
StockenBridge

HOTEL KYRIMAI, Peloponnese, Greece

A luxury Bridge Week by the sea, with Zebedee and Claudia Stocken, in association with

Sunvil
holidays

from £1682pp* including :

- 7 nights' stay in this magical historic hotel in a dramatic setting
- Full board every day including selected wines at dinner
- Reception with sparkling wine and canapés on the first evening
- Return flight from Gatwick to Kalamata
- Transfers from Kalamata Airport
- All bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

*with 10% loyalty discount



Sunday September 20th - Sunday September 27th 2015



Hotel Kyrimai

You could not get more ‘away from it all’ than a stay at the Hotel Kyrimai. At just about the far southern tip of the Mani region of the Peloponnese, this intimate and remote small luxury hotel has style and comfort in spades, and all in the most atmospheric surroundings. It is at the edge of the tiny fishing village of Gerolimenas and was converted by the Kyrimis family from a 19th century warehouse to a stylish castle-like hotel. The hotel is now run by brothers, Alexandros and Aris Kyrimis, great-grandsons of the original owners.



With the sea to the front and side, and backdrop of the wild and rugged inner Mani landscape, the setting could hardly be more spectacular. Take it all in from the super comfortable sun loungers by the fresh-water swimming pool as you are served ice-cold drinks by the friendly hotel staff.

Inside the Hotel Kyrimai *(please note: there is wifi throughout the hotel)*

The building is listed as a unique historic monument of traditional Maniot architecture and is protected by the Greek government. The store, warehouse, tower and residence are exquisite examples of period architecture complete with a complex of stairways, arches and inner courts, tower rooms, luxury suites,



two-storey rooms and charming attics, which links the property with Greek trade developments in the 19th and 20th centuries.

As we have exclusive use of the hotel, we can play bridge in any of the comfortable public rooms or even outside on the deck (wind permitting!).

Bridge with Zeb & Claudia



Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive, enjoyable and light-hearted game.



Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your

holiday and, as a keen and experienced bridge player herself, she will also be supervising bridge sessions.

The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and duplicate – all played in a fun and friendly environment.

The tuition sessions will use CompassCards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group. If required, we will have two groups with Zeb running advanced and Claudia running intermediate.

The other sessions will be either supervised play or some form of duplicate. The duplicate sessions will have an on-going competition with prizes at the end of the week. We plan to have two sessions of bridge tuition, duplicate or supervised play per day each lasting approximately two hours. There will be supervised bridge every evening after dinner.

All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play, though if you are a beginner or near-beginner, please book with 3 other players of a similar standard so you can be taught and play as a table of 4.

Non-Bridge Players

Non-bridge playing husbands, wives and partners are welcome providing that they are sharing a room with a bridge player!



Sunvil Holidays

We are delighted to be running this holiday with the highly reputable, specialist Greek tour operator, Sunvil Holidays, who will be organising the flights and transfers. They are an independent company who have been operating holidays since 1970 and are also a fully bonded tour operator, assuring complete financial protection.

Their company chairman and founder, Cyprus-born, Noel Josephides, is also chairman of ABTA and has been personally involved with this collaboration from the start. In addition, their team of friendly and efficient staff, based in Isleworth, will be available to help you with any questions you may have regarding travel arrangements, extending your stay etc.

Food

Hotel Kyrimai has an excellent restaurant, producing sophisticated, modern Greek cuisine. Wonderful meals are served on the decking, just yards from the sea, or in the dining room close by. Chef Aris Tsekouras, overseen by one of Greece's top chefs, Michelin-starred Christoforos Peskias, combines fresh ingredients including plenty of freshly-caught seafood to produce a variety of delicious dishes based on Greek and Mediterranean cuisine. A feast of a breakfast, varying daily, is served to the table and includes freshly squeezed orange juice, sweet and savoury Greek pastries, seasonal fruits, yogurts, pancakes, hams, cheeses and eggs.



Included in the price will be breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner on all days. At dinner you will be served with half a bottle each of good quality wine. Drinking water will be freely available, as well as plenty of tea and coffee breaks. Additional alcoholic and soft drinks will be available from the bar.

Sample Menu

Starters

Greek salad with feta cheese, capers, olives, herbs and Mani's "tiganides"
Graviera cheese pies with smoked pork and lemon yoghurt dip
Salad with quinoa, cucumber, avocado and marinated anchovies
Grilled traditional stuffed pita with spinach and herbs
"Kritharoto" (risotto) with local shrimps

Main Course

Grilled fish of the day with tomato vinaigrette and seasonal greens
Pork fillet marinated in muscat sweet wine with celeriac puree and apricot sauce
Beef fillet with veal tail ravioli, chioukiar and red wine sauce
"Goges" (local fresh pasta) with cherry tomatoes and basil
Seafood spaghetti

Dessert

Meringues with fruits and fennel flavoured cream
Cinnamon tart with cinnamon ice cream
Ravani cake with ginger sauce, coconut ice cream and pineapple jam
Kyrimai chocolate mousse with marinated seasonal fruits
Greek yoghurt with sweet traditional topping

Followed by Tea and Coffee



Excursions and Activities

We plan to organise two optional excursions during your stay. We will contact you nearer the time with the exact details and prices, and you will then be able to book these trips in advance.

Day Trip to Mystras and Diros Caves

Once the Byzantine capital of the Peloponnese, Mystras clings to the side of the mountain in a breathtaking setting. It is a city standing still in time, a reminder of its glorious past with the ruins of an entire city calling out for exploration. We will have a delicious lunch in a typical Greek taverna before heading back via the Diros Caves - one of the most beautiful underground lakes in the world and not to be missed!



Explore the Mani by Boat*

We plan to charter our own boat taking us from the port in the village of Gerolimenas to explore the Mani coastline. We hope to go to Tenaro, which is the southernmost point of continental Europe, swim in an inlet, explore the ruined temple of Poseidon, and then eat in a local Greek taverna for lunch, or picnic on the beach.

*Please note that this excursion has not yet been confirmed and the details may change, but if we are unable to do this trip, we will organise an alternative.



Other Things to Do

Guided Walks

There are many walking paths directly from the hotel, but if you are up for a bit more of a challenge and are reasonably fit, local, experienced walking guide, Anna Butcher, can take you on a spectacular guided walk to explore the Deep Mani. She is extremely popular and gets booked up very quickly, so please contact us for details as soon as possible if you are interested.



Visit Vathia

This is one of the most famous of the towered villages of the Mani. There has been little development in the village and many of these towers, built cheek by jowl, in the 18th and 19th centuries are in ruins where they once housed feuding clans.

Swimming in the sea

The hotel has its own private jetty with sun loungers giving you direct access to the sea. The waters in this bay are crystal clear and should be lovely and warm at this time of year, so make sure you pack your snorkelling gear!

Port of Gerolimenas

This unspoilt fishing village with its pebble beach is a wonderful little place to explore. As well as a small mini-market, there are a number of bars and tavernas with tables on the sea front - perfect for enjoying a delicious ice-cold local beer.



Accommodation

All 22 rooms and suites have en suite bathrooms and are spread out over what was originally the main house and the complex of adjoining warehouses. The rooms, all different, are beautifully decorated with antique furniture and luxury linen, earthy pastel colours on the walls, 'cocomat' pillows and mattresses, antique Italian floor tiles or parquet floors, stone walls and wooden ceilings. All rooms have flat screen televisions and DVD players, air conditioning, safe, mini-bar, dressing gowns and slippers, hairdryers, telephones and 'ko-rre' bathroom products. Some of the rooms have fireplaces.



Please be aware that the typical Mani architecture does not allow for big windows in some of the rooms - designed for keeping cool in summer and warm in winter. It is also important to note that due to the historic nature of the building, there are certain rooms only accessible by steep steps, and the split level rooms would not be suitable for guests with restricted mobility.

Many of the suites can accommodate more than 2 people, but none of the double beds can be twinned. The rooms are available from 2pm on the day of arrival, and need to be vacated by 12pm on the day of departure.

Please contact us for further details and prices - we can supply additional room details including size, location etc. and photos on request.

Village and Port View Rooms



2-level Classic Loft ♦

Rooms 303 and 305 (1st floor)
Double bed (in loft up steep steps). Room 303 has an additional single bed. Shower.
Situated in main building and facing north to port.

Courtyard View Rooms

These rooms do not have sea views. Please note that the rooms on the ground floor are accessed by a few steps from reception.



Classic Double



Rooms 202, 203, 204 (*ground floor*)

Rooms 310 and 311 (*first floor*)

These rooms have a double bed and are the smallest rooms in the hotel.

Rooms 202, 203 and 311 have a shower.

Rooms 204 and 310 have a bath.



Superior Courtyard



Room 312 (*1st floor*)

1 double bed and 2 single beds in separate joined living spaces, each with its own bathroom with bath.



Classic Premier



Room 201 (*ground floor*)

1 double and 2 single beds. Bath with shower over. Larger than classic double.



Superior Courtyard



Room 403 (*2nd floor - steep steps*)

2 double beds (*one small double bed in loft up steep ladder*) and 1 single. Jacuzzi bath.



Superior Courtyard



Room 402 (*2nd floor - steep steps*)

1 double and 1 single. Jacuzzi bath.

Sea View Rooms



2-level Superior



Rooms 302 and 304 (*1st floor*)
Double bed on upper floor up ladder.
Jacuzzi bath. Room 302 has a balcony.



Tower Room



Room 306 (*1st floor*)
On 3 floors with steep steps - single bed on top floor and double on middle floor.
Jacuzzi bathroom on lower floor.

Superior Sea View



Rooms 309 and 501 (*1st floor*)
1 double bed and one single. Jacuzzi bath.
Shared terrace with private sittings.



Superior Sea View



Rooms 307 and 308 (*1st floor*)
Double bed. Shower.
Shared terrace with private sittings.



Junior Suite Loft



Room 404 (*2nd floor*)
Double bed. Jacuzzi bath. Balcony



Loft Suite



Room 401 (*2nd floor*)
1 double bed and 1 single. Jacuzzi bath.
Hotel's largest room on one level. Balcony.



2-level Suite

NT

Room 405 (1st floor)

Double bed on upper floor, 2 singles on lower floor. Each floor has a bathroom. Jacuzzi bath upstairs and shower downstairs. Large suite which can comfortably sleep 4 guests. 2 Balconies

Triple Occ - deduct £150pp from price

Quadruple Occ - deduct £230pp from price



Master Suite

NT

Room 301 (1st floor)

4-poster double bed (upper mezzanine floor) and 2 single beds on lower floor. Jacuzzi bath. Balcony. Full of light, with 5 large windows overlooking the sea and port, this is simply the best room in the hotel.

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Prices Per Person (*based on two people sharing)

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| Full Price* | £2300 | £2140 | £2040 | £1930 | £1880 |
| With 10% loyalty discount* | £2070 | £1926 | £1836 | £1737 | £1692 |
| Single occupancy | £2990 | £2680 | £2480 | £2260 | £2170 |
| Single occupancy with discount | £2691 | £2412 | £2232 | £2034 | £1953 |

Loyalty Discount

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for all previous StockenBridge Breaks guests, provided that the holiday is booked before the 31st January 2015. If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to Stockenbridge, the discount will apply to them too.

Travel Details

Included in the price of your holiday are return flights direct from Gatwick to Kalamata Airport, and transfers from Kalamata airport to Hotel Kyrimai (*worth approximately £400*). Alternatively you can fly from Birmingham or Manchester.



The flight times from London Gatwick are as follows:

Outbound: *depart* London Gatwick 09.10 *arrive* Kalamata 14.35

Inbound: *depart* Kalamata 15.35 *arrive* London Gatwick 17.20

Airline: Thomas Cook Airlines (*flight time approximately 3hrs and 30 minutes*)

The transfer from Kalamata Airport to the Kyrimai is between 2 and 2.5 hours and is a very beautiful coastal route. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements or wish to stay on longer in Greece, then please contact us or Sunvil for details.

How to Book...

There is a non-refundable deposit, payable on booking, of £150 per person. The full payment will be due by June 30th 2015. To book your holiday, please contact Claudia by email first to check room availability and to reserve your room provisionally.

Then fill out the Sunvil booking form - stating your room preferences and mark "For the attention of Jane Naylor" - and post with a cheque made out to 'Sunvil Holidays' for the deposit to: StockenBridge Breaks, Hurlingham Studios, Ranelagh Gardens, London, SW6 3PA. Alternatively, you can pay Sunvil directly by debit card (*no extra charge*) or credit card (*2% surcharge*).

Full details and Terms and Conditions are on the booking form.

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