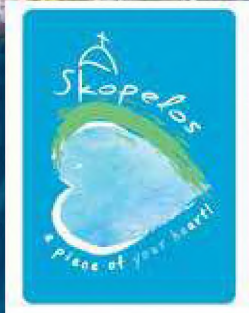


**TRAVEL GUIDE**

# Skopelos Island



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## GREEN PINE FOREST

Skopelos is the largest island in the archipelago of the Northern Sporades. The nearest inhabited islands are Skiathos to the west and Alonissos to the east. Being the natural setting for the Mamma Mia movie, Skopelos and the Northern Sporades have been attracting more and more travelers from around the world.

Skopelos has three ports: Skopelos Town [Chora], Agnontas, and Glossa, also known as Loutraki.

## A glance at history

Traces of settlements dating back to the Paleolithic era have been found on Skopelos. According to the legend, Skopelos was founded by Staphylus [*Greek for grape*], son of the god Dionysus and the Princess Ariadne of Crete. This legend seems to have some historical basis. In fact, it is believed that during the late Bronze Age, Skopelos was colonized by Cretans who introduced viticulture to the island, then known as Peparethos. The name Skopelos [meaning reef in Greek] first appeared in Ptolemy's texts in the 2nd century AD and it is believed to be due to the many reefs around the island.

# SKOPELOS TOWN [CHORA]

Skopelos has around 5,000 inhabitants. Most of them live in **Skopelos Town** [also known as *Chora*], the island's capital.

Skopelos Town (Chora) was declared Traditional Settlement of Extraordinary Beauty in 1978 by Presidential Decree (19/10/78 presidential decree 594, 13-11 / 78) due to its unique architectural heritage. For this reason, there are restrictions and guidelines regarding the construction and renovation of all buildings within the settlement.

The town extends amphitheatrically around a picturesque port. In the upper district, you may wander for hours in the quiet alleys, explore the ruins of the 13th-century Venetian fortress and discover its small squares overlooking the Aegean.

Unlike the upper district, the port is always bustling and vibrant. All along the waterfront, there are shops, cafes, bars, and taverns sheltered by huge plane trees. Boutiques, jewelry stores, and souvenir shops reflect the elegant side of Skopelos.





## GLOSSA

Glossa is the second-largest settlement of Skopelos with around 1.000 residents. It is located on the northwest side of the island, only 3 km away from the port of Loutraki and 25km from Skopelos Town.

Built amphitheatrically at an altitude of 300 meters, it has an idyllic view of the Aegean, the island of Skiathos and Mount Pelion. For this incomparable view, Glossa has rightfully been given the title *balcony of the Aegean*. In his novel *Nostalgia*, the renowned Greek novelist Alexandros Papadiamantis refers to Glossa as the *High Village*.

The village has a strong traditional vibe. Almost all houses have tiled roofs and wooden balconies. The locals keep their customs and traditions, so much so that you are very likely to meet women dressed in their traditional outfits. Every August, Glossa organizes the "Dance Festival of Glossa", while the annual Wine Festival "Staphylofest" takes place in the last week of September.



## ELIOS [NEO KLIMA]

Elios [Neo Klima] is a typical Greek small fishing village, surrounded by dense pine tree forests. It lies in the middle of Skopelos island between Chora [19 km] and Glossa [7 km]. As such, it makes an excellent base for visitors who like to explore the island or simply take advantage of the beautiful west coast beaches. It has 3 beaches and a brand-new marina.



## WHAT TO DO

“*A paradise for outdoor activities enthusiasts*”

### Cycling

Skopelos is an excellent bike-friendly destination with mapped cycling routes for those who want to explore the island on two wheels. This rich natural environment, along with the terrain of the island, makes the island a paradise for mountain bike and cycling enthusiasts. The highest mountain is Delphi [681 m.], from the top of which you can see the whole island and the rest of the Sporades. Palouki [546 m.] is the second-highest mountain on the island with monasteries scattered on its beautiful slopes.

### Hiking

Hiking and trekking is the best way to discover the extraordinary nature, the unique biodiversity, and the many religious sites of Skopelos. Its interesting pathways and trails extend to most of the island's impressive terrain. In recent years, the hiking trails on the island have become more accessible and functional with good signage. Our hotels provide free hiking sticks and trekking poles.

### Scuba Diving

The seabed of the Sporades hides incomparable beauty: natural reefs, uninhabited rocky islets, underwater caves, and wondrous ancient shipwrecks. Diving and snorkeling in Skopelos are a unique life experience and a great way to explore the spectacular underwater world of the island.

### Sea Kayaking

Explore remote beaches, rugged cliffs, sea caves and uninhabited islands. A short paddle along the coast and a stop on a deserted beach for a swim and a snack. Sea kayaking is the perfect way to explore every part of the island's shore.

### Standup paddleboarding

Standup paddleboarding, also known as SUP, is a cross between canoeing and surfing, using a surf style board and a long paddle. It's essentially the same technique as canoeing, except paddlers stand upright. The fact that SUP is a full-body aerobic exercise that everyone can practice, regardless of age, weight, experience, etc. SUP is a great way to explore the coastline of Skopelos with its sheltered bays and secluded beaches.



# BEACHES OF SKOPELOS

**1 Milia** Organized beach with sand and fine pebbles. It is the largest beach on the island and one of the most attractive. It overlooks the islet of Dassia.

**2 Staphylos** Organized beach with sand and pebbles. It took its name from the ancient hero Stafylos, whose sword was found in the cave of the small peninsula between Velanio (Nudist Beach) and Stafylos

**3 Kastani** One of the most beautiful and maybe the most famous beach of Skopelos, due to the fact that many scenes in the famous Mamma Mia movie were shot here. Located on the west side of the island, it is a quiet beach with sand and little pebbles. It is surrounded by pine trees.

**4 Hovolo** An isolated beach near Neo Klima. The beach is not organised so make sure to bring with you everything you may need. Huge rocks provide natural shade. Rocky paths connect it to smaller beaches next to it. Hovolo is an ideal sunset point.

**5 Panormos** One of the most beautiful beaches of Skopelos. The white pebbled beach leads to the crystal-clear waters of the bay. The water deepens almost immediately, making it ideal for swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving. It is easily accessible and always protected from the wind.

# TASTES FROM SKOPELOS

“Unique flavors  
and products of  
exceptional  
quality”



## Plums of Skopelos

Skopelos is proud of its plums or "koromila" as the locals call them. They exist in abundance on the island and are divided into two varieties: black plums with a sweet, dense, velvety taste and chewy texture, and those with a slightly sour taste. Skopelian plums can be found fresh or dried. In Skopelos, you will find plums in almost any recipe: with meat, seafood, in jams, pastries, as well as liqueurs. Plums are also the basis for the traditional spoon sweet "Avgato".

## Skopelian Honey

Skopelian honey is well-known for its excellent quality, its aroma, and its distinctive taste. Its great diversity in flavors and aromas is due to the rich flora of the island.

## Local Cheese

In Skopelos, you will find great quality Myzithra cheese and goat feta. Skopelian goat cheese is the main ingredient of the traditional Skopelian cheese pie. It is produced in local farms and is a wonderful accompaniment to most meals and salads.

## Skopelian Cheese Pie

The traditional cheese pie of Skopelos, with its characteristic twisted shape, is filled with goat feta although it can be filled with other varieties of cheese or greens as well. The quality of the olive oil in which it will be fried is important for a delicious Skopelian cheese pie.





## PLACES TO SEE

**The chapel of St. John** The Byzantine chapel of St. John is located on top of an impressive rock that rises from the sea. It became very famous thanks to the movie "*Mamma Mia*". Just below the rock, you will find a small beach with crystal clear waters.

**Sendoukia** Ancient tombs carved into the rock. They are located on Mount Karya, just above the Monastery of St. Efsthios. According to legends and popular beliefs, the Sendoukia [*Greeks for coffers*] hide ancient secrets and treasures from the past.

**Panagitsa Tower** The most famous church of the island on the edge of the port of Skopelos. It offers a wonderful view of Chora and the endless blue.

**Folklore Museum of Skopelos** It has been operating since 1993 and is housed in one of the oldest houses in Skopelos Town. The museum represents the interior of the traditional houses of Skopelos with its typical everyday objects and ornaments.

**Asclepieion of Ancient Peparithos** It is one of the oldest sanctuaries of Asclepius, the god of medicine, dating to the 4th century BC.

**Monasteries and Churches of Skopelos** Skopelos has a remarkable religious tradition. There are more than 365 monasteries and chapels scattered throughout the island. The most famous monasteries are those of Evangelistria, Timios Prodromos, Metamorfoosi tou Sotira and Agia Varvara.

**Venetian Castle of Skopelos** At the top of the hill, above the town of Skopelos, is the Venetian Castle, an old fortress built on the ruins of the ancient citadel. Only the ruins of its wall survive to this day.

# HOW TO REACH SKOPELOS



## FROM SKIATHOS AIRPORT (JSI)

An easy way to get to Skopelos is through Skiathos Airport. The two islands are connected by daily ferry and catamaran routes.

### TOO BUSY TO ORGANIZE YOUR TRANSFER? NO WORRIES.

Spyrou Skopelos Experience organizes a transfer service from Skiathos Airport to its hotels. This service includes:

- \* Private transfer from Skiathos Airport to the port of Skiathos [ €13/person per route ].
- \* Taxi transfer from the port of arrival in Skopelos to the hotels. This cost depends on the port of arrival. [See TAXI PRICES on the next page].
- \* The ferry connection costs are not included and depend on the type of ship and port of arrival.

To arrange your transfer, contact us at least 2 weeks before your arrival at [+30 2106919111](tel:+302106919111) or [bookings@skopeloshotels.eu](mailto:bookings@skopeloshotels.eu)

## BY FERRY FROM MAINLAND PORTS

Port of Volos

**Duration:** 2.30 - 4.15 hours depending on the boat type and port of arrival.

**Timetables & fares:** Hellenic Sea Ways - Aegean Flying Dolphins - ANES ferries

Port of Thessaloniki

**Duration:** 4.15 hours

**Timetables & fares:** SeaJets

Port of Aghios Konstantinos

**Duration:** 5.00

**Timetables & fares:** ANES Ferries

Port of Kymi [ Evia island ]

**Duration:** 3.00 hours

**Timetables & fares:** SNE ferries

Port of Mantoudi [ Northwest Evia Island ]

**Duration:** 1.00 - 3.15 hours depending on the boat type and port of arrival.

**Timetables & fares:** ANES Ferries, SeaJets



# TAXI TRANSFERS

## SKOPELOS CHORA PORT to

RIGAS HOTEL SKOPELOS	€ 12,00
SKOPELOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL & SPA	€ 17,00

## LOUTRAKI PORT to

RIGAS HOTEL SKOPELOS	€ 50,00
SKOPELOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL & SPA	€ 50,00

## SKOPELOS CHORA to

STAPHYLOS	€ 17,00
AGNONTAS	€ 17,00
LIMNONARI	€ 22,00
PANORMOS	€ 28,00
MILIA	€ 29,00
KASTANI	€ 30,00
ELIOS	€ 33,00
GLOSSA	€ 44,00
SENDOUKIA	€ 38,00
LOUTRAKI	€ 50,00

## ELIOS to

SKOPELOS	€ 33,00
STAPHYLOS	€ 32,00
AGNONTAS	€ 30,00
LIMNONARI	€ 32,00
PANORMOS	€ 20,00
GLOSSA	€ 17,00
SENDOUKIA	€ 22,00
LOUTRAKI	€ 25,00

## PANORMOS to

SKOPELOS	€ 28,00
STAPHYLOS	€ 28,00
AGNONTAS	€ 22,00
LIMNONARI	€ 22,00
ELIOS	€ 22,00
GLOSSA	€ 17,00
SENDOUKIA	€ 33,00
LOUTRAKI	€ 33,00

## AGNONTAS to

RIGAS HOTEL SKOPELOS	€ 18,00
SKOPELOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL & SPA	€ 18,00

The above rates were updated in March 2022 and apply only to prearranged journeys, with an English-speaking driver and air-conditioned taxi. In order to prearrange your taxi ride, please contact us at least two hours earlier.



## SEA TAXIS

Sea taxis are the fastest way to travel between Skiathos and Skopelos

### **SEACAB**

SEACAB offers daily, on-demand boat transfers between Skiathos and Skopelos from 08.30 to 20.30.

More information and prices on [www.seacab.gr](http://www.seacab.gr)

### **Skiathos Water Taxi**

Skiathos Water Taxi connects Skiathos island and Skopelos island until midnight.

For up to 5 people the cost is:

- Skiathos - Loutraki: **€ 150**
- Skiathos - Panormos: **€ 170**
- Skiathos - Agnontas: **€ 200**
- Skiathos - Skopelos Town: **€ 300**

*\* There is a 50 € for any destinations after sunset. The prices may be subject to amendments.*

**Contact:** +30 698 0200 200 [Mr. Dimitris]

More information on [www.skiathoswatertaxi.gr](http://www.skiathoswatertaxi.gr)



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