

## SKIATHOS 27. AUGUST – 3. SEPTEMBER

We found out that we wanted to go to Skiathos. We found a last minute offer on [VING](#). As usual, such charter trips go early in the morning. We therefore booked accommodation at the [Park Inn by Radisson Oslo Airport Hotel West](#) and space for the car at [Gardermoen Parkering](#). The week before, we were at Samos. Then we also spent the night here and we have pictures from the hotel on that travel letter. This time we only ate breakfast before taking the shuttle bus to the airport in the morning. The plane departed at 7am and we had to be at the airport at 5am. Wing had chartered [Thomas Cook Airlines](#). We had ordered food on the plane. It was very much better than the food we got at SAS the week before. The onboard service was also better.



[Skiathos](#) is located in the archipelago of the [Sporades](#) and approximately 6,000 people live on the island.

Skiathos was in ancient times a member of the Athenian Maritime Federation. The city was destroyed by [Philip V of Macedonia](#) in the year 200 BC

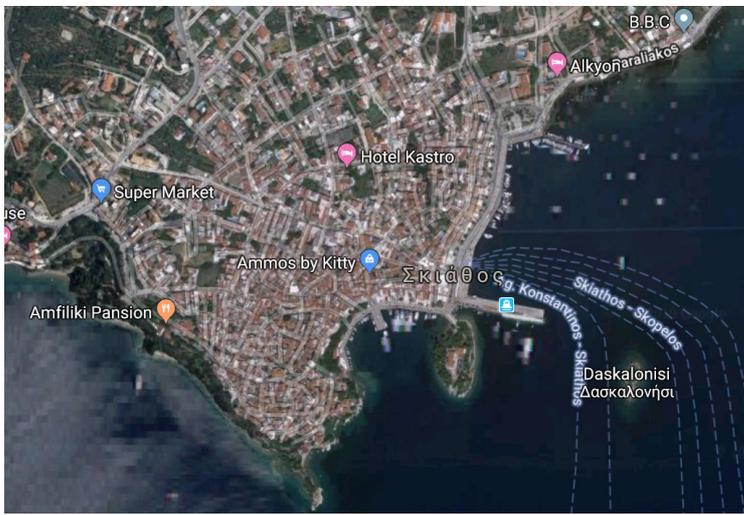
The island was later under Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman rule.

In the year 1207 AD the [Gyzi brothers](#) conquered the island and built Bourtzi, a smaller Venetian-style fortress. The fortress failed to protect its population from pirates, so in the mid-1300s the capital was moved from the ancient site of today's modern city of Skiathos, to Kastro (Greek for fortress) ([link 1](#) - [link 2](#) - [link 3](#)), located on a high cliff overlooking the sea at the northernmost point of the island.

In the 1830s, the island's capital was again moved back to its original place where it still remains. Today, the ruins of Kastro are a tourist attraction.



We landed at [Skiathos airport](#). The runway there is only 1628 meters long, so only small aircrafts can take off with full tank. Larger planes must replenish at an airport with longer runways. This is often done at the airport in Thessaloniki or in Kavala / Chrysoupoli.



We were going to stay at [Hotel Alkyon](#), which is shown on the map.



The hotel seen from outside.



Sign outside.



Aerial view.



After checking in and installing ourselves in the room, we went to the nearest restaurant ([Limanaki](#)) for a small lunch.



Later we went to the nearest supermarket and bought water and beer. We walked through a small park where this statue stands.



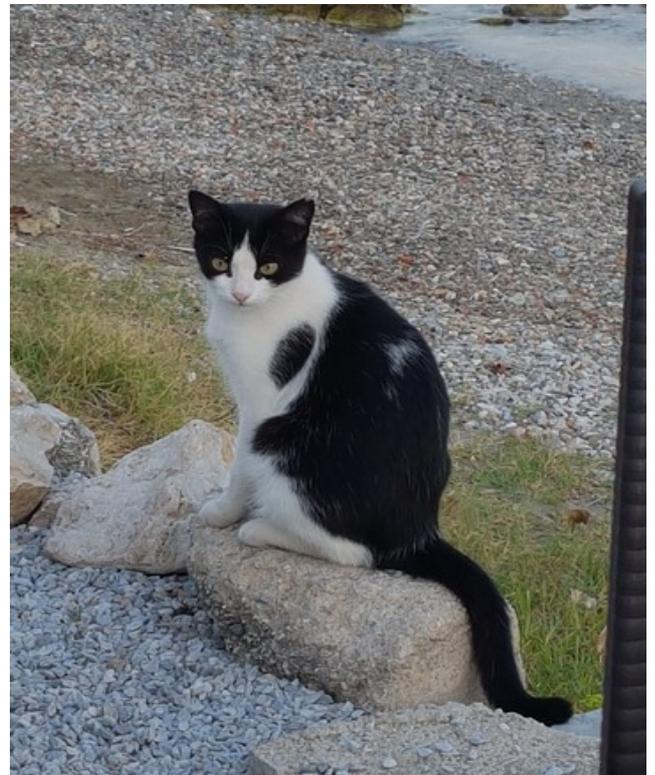
In the evening we went to the same restaurant to eat. We sat on the section facing the sea. Here we see the main building.



Where we sat we had a nice view of the boats that lay outside.



Here we look in the other direction.



While sitting there, a cat visited us.



This guy is going to his boat.



This photo was taken from our terrace when the street lights were lit.



This photo is from the breakfast restaurant. We sat outside overlooking the sea.

This photo is taken from the hotel's website.



There were some sparrows there. They ate crumbs that fell off the tables. Someone also gave them pieces of bread.



More birds are waiting for bread.



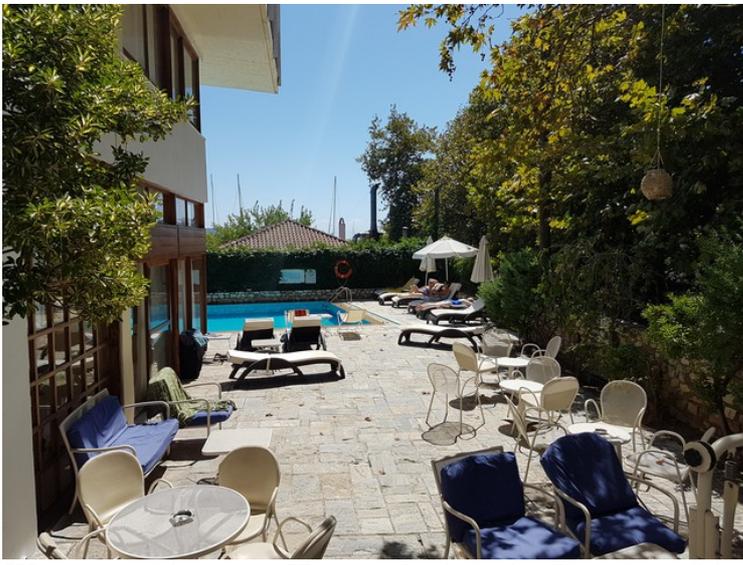
This photo is taken from the breakfast restaurant in the direction of the city center.



Here it is zoomed a bit. We see the wooded Bourzi peninsula.



The day after we arrived, we did not leave the hotel for lunch. We ordered a pizza in the hotel bar. We see the bar here.



We sat outside to eat. Here we look in the direction of the pool.



A photo of the pool taken from the hotel's website.



We had a beer with the pizza.



As we sat there we took a picture of the leaves and fruits on one of the trees. It is a [plane tree](#) and the fruits have spikes. The leaves fall off in autumn and many leaves have already started to turn quite brown.



The next day we went for a walk towards the city center. What am I looking at?



I look at the boats and this guy sitting on the quayside fishing.



This is the ferry quay. The building here is a waiting area for those waiting for the ferry.



The city is built on several hills.



Here is the old port.



On the top we see [Agios Nikolaos](#) church.



What am I photographing here, then?

I take a picture of this statue, an unknown sailor.





Here we look back at the area where the ferries dock.



This is the [Bourzi peninsuls](#). This is where the old fort was situated. There are only ruins left today.



A picture of the peninsula.



The old port. From here there are many sightseeing boats.



Beyond the old port there is also a hill where part of the city lies.



This is on the peninsula.  
A statue of Papdiamantis.



Another statue of Papdiamantis.

Then follows some pictures we took while walking up the peninsula.





Arriving at [restaurant Bourzi](#).

We had a beer here.





After we had been to Bourzi we walked along the old harbor.  
Here a sightseeing boat comes back.



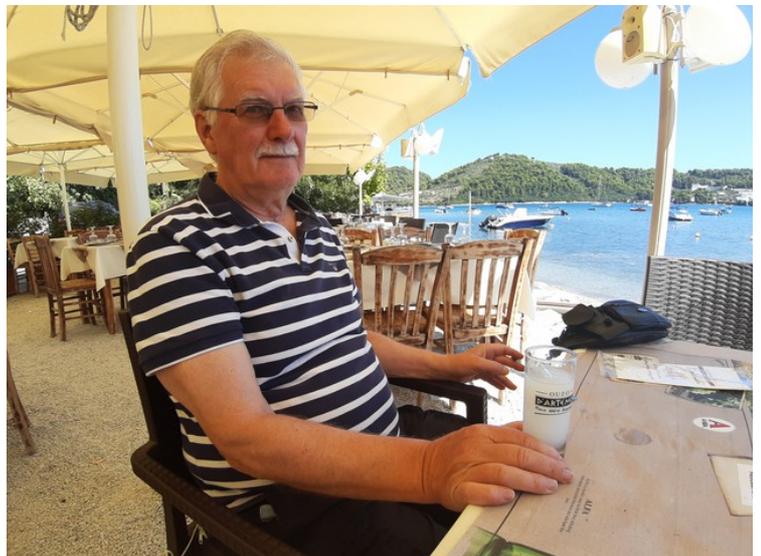
More boats.



We turned as we got as far as the stairs by [Rock'n Roll Cafe.](#)



When we got back to the hotel we went straight to Meltemi and had lunch. I had octopus and ouzo. Anne Berit had a salad.



After the food I had to have one ouzo more.



Where we sat we could see the ferries coming and going.



We were also visited by a small kitten. It got some food from us, but it wasn't that hungry. It seems that he had an eye disease.



We were also visited by a seagull.



A guy is wading and pulling the inflatable boat ashore.



At the end I pay the bill in the main building.



In the evening we ate at a restaurant located a few meters beyond Meltemi. That restaurant is called [Scuna](#).



While we were sitting there, there came a plane to land at the airport.



There was just as good a view here as it was at Meltemi. Part of the restaurant was located on a platform that went some distance into the sea.



The next day we found out that we would like to go on a ferry trip to Skopelos and Alonissos. We purchased tickets for a boat called [Express Skiathos](#).



Here we leave the quay in Skiathos.



Life aboard one of the ferry decks.



This is inside the lounge where we sat.



When we got out on the sea we had a picture of the runway at the airport.



Here we are passing by some small islands.



Arriving at [Skopelos](#).



The main city, [Skopelos](#) or Chora, lies in the hillside.



There are long piers around the harbor.

Map of the island. It is slightly larger than Skiathos and has about 6000 inhabitants.



There were an incredible amount of people and cars going on and off the ferry.



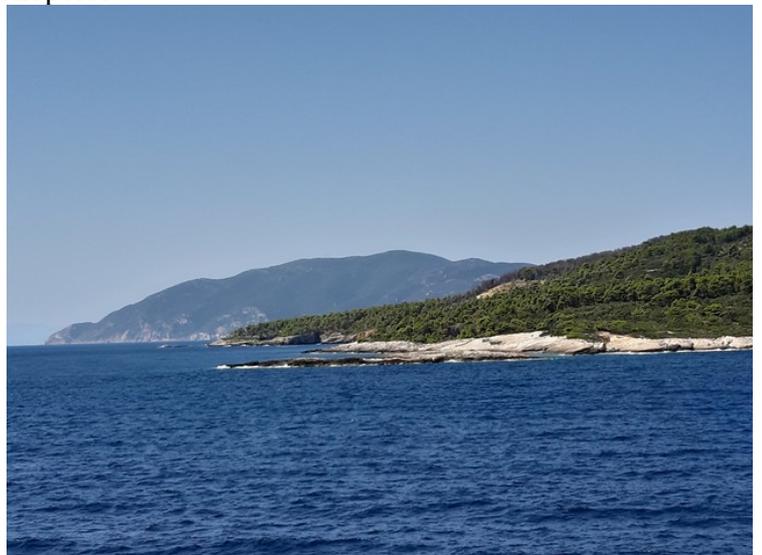
The ferry runways are lowered before the ferry arrives at the dock and the crew makes everything ready for cars and passengers.



Leaving Skopelos.

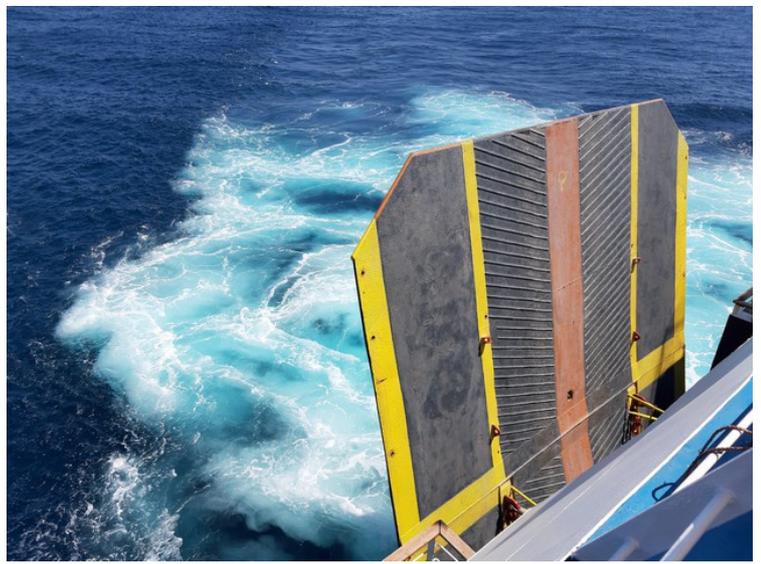


Out on open sea again.



The next island is Alonissos.





The runway is made ready.

[Alonissos](#) is a bit larger than Skopelos, but has less than 3000 inhabitants.



The place where the ferry arrives is called [Patitiri](#). There is also a village called Alonissos. It is located at the top of a hill on the island.

Below are several photos from the call at Alonissos.







We had some beer and wine while we sat on the ferry. I had fun taking pictures of some of the bottles.



When we got back to Skiathos we went for a little sightseeing tour in the city. Some pictures.



When we returned to the port area, the ferry was still at the dock.



We sat at this bar for a little lunch. We ate some small sandwiches. While we were sitting there this dog came by. He also got food.



In the evening we ate at the nearest restaurant. It is only open in the evening. It's called [Karnagio](#). I had a steak and it was very good.



We were out early so there was plenty of room.



Vi sat right under an olive tree.



The day after our ferry trip, it turned out that May-Alice

and Øyvind were waiting in the harbor before taking a boat to Skopelos. We went for a walk over there to greet them.



They traveled with another couple.



Here comes another couple of acquaintances.



It became very cosy.



Øyvind had bought a package of Underberg that he shared around, so a pile of empty goods built up.



Here comes the Apollo guide, so then it is soon time for departure.



Here they leave.





The first day on Limanaki we saw a kitten with an eye disease. Anne Berit found the address of an organization that takes care of cats and dogs on the island. She contacted them and they promised that they would grab the kitten and take it to a vet. We found out that we should sponsor this organization and here we are on our way there.



Here we are. We handed the money over and they were grateful for it and promised to get the kitten and give it medication.







I and Marilyn.





In the evening we found out that we should try one of the other eateries along the street. We went into a place called [Ta Kymata Taverna](#).



We both ordered Kleftiko. It turned out that the food we were given was so dry and un-appetizing that we could not eat it. We asked for the bill, drank the wine and left.



The view further afield. There was nothing wrong with the view.



We went back in the direction of the hotel and entered a place we had passed when we went to Ta Kymata. That restaurant is called [En Plo](#). We ordered a fish dinner to be shared. This wasn't good either, but not so bad that we thought we could complain. A cat came by, but the fish was so bad that the cat didn't want to eat it. So this evening we were unlucky with the choice of restaurant twice.



Original lighting at En Plo.



The last day before returning home, I took a picture of this "boat" standing in the hotel garden.



The last night we went again to Karnagio. I had the same dish as last. Beef with celery puree and onion.



Anne Berit had a risotto. It was also very good.



While sitting there we were visited by this dog. It just came and greeted us and then it disappeared again.

This was again a great week.

When we were going home again we had booked a return to the airport. Then we should personally deliver our luggage outside the hotel at 8am and we should go to the bus in the ferry harbor. When we had waited for half an hour to get our luggage delivered and no one came, we ignored the whole deal. After eating breakfast we booked a taxi and traveled on our own. After all, we were only 5 minutes by taxi away from the airport, so this was much easier.