

## Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel launches photography beach hop

Guests and non-guests welcome to book waterborne workshop



[Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel](#), a stylish boutique resort on the Greek island of Skiathos, has opened bookings for its new [Photography Boat Tour](#).

Amateur photographers on the waterborne workshop will travel by speedboat to scenic beaches and islets in pursuit of the perfect holiday photo. One of Kivo's team of landscape photographers, including Argyris Zafeiridis and Menelaos Sykovelis, will lead the way, offering expert tips on composition and lighting to transform ordinary holiday snaps into photos worth framing. Whether they're using a top piece of kit or a smart phone, participants will pick up skills they can use again and again on their future travels.

The group will depart Kivo Hotel mid-morning for nearby Mikros Vasiliias beach. There they will board a speedboat to beach-hop around the coast, stopping off at photogenic locations including Koukounaries, the island's most beautiful stretch of sand, and the outer islet of Tsougrias, with its quaint stone chapel. There'll be time for lunch and a swim in the sea before returning to the hotel mid-afternoon.

In the evening, the group will join the photographer at Kivo Hotel for a convivial review of the day's work over a glass of new-generation Greek wine and meze from Kivo's Greek Creative Cuisine menu.

Available on request to guests and non-guests from 10 July, the Photography Boat Tour is bookable for a minimum of four, and maximum of six people. The price is €120 per person, including tuition, return transfers between Kivo Hotel and Mikros Vasiliias beach, boat transport, welcome drink, and a glass of Greek wine and a selection of meze in the evening.

The small-group workshop is just one of the ways Kivo Hotel is creating holiday experiences that go beyond the beach. Cookery day courses, Greek cocktail-making sessions and new-generation Greek wine-tasting and pairing masterclasses are also available to book. Meanwhile, [Kivo Art Gallery](#) in Skiathos Town showcases new and established talent, with a changing programme of exhibitions.

Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel is open until 10 October 2015. Rooms cost from €132 per night and there is a minimum stay of five nights. Direct flights to Skiathos are available through Thomas Cook Airlines and Thomson Airways, and via Athens by Aegean Airlines.

To book, visit [www.kivohotel.com](http://www.kivohotel.com) or call +30 24270 22407. Follow developments at Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel on Twitter [@kivoarthotel](#) and [@kivoskiathos](#); [facebook.com/kivoskiathos](https://www.facebook.com/kivoskiathos),

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#### **Notes to editors:**

Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel is a family-owned property on a hill overlooking the Aegean Sea, just outside Skiathos Town and 4km from the international airport. The stylish, contemporary hotel is designed as a sequence of white cottages with red-tiled roofs, set in 15 acres of gardens surrounded by olive groves and centring on a restaurant and swimming pool with panoramic sea views.

The hotel has 38 double bedrooms, as well as a pair of romantic two-room suites, one with its own infinity pool. Interiors are tastefully decorated in white and soft pastels, reflecting the natural colours of the island.

The air-conditioned bedrooms feature king-size beds, spacious wardrobes, modern, well-designed bathrooms, flat-screen satellite TVs, free Wi-Fi, deluxe bath amenities, slippers, hair-dryers and mini-bar. Extra amenities in suites include safes, coffee machines, bathrobes, complimentary bottled water and fruit baskets. Room service and laundry service are available.

The hotel's restaurant offers two innovative menus. [Kivo Greek Creative Cuisine](#) is a modern interpretation of traditional ingredients and recipes, with dishes created by the award-winning chef Giannis Baxevanis, whose many accolades include Chef de L'Avenir from the Académie Internationale de la Gastronomie in France. [Kivo Modern Asian Dining](#) draws inspiration from Japan, China, Thailand and India. Much of the produce used is sourced from Kivo's own kitchen gardens. Both menus are explored in full in the hotel's new magazine, *Gastronomia*, available from reception. Kivo's cellar includes an extensive range of new-generation Greek wines, while cocktails based on traditional Greek spirits, as well as a selection of Greek craft beers, are now available at the bar.

Guests also enjoy access to a private area on nearby Mikros Vasilias beach, where sunbeds, towels, drinks and snacks are provided. The hotel makes and sells its own line of artisanal products, many locally sourced, including olive oil, red wine and balsamic vinegar, herbs, honey and soap. Other facilities include a 24-hour reception, full concierge service, bar, lounge, mini business centre, breakfast room and secure parking area. Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel is licensed for [weddings](#).

The hotel is part of the Kivo Skiathos Collection, which is dedicated to creating memory-making holiday experiences across the island. A free, full-colour magazine, *Skiathos Traveller*, filled with ideas about what to do on the island – from hiking to scuba diving – is published by the Collection. The print version is available at the hotel and the magazine can be read online at [skiathostraveller.com](http://skiathostraveller.com) and by downloading the app for [iPhone](#) or [iPad](#).

Kivo Art & Gourmet Hotel was awarded The Green Key from the Foundation for Environmental Education in 2013.

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