

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 (provisional) 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.



2-bedroom

2-bedroom



Spartochoiri taverna

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

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 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 (excludes 1 week holidays dep. 28/5). Conditions apply - see page 267.

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



Esperides Hotel Spartochoiri

For those wanting a good standard of hotel on a quiet untouristic island (but without a long ferry journey to get there) the Esperides will suit.

Built high on the hill above Spilia Bay, here you will enjoy the most fabulous views over the Prince's Islands, with Lefkas to one side and the mountains of the mainland to the other.

The hotel has some 60 rooms housed in four buildings. Offering good modern standards and tasteful decor all possess AC, Wifi, sat TV (BBC World), mini-fridge, room-safe, hairdryer, bath and shower (except two disabled-adapted room with walk-in shower only) and generous front balcony with the stunning views described above. There is also a pair of 2-room Suites with double bed plus a double sofa-bed in the living room area.

The main building houses bar, lounge and two restaurants - a main restaurant for half board guests (lunch and dinner buffet) and an a la carte restaurant open for dinner only. There is also a seasonal outdoor taverna to one side. Below is the large freshwater pool (pool towels provided) with a children's and a jacuzzi section. There is good furnished terrace space around and a pool bar (also serving lunch)

behind. The Esperides is just a 10 minute walk from the centre of Spartochoiri - a very traditional village with a number of tavernas and local shops - and the hotel operates a minibus to nearby beaches free of charge. You can walk to Rocca Beach via steps down the hill in c.15 minutes.

Half Board: £98 (adult), £49 (child 2-11) per week - meals are buffet style. Please note that dinner can be swapped for a set menu lunch at the pool if notice is given the previous day.

Private a la carte dining can be arranged in the evenings on the pool terrace, or served to your room terrace. Perfect for that special occasion!

Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made before 28/2 (for the highest discounts) and 30/4. In addition **free half board** is given for bookings made by 30/4, making for remarkable value especially off-season. Please enquire or check online for a costing.

The Hotel: 4 Stars
Bed & Breakfast or Half Board
Swimming Pool
Air Conditioning
Free Wifi



Rocca beach below Spartochoiri



Pool with a view

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ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May 7, 14		May 21		May 28		Jun 04, 11		Jun 18		Jun 25		Jul 02		Jul 09		Jul 16		Jul 23, 30, Aug 06, 13		Aug 20		Aug 27		Sep 03		Sep 10		Sep 17		Sep 24		Oct 1, 8				
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Elizabeth Apartments	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	706	895	706	912	776	975	740	938	740	937	738	974	782	1018	782	1056	830	1104	852	1126	852	1088	802	1037	802	998	744	938	742	931	721	910	706	895		
		3 SC	657	798	657	809	722	869	688	836	688	835	687	859	719	891	719	916	754	951	776	973	776	948	738	910	738	884	694	838	692	833	673	814	657	798		
	2 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	778	1041	778	1064	856	1132	816	1092	816	1090	814	1126	858	1170	858	1360	1058	1560	1081	1582	1081	1392	878	1189	878	1151	820	1090	816	1079	794	1056	778	1041		
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		5 SC	632	749	632	758	695	817	662	784	662	784	662	798	683	819	683	895	769	981	791	1003	791	927	702	838	702	823	668	787	666	783	648	765	632	749		
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	1 Bedroom Apartment	2 SC	670	812	675	850	756	915	712	871	712	874	715	876	721	882	721	882	730	904	809	957	809	936	750	922	750	922	731	890	718	866	690	838	675	822		
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