



# GREAT **SMALL** HOTELS

IN GREECE



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# Anemomilos Apartments



There is no doubt that all Cycladic islands have an unbeatable charm, but Folegandros has something unique. It's a Cycladic gem. This very small island has a spectacular coastline with high cliffs on one side, and sandy and pebbled beaches on the other. The main village, known as the *hora*, is built on the edge of the cliff and has an irresistible charm. Small white houses, shady squares, a few tavernas, bars and shops, and a calm and friendly atmosphere constitute a rare combination of excellent, small-scale tourist facilities with outstanding aesthetics. The Anemomilos Apartment complex perfectly suits this picture. It sits at the village entrance right on top of the cliff from where it boasts exhilarating views. The combination of traditional Cycladic architecture (inspired by the oldest part of the *hora*) and an abundance of flowers and greenery, against the backdrop of breathtaking cliffs and the deep blue colours of sky and sea make it postcard material.

The owners, Cornelia and Makis Patelis, used to live and work in Athens, where they dreamt of changing their lifestyle – of doing something else on an island, perhaps a hotel. When they visited Folegandros, they instantly fell in love with the island and when they discovered that this stunningly situated plot of land was for sale, they decided to take the plunge. Without intending to create something utterly exclusive, they set high standards that included beautiful design, comfort, space and tranquillity.

The big reception/sitting area sets the tone. It is furnished in the best of Cycladic tradition with a large built-in sofa and country style antiques. You can order a drink from the bar, pick a book from the library, or play a game of chess. There used to be backgammon games as well, but they were moved to the studios because of the way fanatic players shout and slam the pieces, which sometimes becomes a bit too much. "Quiet games only," says Cornelia with a smile. Considering herself a seasonal escapee from the frenzy of city life, she wants Anemomilos to be a place where people can "unwind, relax and find new inspirations". A small crescent-shaped swimming pool surrounded by teakwood deckchairs provides the perfect setting to unwind and relax. For deeper inspiration you may wish to retire to your private balcony or veranda, in particular if you stay in one of the Blue Line studios, from where you enjoy unlimited sea views. The Green Line studios are built behind them and have a partial sea view, but the difference between the two categories is really not all that dramatic. In the Green Line studios you might even feel better protected from the wind. The generously proportioned studios are open-plan, but divided into a sitting and a sleeping space. They are furnished in Cycladic style with stone-built beds and sofas, little blue chairs and tables, and some antiques. It is an attractive white and blue décor that offers an intelligent balance between style and comfort.





- ◆ **Open** from Easter (Orthodox) until mid-October.
- ◆ **Rooms:** 5 triple and 9 quadruple studios, 2 studios for five persons (all with private shower), and one suite for up to five persons (with private bathroom). All units are equipped with kitchenette, telephone, hairdryer and safe. One studio with wheelchair access.
- ◆ **Prices:** Moderate/high. Breakfast not included.
- ◆ No **restaurant**.
- ◆ **Breakfast** served from 8.00 onwards on the terrace or in the bedrooms.
- ◆ Not suitable for **children**.
- ◆ Outdoor **swimming pool**.
- ◆ **Credit cards** accepted: AMEX, VISA.
- ◆ **Dogs** not allowed.



**Directions:** The apartments are located at the entrance of the *hora*, just off the first square (where the bus stop is).