

# TRAVEL GUIDE

# Skopelos Island

Welcome to the emerald island of the Aegean



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## Welcome to Skopelos

Eye-catching landscapes, azure waters and lush vegetation. Skopelos is a unique Greek island that boasts an extraordinary natural beauty and remarkable hidden treasures.

Skopelos belongs to the Northern Sporades complex of islands. Its geography includes two mountains over 500 m (1,640 ft), Delphi 681 m (2,234 ft) in the center of the island, and Palouki 546 m (1,791 ft) in the southeast. With an area of 96 km<sup>2</sup> (37 sq mi) Skopelos is slightly larger than Mykonos 85 km<sup>2</sup> (33 sq mi). The nearest inhabited islands are Skiathos to the west and Alonissos to the east. Skopelos island has been inhabited since the Bronze Age and currently has 5.000 inhabitants of which 3.000 reside in Chora. It has three ports: Skopelos Town (Chora), Agnontas and Glossa (also called Loutraki). Skopelos Town (Chora) is the capital of the island, located on the northern shore in an enclosed bay and its beautiful town spreads amphitheatrically around the Venetian Castle of Gyzi. According to the legend, Skopelos was founded by Staphylus (Greek for grape), son of the god Dionysus and the Princess Ariadne of Crete. Historically, in the Late Bronze Age the island, then known as Peparethos, was colonized by Cretans, who introduced viticulture to the island. The name Skopelos (reef) 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.

Being the natural setting for the Mamma Mia movie (2007), Skopelos and Sporades islands have been increasingly attracting international travelers.





# THE BIGGEST SETTLEMENTS OF THE ISLAND

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## SKOPELOS TOWN (CHORA)

Encircling the harbor, the island's capital has something for everyone; tranquil small squares with marvelous views, quaint churches in magnificent settings or bustling bars with loud music. Its traditional architecture makes it unique among Greek islands. The overhanging wooden balconies and the white lace curtains behind painted windows create an intimate atmosphere. For those staying in the town a car is not a necessity. You may wander for hours in the quiet neighborhoods exploring the 120 Byzantine churches with the carved temples, or the ruins of the 13th century Venetian fortress. In contrast with the upper vicinity, the harbor side with its port and marina are busy and active. All along the waterfront are cafes, bars and taverns sheltered by huge plane trees, and behind these are some marvelous shops. The fine collection of boutiques, jeweler's and souvenir shops reflect the sophisticated side of Skopelos.

The town of Skopelos (Chora) was honoured as a Traditional Settlement of Outstanding Beauty (19/10/1978 Presidential Decree 594,13-11/78). This is the Greek equivalent of a site of Outstanding Architectural Inheritance. The building code for new construction and renovation within the village reflects some restrictions due to the Traditional Settlement decree. Some restrictions stipulate that no new buildings shall be more than two stories, there must be a sloped ceramic or stone roof in the traditional style, and doors, windows and balconies be made of wood.



## GLOSSA

The second largest settlement with 993 residents, situated on the northwest side of the island –3 klm above its harbor of Loutraki– Glosa is found at an altitude of 300 meters, and 25,4 km away from Skopelos town. Typical and tranquil this amphitheatrical village with traditional houses and narrow cobblestone streets where no cars can venture into, enjoys some of the loveliest sunsets. The area has a lot of fresh-water springs. Villagers cultivate almonds, olives and grapes. They used to breed a sheep which could produce up to four lambs per season. These sheep were also renowned for the quality of their wool. Many caiques are still involved in offshore fishing, which has become an extremely popular pastime for the locals.

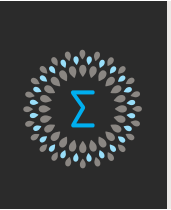
In Glosa area there have been found traces of human habitation dating back to the Paleolithic era. They were made up of huddled groups of dwellings on the sea front, surrounded by walls and some arable land. Many centuries passed before a civilization was built named "Selinus" in the Glosa region, and they were located near to the present sites.

Every August Glosa holds its annual "Dancing Festival", while the annual "Stafylofest" (Wine Festival) –a fun traditional event– takes place the last week of September.

## ELIOS

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 Glosa (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.





# BEST BEACHES OF SKOPELOS

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The length of the coastline of Skopelos island is 67 km (42 mi). Due to the island's mountainous terrain parts of the coastline are inaccessible by vehicle. The seas of Skopelos are completely safe and have no ocean currents.



1 Panormos is one of the most beautiful beaches on the island of Skopelos. Its unique location combines the greenery of nature with the blue waters of the sea. 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 one of the most popular beaches of the island, as it is easily accessible and always protected from the wind.

2 Limnonari is a beautiful beach in a picturesque bay of Southern Skopelos. It has a beach bar, two taverns and a mini market. The beach has white sand and a few slippery underwater rocks at its shallow part, so swimmers should be careful. Limnonari looks like a lake and it is calm most of the time, making it an ideal option for windy days. The main road ends about 700m from the beach and a little walking is required.

3 Kastani is one of the most beautiful and maybe the most famous beach of Skopelos, due to the fact that many key 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 cliffs covered with pine trees that hang above the crystal-clear waters.

4 Hovolos is an isolated beach in the western part of Skopelos, near Neo Klima. The main characteristic of this beach is its wild beauty, with big white rocks surrounding it. The huge rocks provide natural shade to the visitors. The beach is not organised so make sure to bring with you everything you will need. Hard to traverse paths connect this beach to smaller beaches next to it. If you are a good swimmer, you can swim to the islet of Dassia. Hovolos is an ideal sunset point.

5 Milia is a long pebbled beach with turquoise waters on the west side of the island. The beach is organised and offers numerous amenities including sunbeds, umbrellas, beach bar and water sport facilities, but it is never too crowded. The beach offers wonderful views of the forests that surround it and the little green island of Dassia.

6 Stafilos owes its name to the Cretan prince Stafylos. His grave and his golden sword, which are exhibited at the Archaeological Museum of Athens, were found at one end of the beach. Stafilos is a beautiful bay with sand at the southern part of the island. There is a beach bar and two taverns serving fresh fish and seafood. A path that begins at the end of the beach leads to Velanio beach. On the first half of the beach there is a beach bar, whereas the second half, behind the rocks, is most private and preferred by nudists.



# HOW TO REACH THE ISLAND



## FROM SKIATHOS AIRPORT (JSI)

Skiathos Airport connects the island with many European cities and it is an easy, quick and comfortable way to reach the island of Skopelos. The port of Skiathos lies 7 nautical miles from Skopelos' northern port of Glossa (Loutraki) and 20 nautical miles from the port of Skopelos Town (Chora). Ferry Boats, Flying Cats (Catamarans) and Hydrofoils connect the two islands all day long, every day throughout the week. There is also a heliport on Skopelos in case of medical emergencies.

### Transfer Service Skiathos and Skopelos

Spyrou Skopelos Experience makes your trip easier and organizes a private transport service from Skiathos Airport (JSI) to its hotels.

This service includes:

Private transfer from Skiathos airport to the port of Skiathos at a cost of € 13 per person per route.

Transfer from the port of arrival in Skopelos to the hotels, the cost of which depends on the port of arrival and the hotel. (See the corresponding cost in the TAXES PRICE section on the next page).

It is important that you contact us at least 2 weeks before your arrival to arrange your private transport, at **+30 2106919111** or at [bookings@skopeloshotels.eu](mailto:bookings@skopeloshotels.eu)

\* The above service does not include the ferry connection and the cost of which depends on the type of ship and the port of arrival.

	Skiathos port to Loutraki port	Skiathos port to Skopelos Town port
Ferry Boat	30 min.	95 min.
Flying Cat	15 min.	50 min.

Athens to Aghios Konstantinos port 167 km

Athens to Volos port, 325 km

Athens to Kymi port (Evia Island), 158 km

Thessaloniki to Volos port, 208 km



## BY FERRY FROM MAINLAND PORTS

### Volos Port to Skopelos Island

Duration of trip from 2.30 to 4.15 hours, depending on type of boat and port of disembarkation. For timetables & fares: Hellenic Sea Ways, Aegean Flying Dolphins or ANES ferries



Public transportation connects the Port of Volos with the Anchialos Airport and the ticket costs about 5€.

For timetables visit: <http://ktelvolou.gr/en/home/>

### Aghios Konstantinos Port to Skopelos island

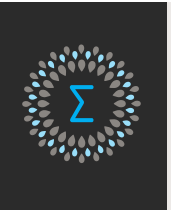
Duration of trip from 2.15 to 4.05 hours, depending on type of boat and port of disembarkation. For timetables & fares: Hellenic Sea Ways & Aegean Flying Dolphins

### Kymi (Evia island) to Skopelos island

Duration of trip 2.45 hours. Only conventional boats. For timetables & fares: SNE ferries

### Mantoudi Port (Northwest Evia Island) to Skopelos island

Duration of trip from 1.20 to 2.30 depending of the stopovers. For timetables & fares: ANES Ferries



## USEFUL TELEPHONES

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Skopelos Public Health Center: [\(+30\) 24240 22222](tel:+302424022222)

Skopelos Municipality: [\(+30\) 24240 22205](tel:+302424022205)

Skopelos Fire Brigade: [\(+30\) 24240 24199](tel:+302424024199) or 24598

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Kymi Port Authority: [\(+30\) 22220 22606](tel:+302222022606)

Skyros Port Authority: [\(+30\) 22220 93475](tel:+302222093475)

## WATER TAXIS

Water Taxis connect Skiathos island and Skopelos island until midnight.

For up to 5 persons the cost is:

from Skiathos to Loutraki: 150€

from Skiathos to Panormos: 170€

from Skiathos to Agnontas: 200€

from Skiathos to Skopelos Town: 300 €

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

Water Taxi Services (Skiathos -Skopelos): [\(+30\) 6980200200](tel:+306980200200), Mr. Dimitris

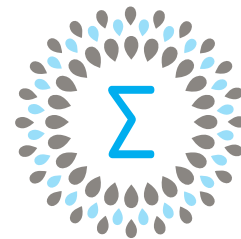
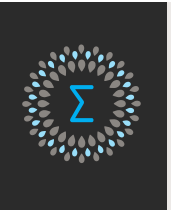
## TAXI TRANSFERS

SKOPELOS CHORA PORT to	RIGAS HOTEL	€ 11,00	LOUTRAKI PORT to	RIGAS HOTEL	€ 50,00
	SKOPELOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL & SPA	€ 11,00		SKOPELOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL & SPA	€ 50,00
	BLUE GREEN BAY	€ 28,00		BLUE GREEN BAY	€ 33,00
	ELIOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL	€ 33,00		ELIOS HOLIDAYS HOTEL	€ 22,00

SKOPELOS CHORA to		PANORMOS to		ELIOS to	
STAPHYLOS	€ 10,00	SKOPELOS	€ 28,00	SKOPELOS	€ 33,00
AGNONTAS	€ 17,00	STAPHYLOS	€ 28,00	STAPHYLOS	€ 31,00
LIMNONARI	€ 17,00	AGNONTAS	€ 22,00	AGNONTAS	€ 28,00
PANORMOS	€ 28,00	LIMNONARI	€ 22,00	LIMNONARI	€ 28,00
MILIA	€ 28,00	ELIOS	€ 17,00	PANORMOS	€ 17,00
KASTANI	€ 28,00	GLOSSA	€ 22,00	GLOSSA	€ 14,00
ELIOS	€ 33,00	SENDOUKIA	€ 33,00	SENDOUKIA	€ 22,00
GLOSSA	€ 50,00	LOUTRAKI	€ 33,00	LOUTRAKI	€ 22,00
SENDOUKIA	€ 44,00				
LOUTRAKI	€ 50,00				

The above rates were updated in May 2021 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.



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