

## CRETE – AGII APOSTOLI

While we were waiting for cataract surgery for Anne Berit, we found out that we would shorten the waiting time by 'jumping' on a trip to the South of Europe. She has a very bad eye sight, so I had to lead her down and up the stairs and read the menus at the restaurants, but we wanted to travel anyway. We found a trip that went from Thursday 3 May to Thursday 10 May. We booked it a couple of days before the trip went, so we got it for half the normal price.



The trip we chose was with [Apollo](#), one of the Nordic region's leading tour operators with around 500 employees and one million travelers a year.

We flew with [Novair](#), which is Apollos own airline. It was founded in 1997.



Due to the fact that the plane from [Gardermoen](#) had a departure time at 07.20, we chose to stay overnight at a hotel near the airport so that we did not need to get up at the middle of the night at Kongsvinger to drive to the airport. In such cases, we have usually stayed at the Radisson Blu Hotel, which is within walking distance of the airport terminal. We think it is convenient to walk from the hotel in the morning, directly to the departure terminal. When we tried to book there, it was fully booked. We also tried the Park Inn Hotel, which is also within walking distance, but it was also fully booked. The choice finally ended at [Clarion Hotel® & Congress Oslo Airport](#).



We therefore started the trip the day before to drive to [Dalen Parkering](#) to park the car there after dropping off our luggage at the hotel, which is within walking distance of Dalen Parkering. Anne Berit looked after the luggage while I parked the car.



This is the entrance at Clarion Hotel.



The room.



The restaurant.



We landed at [Chania International Airport](#), 'Ioannis Daskalogiannis' located at [Souda Bay](#). The airport is named after Ioannis Daskalogiannis, a rebel from Crete who fought the Ottoman Empire in the 18th century. The airport is also used by the Greek Air Force, and by the United States. The Norwegian F16 unit for air operations in Libya in 2011 was stationed here.

We were very pleased with this hotel. It had nice rooms, good food and very good service. We will certainly be using this hotel several times.



Map of West Crete. The red spot shows where [Agii Apostoli](#) is located. The airport is also displayed.



A more detailed map showing where the hotel is located. The hotel is called [Talos](#).

The hotel is quite simple but OK. According to [TripAdvisor](#), it is rated as number 14 of 33 accommodations in the area. We thought it was nice to stay there for a week and it was peaceful without disturbing noise of any kind. We ate mostly at the restaurant in the hotel. They had very good food there, and according to [TripAdvisor](#), the restaurant is ranked number 1 of 14 restaurants in the area.



The building where we stayed seen from the restaurant. Our apartment was on the top left.



[The restaurant](#) was located around the pool.



The restaurant and the pool seen from our apartment in the evening.



Same in the day.



This is the main entrance of the restaurant and the hotel.



This is the Iguana beach which is located east of one of the peninsulas in the area. On this peninsula there is a church called the Church of the Holy Apostles (Agii Apostoli). It has given the place the name.



The Iguana beach looking eastwards.



Glaros beach is west of the peninsula. We see the peninsula on the right in the picture.



The Glaros beach.



Same beach seen westward.

Agii Apostoli is best known for the three beaches located in each bay. We took pictures from two of these, Iguana Beach and Glaros Beach. The third, Chrissi Acti, is most famous and lies a few hundred meters further east. The name means the golden beach.



Glaros beach seen from the peninsula in the direction of Agii Apostoli.



This is at the start of the peninsula.



A couple of pictures of the church.



This is a tourist train that operates along the coast west towards Afrata and into the island as far south as Meskla and Therissos. They hat 7 different routes.



We ate a couple of times at this restaurant which is just beyond our hotel, in the direction of the beach. It's called [Xenios Dias](#), and is ranked 11th in 14 restaurants in Agii Apostoli. We noticed the difference in relation to the food at Talos.

Agii Apostoli is a small area, but according to TripAdvisor, there is 33 hotels and 14 restaurants in the area.



The front page of the Xenios Dias menu.



When Anne Berit finally gets the surgery for cataracts, she gets lenses that correct for bias and she can walk without glasses normally. Then she are going to look like this. She must only wear glasses for reading etc.



Anne Berit at Xenios Dias.



We had lunch once in this restaurant. It is located a little further west and it is called [Siroccos Restaurant](#).



The view to the east from Siroccos.



The front of menu.



Here I'm lunching at Sirocco's Restaurant, which is ranked number 5 of 14 restaurants of [TripAdvisor](#). All right food.



One of the days we took a taxi to [Gavalohori](#) to visit Rune and Elisabeth Lindhjem and the dog Shadow. We had brought with us Stabburet liver pâté, yellow type, which is the favorite of Shadow. We had lunch at [To steki tou leonida](#) in [Drapanos](#).



One of the guests at the restaurant took a picture of us all.



I took a picture in through the door into the restaurant.



In the the restaurant yard they have various old objects.



The church.



One last picture from the restaurant.



A picture we took in Almyrida in 2014. We stayed in Almyrida in the winter of 2014-15 and we were there in July 2016. We enjoyed ourselves very well there.

Rune and Elisabeth drove us down to [Almyrida](#) afterwards, where we took a taxi back to our hotel.

Almyrida gets a new hotel in June. The place looked overpopulated already in early May, and the beaches were already packed. Wondering what happens when more people come to the little place.