

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 a 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): £140 per person, per week (adult); £119 per week, per person (child 2-12).

Premium Half Board (a la carte Elia Restaurant): £196 per person, 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 with 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

SKIATHOS		Prices shown are in £'s per person departing on or between dates shown																																
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	May 05, 12 14, 21		May 19	May 26		Jun 02, 09		Jun 16		Jun 23, 30		Jul 07		Jul 14		Jul 21		Jul 28, Aug 04, 11		Aug 18		Aug 25		Sep 01		Sep 08		Sep 15		Sep 22, 29			
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Achladies Beach	2 Bedroom	2 SC	683	840	683	840	683	938	816	1062	808	1054	808	1094	848	1134	865	1197	918	1250	932	1342	1010	1420	990	1386	985	1395	985	1248	816	1079	790	926
		3 SC	621	728	621	728	621	793	722	888	716	883	716	909	743	936	760	983	797	1020	812	1087	863	1139	844	1104	839	1114	839	1016	718	896	692	785
Galini	Studio	2 SC	660	776	664	794	678	803	710	834	710	839	714	844	714	844	730	867	744	880	768	880	768	879	723	858	732	868	732	858	700	818	666	785
		2 SC	740	938	747	968	770	984	798	1012	798	1020	806	1027	806	1027	822	1055	860	1093	885	1093	885	1071	818	1050	828	1059	828	1042	788	992	751	954
		3 SC	661	791	666	811	681	821	712	852	712	857	717	862	717	862	733	886	767	920	792	920	792	899	726	878	736	888	736	876	702	835	669	801
		4 SC	640	735	643	750	654	758	687	790	687	794	690	797	690	797	707	819	739	852	764	852	764	831	698	810	708	820	708	811	677	774	645	742
		5 SC	612	686	615	698	624	704	657	737	657	740	660	743	660	743	676	764	707	796	732	796	732	775	667	754	677	764	677	757	647	723	616	692
Magdalena	Studio	2 SC	635	720	638	733	648	740	681	772	681	776	684	779	684	779	701	800	712	812	738	812	738	811	692	791	702	800	702	793	672	758	640	726
Mandraki Village	Standard Room	2 BB	734	945	734	945	734	1128	952	1346	952	1472	1077	1596	1077	1609	1106	1638	1112	1675	1143	1706	1143	1561	979	1397	988	1378	960	1176	763	974	734	945
		2 BB	770	1018	770	1018	770	1259	1047	1536	1047	1685	1196	1834	1196	1850	1228	1882	1234	1918	1265	1949	1265	1782	1078	1595	1088	1568	1050	1302	800	1048	770	1018
		3 BB	728	952	728	952	728	1169	981	1422	981	1556	1115	1690	1115	1704	1145	1734	1152	1768	1179	1796	1179	1645	1009	1475	1019	1451	985	1213	758	982	728	952

*Extra bed prices on request. Payment by Credit or Charge Card will incur a 2% processing charge (note: should this change due to the credit card companies increasing their charges to us, you will be advised at the time of booking). Departure date determines basic holiday cost. Prices include all airport/fuel charges & taxes known at the time of printing - for surcharge policy see booking conditions. Prices based on Gatwick departures. To add: any regional flight supplements, room & board supplements (see text - single room prices on request), Travel Insurance. Please reconfirm prices with us at the time of booking in case of errors or changes.