

# Skopelos-Island.com

## Welcome *Pack*

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## **DRIVING**

In Greece, you drive on the right hand side of the road! As in the UK, you must use a hands free kit if you want to make a call on your phone. It is advisable to keep your driving license with you and keep any rental agreements in the car.

Beware of large buses, trucks and scooters lurking behind sharp corners - the roads are very bendy and can be very narrow. **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.**

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The international dialing code for Greece is **+30**. To call abroad from Greece, dial 00 followed by the relevant country code (e.g. **0044** for UK) - or **001** for the USA. Using the phone at your hotel can be very expensive. Public phone booths are available all over the island and phone cards can be purchased from kiosks, mini markets and OTE (Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation).

Please note that when calling the UK, omit the "0" prefix from the area code e.g. 0044 1753... as opposed to 0044 01753.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

Most places in Greece are covered by mobile networks - VODAFONE, WIND, COSMOTE, QTELECOM. They all use GSM networks and have roaming agreements with most international operators. However, VODAFONE & COSMOTE seem to have greater coverage, especially as far as islands are concerned. Network signals may fluctuate when driving around the island, so in case you are out of signal be patient and it should come back soon! Greek mobile numbers **DO NOT** have a '\*0' at the beginning.

## **ELECTRICITY**

The electricity supply in Greece is alternating current, 220-250 Volts, 50 cycles. Appliances for 110 or 120 volts may be operated by using step down transformers of 220-250 volts connected to each outlet.

## **DRUGS**

Legislation in Greece is exactly the same as it is anywhere else. Possession of any drug in any quantity, including cannabis, will result in a custodial sentence.

## **TIPPING**

By law a 13% service charge is added to the price of a meal. However, it is customary to leave an 8%-10% tip if the service was satisfactory.

## SKOPELOS GENERAL INFORMATION

Skopelos Island belongs to the North Sporades complex of islands and is located between Skiathos and Alonissos. On reaching the port you will see Hora- town and capital of Skopelos- amphitheatrically built, with narrow uphill slab-paved alleys. It is worth walking them to admire the popular architecture of the houses with the old hanging balconies, the small bridges between the houses and the whitewashed streets\*

On the northern part of the town, you will see the ruins of the Venetian Castle, built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, as well as the church of Saint Athanassios, built in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Visit also the Folklore Museum of Skopelos and the Photography Centre of the town.

The island has rich pine forests, which start from the top of the mountains and reach down to the sea. It has delicate beaches, sandy beaches, closed leeward bays and wild plant life too. The busiest places are Hora (Skopelos town in the south) and the villages of Stafylos, Panormos (ancient capital of the island) and Elios, with beautiful beaches. At the end of Stafylos beach you can find the wider and quieter beach called Velanio. Note that if you continue past the large rocks, you enter the only official nudist area.

Agnontas has also a great sandy beach and it is the safer "natural port of the island. In the northwest part of Agnonta we meet Limnonari, a small bay with very clean waters, ideal for swimming and water sports. Do not miss going for a swim at Milia and Kastani, from where you can also enjoy a spectacular sunset.

Some people prefer Glossa, a peaceful picturesque village in the north of the island with few tourists, traditional houses and wonderful sunsets. Glossa is the second largest settlement of the island, much quieter but equally beautiful, with an unsurpassed view across Skiathos and Evia.

## LOCAL BUS - GETTING AROUND

There are plenty of Public **buses**, which cost between €1.50-€3.00 depending on where you are going. Tickets are bought on the bus. The timetables to and from Skopelos are as follows (During May, June, September and October the last bus is about 18.00):

### From Skopelos to Stafylos and Agnondas.

07.00-09.45-10.30-11.00-12.00-12.45-13.30-15.30-16.30-18.00-18.30-20.00-22.30

### From Skopelos to Panormos (travel duration 30 mini and Milia.

07.00-09.45-10.00-11.00-12.00-12.45-13.30-15.30-16.30-18.00-18.30-20.00-22.30

### From Skopelos to Elios and Glossa (travel duration 1 hour)

07.00-10.00-12.00-13.30-15.30-18.00-20.00-22.30

### From Agnondas and Stafylos to Skopelos

07.45-09.45-10.45-11.45-12.45-13.30-14.15-16.15-17.15-18.15-19.15-20.45-23.15

### From Milia, Panormos to Skopelos

07.30-09.30-11.50-12.30-13.15-14.00-16.00-17.00-18.00-19.00-20.30-23.00

### From Elios to Skopelos 07.15-09.15-12.15-13.45-15.45-17.45-20.15-22.45

### From Glossa to Skopelos 07.00-09.00-12.00-13.30-15.30-17.30-20.00-22.30

The public buses are operated by the Town of Skopelos and are in no way connected to the Adrina. For your information, total travel time lasts from 30 to 45 minutes depending on the route.

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## TAXI SERVICES

There are a few **taxi services** in Skopelos, numbers are detailed below. It is always advisable to book in advance. Please be aware that taxi-sharing is very common in Greece, therefore don't be surprised if you find yourselves sharing a taxi with a total stranger!

It is always best to call for a taxi from the area you are at. If, for example, you are at the port of Skopelos Town, according to the list below you could call Kalogiros Panayiotis.

**Caution:** The cost from either port to the middle of the island, which is Panormos is approximately 18 Euros.

Here are some phone numbers of local taxi service providers:

### Skopelos Taxi Telephone Numbers

<b>Skopelos</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Plates</b>
Stamoulos Giannis	2424033023	6972429568	
Kalogiros Panayiotis		6972693375	
Karvelis Adreas		6944132143	
Vlahostamatis Kostas		6944843738	
Sklavos		6944820468	
Thanasis		6945149342	
<b>Glossa-Loutraki</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Plates</b>
Mike Dinos	2424033715	6944241711	(MERCEDES) TAE 7313
Stamoulis Zaxarias	2424033044	6972841329	(VOLKS WAGEN) TAE 7577
Giannis Christou	2424034060	6944734024	(MERCEDES) TAE 7532
Panayiotis Christou	2424033133	6979031303	(SCODA OCTAVIA) TAE 7245
Dimitris Tsaknis	2424034263	6981634445	(SCODA OCTAVIA) TAE 7580

Longest route example: Taxi fare from Skopelos town to Glossa is approximately €34,00 and travel time is 35-40-minutes.

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## ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

## TELECOMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS SHOPS

**Electrorama:** (Skopelos Town) Tel. 24240.29145 Open:  
Tue, Thu, Fri: 08:30-14:30 & 17:30-21:30 Mon, Wed, Sat: 08:30- 14:30

**This is the shop to find your UK / Europe plug adaptors.**

**Seios:** (Skopelos Town) Tel. 24240.22813, Fax. 24240.23744  
Open : Mon, Tue, Thur: 09:00-14:00 & 18:00 - 22:00, Wed, Sat, Sun: CLOSED

## **WATER**

Although the tap water is safe, it is best to drink bottled water. It is cheap and available everywhere. Tap water can be used for washing, bathing and brushing your teeth (mind the funny taste).

## **PARKING**

The port has a large free parking space which is behind the taxi station. However, the port can become crowded, so parking can be difficult there. More parking spaces can be found at the end of the port. Please note though that access to that particular part of the port is restricted during the afternoon, and that the same area is a ferry embarking/disembarking point, thus your car can be blocked in due to the large number of cars accessing the area during ferry arrivals/departures.

There is another parking area found next to Elin gas station, near the port. It is further away than the one in the port (and smaller), however it is much less crowded

In general, if your hotel is within walking distance of the town and the port, it is a much better idea to walk.

Please also be aware that parking anywhere other than in designated parking areas is not recommended, as policemen frequently patrol the port and will issue fines.'

## **NEWSPAPERS**

There is a great newsagent next to Platanos Square. It has almost all the European newspapers, as well as books, stamps etc. It is open Mon-Sun: 08:00 - 00:30.

## **SUPERMARKETS**

Skopelos, like most Greek islands, does not have big supermarkets but small mini-markets with a more limited variety. There are plenty around Skopelos. In general, most mini-markets open early in the morning and close late at night during summer months.

Alternatively, there is one discount super market, **Dia**, on the ring road (on your left hand side) on the way to Agnontas, which can be accessed by car. It is open Mon - Sun: 08:30-21:30 (Tel. 24240.24340).

## **MAIL**

**ELTA** is the official name for the Greek postal service. The post office is situated near the port, opposite the internet cafe. Standard stamps can be bought from the post office and from most news agents. For light letters, you can affix the stamp, then deposit the letter in one of the yellow post boxes found in selected areas of the island. There is one post box outside the post office and another one opposite Englezos restaurant (at the port), next to the kiosk. Additionally, there is a post box outside the news agent, next to Platanos Square. For heavier letters, it is better to go to post office to have it weighed, to make sure that it reaches its destination no matter what!

Sending a postcard to ANY destination worldwide costs 0,65 cents.

**Post office:** Tel. 24240.22203, Open: Mon-Fri, 07:30-14:00

The following courier services are also available in Skopelos:

**Speedex:** Tel. 24240.24485, Mobile: 69 75 107 107 (**co-operation with UPS**)

**ACS:** Tel. 24240.22720, Mobile: 69 766 94 759

**Geniki Tahidromiki:** (Next to Hotel Amalia) Mobile: 6944 827 514

## BANKING

Banks are open Monday-Thursday 08:00-14:30 and Friday 08:00-14:00. There isn't an ALPHA BANK or a EUROBANK on the island; however you can find a EUROBANK ATM, on the corner of Kohili Bakery.

NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, Skopelos	24240.22224, 24240.22396
ATE - AGROTIKI, Skopelos Town	24240.22384, 24240.23204
ALPHA BANIK, Skopelos Town	24240.23705, 24240.24215
EMPORIKI, Skopelos Town	24240.22700, 24240.23756, 24240.22015

## INTERNET CAFE

There is one internet cafe in Skopelos (opposite the Post Office)

**Click & Surf** Tel. 24240.23093

Open: Mon-Sun, 09:00-00:00

[www.skopelosnetcafe.gr](http://www.skopelosnetcafe.gr), [ermis-sk@otenet.gr](mailto:ermis-sk@otenet.gr)

Click & Surf is a good place if you need any computer consumables, cartridges etc.

## HEALTHCARE

There are two public Medical Centres in Skopelos. The central one is situated on the island's ring road, on the right (see Hotel Map 2) and there is available parking on the premises.

Open : Mon - Fri, 08:00-14:00

Tel. 24240.22222, 24240.22739 (for information and emergencies).

There is no cost to see a doctor in the Medical Center.

There is also a Community Clinic in Glossa: Tel. 24240 33504 Mon-Fri:09:00 - 13:30 and in Elios: Tel. 24240 33000

**Emergency treatment is available 24 hours a day.**

Dentist: Mr. Giorgos Tsarpalas, Tel. 24240.24333

## **PHARMACIES**

### Skopelos Town

**Pharmacy, Mr Dimitris Tsarpalis** in the centre of the port - Tel. 24240.23686  
Open: Mon-Fri, 09:00-14:00 & 17:30-00:30 Sat, 09:30-14:00 & 18:00-00:30  
Sun, 11:00-14:00 & 18:00-00:00.

**Pharmacy, Mr Filippos Ramantanis** (Platanos Square) - Tel. 24240.22252

**Pharmacy, Mr Giorgos Tragkas** opposite Medical Centre - Tel. 24240.24333

Open: Mon-Sun, 08:00-14:00 & 17:00-23:00

## **BEAUTY & MASSAGE**

### **HAIR SALONS**

**Nina** (*Skopelos Town, near Anna's Restaurant*)

Ms Nina Tel. 24240.24577

Open: Mon-Sat, 9:30-14:00 & 18:00-21:30 (except Wed)

**Maria Palaiologou** (*Skopelos Town, near Ionia Hotel*)

Tel. 24240.23741

Open: Mon-Sat, 9:30-14:00 & 18:00-21:30 (except Wed)

**Sofikitou Makri** (*Skopelos Town, near Police Station*)

Tel. 24240.23456

Open: Mon-Fri, 9:30-14:00 & 18:00-21:00

Sat, 9:00-14:00

**Free Style** (*near OTE*) Ms Maria Kalimniou

Mobile : 6946 964932

Open: Mon-Sat, 10:00-14:00 & 18:00-21:30

**Kiriaki** (near Internet cafe & Post office)

Mon - Sat: 08:30 - 13:30 & 17:30 - late

All hair salons are closed on Sundays. Alternatively you can call one of the following hairdressers for an appointment at your accommodation:

**Ms Theodosia:** Mob: 6937 159 423

**Ms Aspa:** Mob: 6946 706 3 00

## **BEAUTY THERAPY AND MASSAGE**

### **For beauty treatments in Skopelos:**

Moshoula Tel. 24240.24328, Mobile : 6944 196 858

Ms Mahi Klonari Tel. 24240.22000

Venera (massage) Mobile : 6973 206 277

**The Adrina Hotel also has a massage - beauty therapist from 1<sup>st</sup> of July to 30<sup>th</sup> of August. Tel. 24240.23371,3 - 24240.24250**

## **CAR - BIKE HIRE**

For personal hire there is:

### **Magic cars:**

Tel. 24240.23250, 24240.23040, Fax: 24240.23243  
[www.skopelosweb.gr/magiccars](http://www.skopelosweb.gr/magiccars), [skopeloscars@mail.gr](mailto:skopeloscars@mail.gr)

### **Moto Centre:**

Mr. Leonidas Tel 24240.23789

### **Discovery Car and Bike Rental:**

Tel. 24240.23033  
[www.skopelosnet.gr/discovery](http://www.skopelosnet.gr/discovery)

### **Aronis Car Rental:**

Tel. 24240.24420, Mob: 6993 034 200  
[www.aroniscarental.gr](http://www.aroniscarental.gr), [aronis@aroniscarental.gr](mailto:aronis@aroniscarental.gr)

## **EMERGENCY**

Skopelos in general is safe. However, in case of an emergency, **call 100 from any phone.**

POLICE STATION: Tel. 24240.22235

TOURIST POLICE: Tel. 24240.22235

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tel. 24240.24199

## FILM DEVELOPMENT

You can have your photos developed in SkopelosTown in IRIS Photo (besides DODONI ice creams)

Mr. Apostolos Nouvakis Tel. 24240.23154

or in PHOTO GRAPHICS, Tel. 24240.33222 located in Glossa.

## BREAKDOWN SERVICES

Panagiotis Papalexopoulos (Skopelos town) for Bikes Vaggelis Tel. 24240.23696

Theos (Kampos area) Tel. 24240.23088

Haralabos Stivahtis (Kamini, on your way to Stafylos) Tel. 24240.23912

Agalos Fotopoulos (Glossa) Tel. 24240.33997

## PETROL STATIONS

Transport department has set up accounts with two petrol stations on the island. The main one is called EKO ZERVAS 1.8km outside of Skopelos Town, right beside Dia Supermarket. The second is ELIN, just before Glossa in the north of the island. It is the only petrol station between Kastanl beach and Glossa.

All official production car hires will have to fill out a log sheet with relevant details.

## TRAVEL AGENCIES

**Thalpos Holidays:** Tel. 24240.29036, [www.holidayislands.com](http://www.holidayislands.com), [info@holidayislands.com](mailto:info@holidayislands.com)

**Madro Travel:** Tel. +302424022145, fax.+302424022941, [enquiries@madrotravel.com](mailto:enquiries@madrotravel.com) ; [info@madrotravel.com](mailto:info@madrotravel.com)

**Dolphin:** Tel. 24240.29191, 24240.29192  
[www.sporadesholidays.gr](http://www.sporadesholidays.gr), [ianna@dolphin-skiathos.gr](mailto:ianna@dolphin-skiathos.gr)

## TICKET OFFICES

If you wish to book any ferry tickets *directly with ferry/dolphin companies*, you can dial first the Port Authority (Tel. 24240.22180, 24240.22017) to find out all ferry routes from/to Skopelos/Glossa ports.

### ALKYON TRAVEL-MINOAN LINES

<b>Athens</b> -Central Offices: Akadimias 97, (+30210) 3843220
<b>Aghios Konstantinos</b> : Mr Bilalis 0030 22350 31874
<b>Aghios Konstantinos</b> : 5 MIAOULI St., Phone: 0030-22350-31989, 22350 33376Fax: 0030-22350-89531, email: sporades@sporades-tours.gr
<b>Thessaloniki</b> : 1 Ionos Dragoumi St., phone: (0030 2310) 547407, 534376, 547454
<b>Volos</b> : phones: (0030 24210) 23400, 21626, 31059
<b>Skopelos</b> : Skopelos portside, phone: (0030 24240) 23060, 22767
<b>Skopelos</b> : Skopelos portside, phone: (0030 24240) 22363
<b>Glossa</b> (Skopelos' 2nd Port): Mr Triantafylou tel. (0030 24240) 33435, 33042, 23884
<b>Skopelos Office</b> : NEL LINES / MADRO TRAVEL (0030 24240) 22300, 22 145 <b>Athens Office</b> : NEL 0030 210 4115015 Skiathos: Skiathos portside, phone: (0030 24270) 22018, 22033 Kymi: (0030 22220) 22020, 22522

## ACTIVITIES

### EXCURSIONS

**Tour to Ai Yiannis:** A unique place to visit. 23 km from Hora (Skopelos town). After a drive in pine forests you reach the Agios Ioannis monastery (Ai Yiannis). We strongly recommend a visit to the monastery (take care on the stairs) and experience a fantastic view! There is a small beach where you can swim too if you wish.

**Aegean Paradise:** Sail up the whole eastern coastline of Alonissos, the only inhabited island of Greece's biggest National Marine Park on board their chartered boat. The local guide will tell you more about the island's history as well as show you some of the most spectacular beaches. Then head up to the deserted sacred island of Kyra Panagia with its 13<sup>th</sup> century Athos-style monastery. The Marine Park is host to many endangered species and also an emigration path. There will be opportunities to swim, top up your tan on the decks and learn more about wild life, the monastic life and the local history of this stunning, precious and natural reserve corner of the Aegean sea. Heading back to Skopelos everybody on board could end the cruise with a last stop at the port of Alonissos (Patitiri) with an optional visit to the Old Chora (town).

### MUSEUMS

- Folk Art Museum in Skopelos town Tel. 24240.23494
- The Kosmas Giorgos' Family Museum at Glysteri Beach
- Pavlos Nirvanas' House in Skopelos Town.

### BARS & NIGHT CLUBS

Skopelos is a family-oriented island; there may not be a big number of bars and clubs, however there are enough to keep you going. In general, Skopelos town (the Harbor) is the centre of the island for any nightlife. Below are some of the recommended bars:

**Vrahos (Nikos) Tel. 24240.23810**

**Merkourios music bar Tel. 24240.24593**

**Anemos Tel. 24240.23564**

## RESTAURANTS

### Adrina Beach

**Highly recommended (Lobster & spaghetti), Tel. 24240.23371,3 & 24240.24250.**

**To Perivoli** (Skopelos Town): Tel. 24240.23758

Mediterranean cuisine within a garden. Alternative to the traditional Greek taverna. Open at 19:30, remember always to reserve a table in advance

**Agioli** (Skopelos Village Hotel): Tel. 24240.24712

**Gorgones** (ouzeri in the heart of Skopelos Town): Tel. 24240.24720

**Klimararia** (Skopelos Town): Tel. 24240.22273 Very good, traditional Greek cuisine.

**Tis Annas** (Skopelos Town): Tel. 24240. 24734

One of the best places to offer Greek cuisine. Important to book in advance.

**The Garden** (Skopelos Town, *behind Production Office*): Tel. 24240. 22349

Very popular with the pre-team! On the road behind the production office, set in a lovely garden.

Good for groups.

**Englezos** (Skopelos Town): Tel. 24240.22230

Tavern with good Greek cuisine. Near the end of the port as you walk to the little Chapel (beside the Jazz bar with the big tree).

**Anatoli** (Skopelos Town); Tel. 24240.22851 for reservations. Greek cuisine with live music -rebetica by Giorgos Xintaris- after 22:30.

**Maistrali** (in the village of Glossa):

**Agnanti** (in the village of Glossa): Tel. 24240.33606, 24240.33076 Great for Sunday lunch. Always reserve for dinner.

If you are in Skopelos town and just want to have a take way to taste the traditional souvlaki, try:

**Ali Gefsi** (Platanos Square, Skopelos Town): Tel: 24240 23 663 Mob: 6972 23 58 51  
Great souvlaki! Take away and delivery.

**WHAT TO BUY-SEE!!!**

	<b>Info</b>	<b>What to buy-see</b>
<b>Armoloi</b>	Mr Sideris Tel. +3024240 22707 Skopelos Town.	Art, Antiquities, Handicrafts
<b>Rodios</b>	Tel. +3024240 22924 23605, 27779 Skopelos Town.	Art, Antiquities, Handicrafts
<b>Giousouri</b>	Tel. +3024240 23983 Skopelos Town.	Handicrafts
<b>Kastri</b>	Tel. +3024240 24592 Fax: 24592 Skopelos Town.	Handicrafts
<b>Ploumisti</b>	Tel. +3024240 22059 Skopelos Town.	Art, Antiquities, Handicrafts
<b>Giannakopoulos</b>	Tel. +3024240 22705 Skopelos Town.	Art, Antiquities
<b>Kyra Leni</b>	Tel. +3024240 33688 Glossa & Skopelos Town.	Local Products
<b>Discovery boat trip</b>	Tel. +3024240 23747 Skopelos Town.	Daily trip to Alonissos and North Sporades Marine Park
<b>Ai Giannis Church - KASTRI.</b> A church built on a huge rock near Glossa Village.		
<b>Skopelos graves at Sedoukia</b> above the monastery of Saint Eustathios, are not too easy to reach, since visitors must drive along the dusty road to Karia.		
<b>All Skopelos' Beaches</b> especially: Kastani, Perivoliou, Hondrogiorgi, Pethamenis, Armenopetra		