

Skiathos

Skiathos has a veneer of elegance and sophistication unusual for a small Greek Island. Very compact (only eight miles long) it is thickly forested and almost unrealistically pretty.

Along its undulating coastline hide over fifty beaches, almost all sandy. (A pebble beach on Skiathos is so rare that they offer boat excursions to the one at Lalaria!). Those along the southern coast are linked with the town by a frequent, if crowded, bus service. Whichever beach you choose, the swimming is first rate and the sea crystal-clear.

Skiathos town is very attractive. A jumble of red-roofed houses and climbing stone-paved streets cover the rocky arms of the small harbour. During the day the town can appear rather sleepy, but in the evenings the waterfront hums with life and a daunting array of restaurants confronts one. Nightlife could mean a quiet café, a lively bar or an up-to-the-minute music club – whatever your taste, Skiathos can accommodate it.

Fast, efficient catamarans and ferryboats link Skiathos with Skopelos and Alonissos making two-centre holidays simple. Excursions available include a good selection of boat trips.



Were we to design the perfect 'holiday' island, we would be surprised if the finished product did not look suspiciously like Skiathos. This small isle really does seem to have everything – beaches, lush scenery, a pretty port, good (but unobtrusive) nightlife, and plenty to do should you so wish.

Understandably, Skiathos is very popular, and gets particularly busy in the high season.



Monastery of Evangelistria

SKIATHOS INFORMATION

Getting to Skiathos

Friday flight Gatwick or Manchester to Skiathos (note: Manchester inbound flight via Kavala). Then 10-30 mins by taxi. For flight details see page 267.

Multi-Centre Options

With Skopelos & Alonissos. For multicentre details see page 8.

Car Hire

See page 268-9 for details.

Representative

Based in Skiathos Town.

Galini Apartments Megali Ammos

These smart, modern and spacious apartments offer high standards and good views. They enjoy very quiet rural surroundings a short 10 minute walk from the beach and 25 minutes from Skiathos Town, which can also be easily reached by bus.

Our units here are maisonette-style and provide top quality accommodation. They are open-plan with a ground floor living room/kitchen and a double-bedded sleeping gallery above. The ground floor has twin beds plus a single sofa-bed. The interiors have stylish contemporary furnishings and decor, and facilities include air-conditioning, a large walk-in shower, a kitchen area (2 rings and fridge), and Sat TV (BBC World). Each has a ground floor terrace by the entrance and a good-sized open upper balcony with sun umbrella and good views to the sea.

Between the maisonettes is a twin bedded studio for 2. It has the same facilities and high standard of fixtures and furnishing as the maisonettes, and lovely views over the green hills and valley down to the sea from its terrace.

The swimming pool measures 10m x 5m and is quiet with lovely country and sea views from its furnished terrace. WiFi is available free of charge here.

The apartments are accessed via a narrow country lane 450m (c 7 mins. walk) from the main road. Here you will find a choice of mini-markets, tavernas, access to the beach of Megali Ammos, and the bus stop for town and a wide choice of alternative beaches (very good service). Please note the final 100m or so is an uphill walk.

Early Booking Offer

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

The Apartments:

Self Catering
Studio for 2
Maisonettes for 2/5
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Koukounaries beach

Mandraki Village Hotel Koukounaries

The boutique-style Mandraki Village offers high quality and comfort combined with good service and an intimate atmosphere close to the most famous beach on the island. 40 rooms and suites are housed in various small 2-storey buildings scattered around acres of pretty gardens. Well furnished and decorated in light pastel shades, all possess air conditioning, flat-screen Sat TV, fridge, safety deposit box, hairdryer, modern shower room and balcony or terrace with garden views.

There is a swimming pool in the garden (towels provided), with adjacent restaurant and a pool snack bar operating during the day. The hotel also has an gourmet a la carte restaurant called Elia that half board clients may book at a supplement. A further choice of restaurants can be found within a 10 minute walk on the road to the beach. The bus stop for town is only 50m away.

A beautiful short cut through a nature reserve and past Strofilia Lake brings you to famous Koukounaries Beach in 5 minutes. However, a choice of 4 or 5 lesser known (and lesser populated) beaches, such as Mandraki and Elias on the north-west coast, can be reached in about 25 minutes through the pines.

Regular Half Board (pool restaurant): £161 per week (adult); £126 per week (child 2-12).

Premium Half Board (a la carte Elia Restaurant): £203 per week.

The Hotel:

4 Star Boutique Hotel
Bed & Breakfast or Half Board
Air Conditioning
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi

Magdalena Studios Aghia Paraskevi

Magdalena is in country surroundings between the coast road and the sea within a short walk of two fine sandy beaches.

Surrounded by lawns and beautiful gardens, the eight studios are on two floors. All are simply furnished in pine. Each possesses twin beds, air conditioning, a kitchenette with light cooking facilities (rings and fridge), safety deposit box (free), a tiled shower room and a covered balcony or terrace. Ours are to the front and those on the top floor have some sea or side sea views, those on the ground floor overlook the pretty gardens.

Next door there is a swimming pool, which Magdalena guests are welcome to use free of charge, and accompanying low-key pool bar (free Wifi here). You will find a mini-market just a few minutes' walk away along the main road (note: can be busy in high season), as is the bus stop for town and other beaches, and a reasonable choice of local tavernas within five minutes.

The excellent beaches of Kolios and Aghia Paraskevi (also called Platanias) - both sandy and long with a taverna or two and water sports usually available from Paraskevi - can be reached in an approximate five minute walk via the road.

Sweet old-style Greek accommodation in an excellent location.

Air Conditioning: Available, if required, at a local charge of €6 per day.

Early Booking Offer

Up to £100 off per apartment per week (max discount £200) for bookings made by 28/2. Conditions apply - see page 249.

The Studios:

Self Catering
Studios for 2
Air Conditioning
Use of
Swimming Pool
Free WiFi



Kolios Beach



Achladies Beach Cottage Achladies

Just 15 metres from the beautiful sandy beach of Achladies and only 3km from town, this charmingly Greek cottage is tucked quietly away up a narrow footpath.

Simply and comfortably furnished, the house has a spacious shaded terrace and an attractive sunny courtyard of potted plants tended by the owners who live in the house next door. The house comprises one double and one single bedroom; an air conditioned living room with dining/sitting area, double sofa-bed and kitchen with full cooker and fridge; and tiled bathroom with shower.

Achladies beach has three tavernas and a water sports centre (motorboat hire available), and a couple of mini-markets are just a

two minute walk away. For brighter lights an excellent water-taxi service runs from the beach to Skiathos Town (hourly until 11pm). The bus stop is also nearby.

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

Early Booking Offer

£50-£150 off per week for bookings made by 31/1 (excluding 1 week departure 25/8). Conditions apply - see page 267.

The Cottage:

Self Catering
Cottage for 2/4
Air Conditioning
Free WiFi

SKIATHOS

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	
Achladies Beach	2 Bedroom	2 SC	726	1001	922	1269	988	1334	1084	1512
	3 SC	669	854	812	1046	862	1096	931	1219	
Galini	Studio	2 SC	731	856	770	900	770	908	822	934
	Maisonette	2 SC	822	1035	862	1082	862	1097	939	1150
	3 SC	734	873	773	917	773	927	846	975	
	4 SC	688	790	727	833	727	840	797	886	
	5 SC	676	757	716	799	716	805	785	849	
Magdalena	Studio	2 SC	716	816	756	860	756	867	805	892
Mandraki Village	Standard Room	2 BB	816	1272	1210	1817	1220	1826	1278	1926
	Junior Suite	2 BB	856	1424	1348	2094	1360	2106	1410	2188
	3 BB	811	1323	1257	1929	1268	1940	1315	2016	

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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).