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STENI VALA, ALONISSOS

HIBISCUS

Situated in the hills just above the beautiful shingle beach of Agios Petros midway up Alonissos's east coast, Hisbiscus offers flexible living with a traditional island feel, a pool, and a splendid choice of panoramic terraces from which to gaze out to sea and soak up the gentle Greek atmosphere.



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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Enchanting sea views

Cosy and practical accommodation

A 2-minute walk to a beach

Walking to the tavernas and harbour of
Steni Vala

Nearby

Steni Vala village

Beaches

The other Sporades Islands

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Hibiscus is spread across a main house and an independent, externally accessed studio. The front door of the main house takes one into the living room, whose high white-beamed ceilings, feature stone wall, comfy sofas, fireplace and French windows make for a light and welcoming atmosphere. To one side of the living area, heading past a guest bathroom, is the well-equipped country style kitchen, complete with small breakfast table and access to the main, shady al fresco dining area.

A few steps lead from the living room up to the main house's sleeping quarters, which comprise a double bedroom, a twin bedroom and a family bathroom. Both bedrooms have French windows allowing direct access to the various terraces found around the villa.

The independent studio is situated under the main house and accessed via steps either from the parking area or from the main terraces. It hosts an open-plan living and sleeping area, an en-suite shower room and a kitchenette. Surrounding the studio is a large covered terrace with outdoor dining area, perfect for a relaxed breakfast.

Outside: due to its position on a hillside the outdoor areas at Hibiscus are set over a variety of terraces on different levels, each offering wonderful sea views. A spacious terrace wraps around three sides of the main house, accessed from the living area, the kitchen and the two bedrooms. Shaded areas alternate with sun-kissed ones and there is plenty of room for dining, sitting and relaxing.

To one side of the main house is a tree-shaded semi-circular terrace, home to a built-in barbecue and sink and the perfect spot for dinners. Above the house, accessed via a flight of steps, is the pool area, which offers a shady pergola and a raised sunbathing area for anyone working on their tan.

More steps lead down from the main house's outdoor areas to the studio, which has its own lovely sea-view patio. Where the terraces end, the fragrant

verdant countryside begins, this itself delimited by the sandy beach and transparent waters just below the house.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the relatively limited number of hydrofoil/ferry connections between Skiathos and Alonissos/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 Alonissos.

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

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.

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

Please note that there are a few other villas about 40-60m from Hibiscus.

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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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	6
Bedrooms	3
Double beds	1
Twin beds	1
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	2
... of which en suite	1
Pool	9x4m
Walkable to beach/sea	✓
Sea views	✓
Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to shop(s)	✓
Barbecue	✓
Air conditioning ²	✓
Optional cook ¹	—
Transfer service	✓
Fast Internet connection	✓
Smart TV	✓
Stereo	✓
Shopping delivery service	—
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
¹ the cook can provide breakfasts or dinners on request. Alternatively, they can provide three meals a day for the full week, again on request. All options are dependent on availability.	
² in the bedrooms only	
✓	= yes/present
—	= optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Hibiscus sits above a lovely sandy beach about half way up **Alonissos's** east coast. The seafront tavernas, amenities and harbour of Steni Vala are about 10 minutes' walk away, making it eminently possible to dine out without ever taking the car. The island's main port, Patitiri, and the historic capital, **Alonissos Town**, are just a 20-minute drive away.

Despite its diminutive size, 14km long and 4km wide, Alonissos has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to **beaches**. Arguably the best ones are to be found along the east coast and on the southern tip. One such, just a 10-minute drive north of Hibiscus, is Agios Dimitrios, whose splendid white sands and intense blue waters are irresistible. The north of the island also boasts some idyllic coves and beaches but most of these are only accessible by boat: an excellent reason to rent one for your stay.

Alonissos, its surrounding waters and minor islands, including Peristera, Kyra Panagia, Gioura, Psathoura, Piperi and Skantzoura, form the Alonissos Marine Park, the largest of its kind in Europe. Established in 1992, its 2,250km² is home to a fascinating variety of flora, fauna, marine life (including Mediterranean monk seals) and unspoilt natural beauty.

Finally, just across the water, is Alonissos's sister Sporades Island, **Skopelos**, which is 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: a 1hr35 hydrofoil crossing

Athens International Airport: 35-40 minutes to Alonissos by helicopter.

Patitiri town and port: 10km-6miles-18mins

Nearest shops, tavernas and amenities: 2mins drive or 10mins walk in Steni Vala

Nearest beach: 2mins walk below the villa at Agios Petros

Kalamakia (home to some excellent seafront fish tavernas): 10mins drive

Skopelos island and town: a 30-minute hydrofoil crossing



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