

Up to £100 off per studio or apartment per week (max discount £200) for bookings made by 31/1. Conditions apply - see page 267.

The Apartments:

Self Catering
Studios for 2/3
Apartments for 2/4
Air Conditioning



MEGANISSI		Guide prices in £'s per person								
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - early Jul & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (mid Jul - early Sep)				
		From		To		From		To		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk	
Elizabeth	1 Bedroom	2 SC	811	1049	933	1298	983	1348	1007	1372
		3 SC	747	921	840	1099	876	1135	901	1160
	2 Bedroom	2 SC	888	1203	1012	1616	1222	1826	1246	1850
		3 SC	785	997	879	1284	1022	1427	1047	1451
		4 SC	733	894	813	1118	923	1228	947	1252
		5 SC	710	848	781	1034	871	1124	895	1149
6 SC	695	818	760	979	836	1056	861	1080		
Nijay	2 Bedroom	2 SC	792	1010	893	1178	904	1189	1007	1372
		3 SC	772	971	853	1098	863	1109	940	1239
	4 SC	762	952	832	1058	843	1069	907	1173	
	5 SC	756	940	821	1034	831	1045	887	1133	
	Superior 1 Bedroom	2 SC	946	1318	1052	1496	1062	1507	1126	1611
Rose Garden	Studio	2 SC	700	816	751	884	762	906	822	940
		3 SC	658	733	703	789	714	807	771	839
	1 Bedroom	2 SC	742	900	798	978	808	1004	893	1062
		3 SC	685	788	735	852	745	873	825	926
4 SC	658	733	703	789	714	807	790	858		

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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).

