

An aerial photograph of a small white boat with blue accents on the water. The boat is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame. The water is a vibrant, deep blue-green color with visible ripples and textures. The boat has a white hull with a blue stripe along the top edge and blue seats inside. A rope is attached to the front of the boat, extending towards the right. The overall scene is serene and evokes a sense of escape and tranquility.

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HIGH ON THE CLIFFS

Sometimes Folegandros is described as the "quiet Santorini": the houses are as brilliantly white here as on the island's big sister, the cliffs are just as steep, and the sunsets are no less spectacular - but Folegandros is calmer, more authentic and modest. It does not attract the party crowd and the round-the-islands trippers who visit seven islands in seven days. It is a destination for guests who appreciate a seven-day stay in the same hotel and feel more at home in a taverna alongside the locals than in an international cocktail bar. When Dimitris Patelis came to Folegandros for the first time, he immediately fell in love with this tranquil island, its residents and a plot of land on the cliffs of Chora. In a labor of love that lasted three years, he built Anemomilos, which takes its name from the windmill whose sails once turned on the site. The spacious, comfortable studio apartments of the hotel are decorated in classic Greek style in white, blue and green, and look out on the garden, the sea or Chora, which once won a prize as one of Europe's most beautiful villages. Some of the apartments have a view of the equally photogenic Panagia church, which stands majestically

on the hillside above the village and can be approached on a zigzag path paved with light-colored stone. It is said to be the scene where a well-known tale of the island played out: according to popular belief, pirates long ago stole an icon of the Virgin Mary from the altar - but had not reckoned with the wrath of God. Their ship sank shortly afterwards in the depths of the Aegean, and by miraculous or divine means the precious looted icon found its way back to the church. ♦ Book to pack: "Mission Box" by Aris Alexandrou

DIRECTIONS The island has no airport. Ferries come from Santorini (50 min), Milos (1 hr), Naxos (3 hrs 20 min) and Piraeus (4 hrs 40 min). The distance from the hotel to the harbor is 3.5 km/2 miles · **RATES** €€ (3-5 nights minimum stay in the high season) · **ROOMS** 17 studios and family studios, each with a kitchenette · **FOOD** The restaurant next to the pool provides a superb panorama and Greek dishes with an international touch · **HISTORY** Opened in 1993 · **X-FACTOR** Warm-hearted hosts who personally take care of every wish

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