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MAISTROS

Designed by the famous French architect Marc Held, and occupying an unrivalled cliff-top position on Skopelos's northeast coast, Maistros could be said to have it all: breathtaking sea views, private access to a beach, a heated pool, and chic, high-quality furnishings. Add to this the dedicated, welcoming staff and your holiday will want for nothing.



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Service

Daily maid service, breakfast preparation, mid-week change of linen

Features

Infinite sea views
Secluded location
Heatable pool
Garden gate beach access

Nearby

Glossa village
Sandy beaches
The other Sporades islands

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ABOUT THE VILLA

12 GUESTS 7 BEDROOMS 7 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Maistros is spread over three separate buildings: the impressive main house and two smaller guesthouses- the Kalivi and the Studio.

The entrance of the main house takes one into the indoor dining area, whose wood-covered walls and white-painted vaulted ceilings give one the slight sensation of having boarded a luxurious yacht. This feeling is confirmed as one heads into the long well-equipped kitchen with its banks of windows, high ceilings and large range cooker.

The dining room also flows into the voluminous living area, which has two separate sitting areas, one gathered round a fireplace, the other featuring a built-in, L-shaped corner sofa. Numerous windows bring in the light and the sea views, white-painted brick walls ascend to an impressive wood-beamed ceiling, and French doors lead out on to the shady, wrap-around terrace.

Off the left of the living room is a small bedroom with bunk beds, en-suite shower room and access to the surrounding terrace. Next to this bedroom, a spiral staircase takes one down to the lower floor, which is home to the main sleeping quarters of the main house:

- a large double with a unique en-suite bathroom with tub and separate shower;
- a twin bedroom with en-suite shower room;
- another bunk-bed room also with en-suite shower room.

Both the large double bedroom and the bunk room have their own independent access to the surrounding gardens. Accommodation on the lower level of the main house is completed by a sauna.

The fifth bedroom of the main house, a double with a small en-suite shower room, is accessed externally from the lower floor terrace.

The Kalivi, meaning 'small farm' in Greek, is the smaller of the two guesthouses. It is situated about 80m from the main house and comprises a bright double

bedroom, en-suite shower room and a terrace with spectacular sea views.

The Studio, the second guesthouse, boasts a voluminous double bedroom with curvaceous free-standing bath and a sitting area, and an en-suite shower room. It too has its own tranquil terrace looking out to the property's luxuriant gardens.

Outside: the extensive grounds of Maistros occupy around one hectare of Skopelos' achingly beautiful coastline. The houses nestle amongst a shady canopy of Mediterranean pines, cypress and olive trees and from the outside the main house has something of a tropical lodge about it.

A wide variety of panoramic sitting areas dot the grounds, meaning that guests can spread out and find their own favourite spot for reflection, contemplation, reading and view-watching.

Running round three sides of the main house is a decked terrace furnished for dining and relaxing. Steps lead down from here to a circular, fabulously panoramic terrace, which will possibly become your spot of choice for aperitifs and long dinners under the stars. On the fourth side of the main house is a vine-shaded al fresco dining area served by a wood-fired oven.

A short walk from the main house and close to the Studio is the inviting gated and heated pool, surrounded by sun loungers and shady corners.

Most of the bedrooms in the main house have their own independent access to the gardens and it is from the viewing point near the master bedroom that one may begin one's descent to the beautiful sandy-shingle beach and transparent waters below the house. While heading down the 375 steps, devotees of Mamma Mia! the movie might notice a familiar sight in the distance: the chapel of Agios Ioannis, setting for the famous wedding scene.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the relatively limited number of hydrofoil/ferry connections between Skiathos and Skopelos in the shoulder seasons, we recommend booking morning flights or, alternatively, adding a night in Skiathos town the day before and/or after your time in Skopelos.

No other houses have access to the beach below Maistros, though boats may occasionally drop anchor there.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)		12
Bedrooms		7
Double beds		4
Twin beds		3
Bathrooms		7

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with mobility problems.

The final 2km of the access road to Maistros is a little rough, so we recommend guests hire a 4x4 or one with excellent ground clearance.

Before booking flights, please refer to the **ferry and hydrofoil schedule** to ensure that your flight lands in time to make a crossing to Skopelos.

Alternatively, why not arrive in style by helicopter via Athens International Airport? Find out more **here**.

Please note that due to the risk of wildfires, the use of fire pits and barbecues is restricted when the weather is windy or temperatures are high. This is particularly common in July and August. More information will be provided in your House Guide and via your local specialist.

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Garden gate beach/sea access ²	✓
Gated heatable pool ³	10x6m
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Sea views	✓
Sauna	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Breakfast (excl. ingredients)	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Transfer service	✓
Air conditioning	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
Fireplace	✓
Heating	✓
Satellite TV	✓
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Shopping delivery service	—
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

¹ the cook can provide dinners on request, depending on availability

² 375 steps lead from the garden down to a sandy-shingle beach

³ a salt-water pool. The pool is heatable on request (except for July and August). Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Maistros perches on the high cliffs of northeastern **Skopelos**, just a few kilometres from the charming village of Glossa, whose whitewashed streets and shady square offer great views and a variety of amenities, including shops and tavernas.

Picturesque **Skopelos Town** and harbour, situated in the southeast of the island, is about 40 minutes' drive away.

Skopelos island is the perfect size to explore in a week or two and offers a good range of activities. A variety of **beaches** are dotted all around the island's nearly 70km of coastline. Some, such as those in Skopelos Town, Panormos and Limnonari are easily accessible. Others can be reached only on foot or by sea, an excellent excuse for hiring a boat for a day or two and exploring the island's gorgeous coves and bays.

Skopelos is also a green and pleasant island, and the vibrant colours, heady fragrances and cooling shade of its pine and oak woods contend with the multi-blue-hued sea for visitors' attention. There are several good walking trails across the hilly interior, whose two main peaks, Mount Palouki and Mount Delphi rise to 546m and 681m respectively. You will come across numerous monasteries on your way, as well as some superb views and a few sleepy villages where time seems to have stood still. One walk will lead you to the chapel of Agios Ioannis, which enjoyed its 5 minutes of fame as one of the locations for the film Mamma Mia!

Finally, just across the water, is Skopelos's sister Sporades Island, **Alonissos**, and its **Marine Park**. Both are highly recommended and easy to get to.

For more information about hydrofoils and ferries to and between the Sporades Islands, please see our **dedicated page**

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Distances

Skiathos airport and island: 15-30mins
hydrofoil crossing to Loutraki-Glossa
or 1hr to Skopelos Town

Athens International Airport: 35-40
minutes to Skopelos by **helicopter**

Athens airport: a 40-minute flight from
Skiathos

Athens airport: drive of 300km-
187miles-7hr10 (including
hydrofoil/ferry crossings)

Loutraki harbour (the closest port to
Maistros): 7km-4.5miles-15mins

Nearest tavernas, shops, bakeries and
cafés: in Glossa, 4km-2.5miles-10mins

Glossa: 4km-2.5miles-15mins

Nearest beach: right below the house
and several others within a couple of
km

Agios Ioannis Church (setting for the
wedding scene in Mamma Mia!): 8.5km-
5miles-15mins

Skopelos Town and harbour: 24km-
15miles-50 mins

Alonissos island: a 30-minute hydrofoil
crossing from Skopelos Town or a 1hr10
hydrofoil crossing from Loutraki
harbour.



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