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Augmented Reality Leaflet



Scan and take your own photo at the "Christoforos" shipwreck.

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## Diving in Northern Sporades

The Northern Sporades – A Blue Sanctuary of Life

Scattered like emeralds across the northern Aegean, the Northern Sporades islands captivate travelers with their pristine waters, pine-clad slopes, and rare serenity. At the heart of this archipelago lies Alonnisos, surrounded by protected islets within the National Marine Park of Alonnisos – Northern Sporades, Greece's first and largest marine park. Spanning more than 2,200 km<sup>2</sup>, this vast sanctuary safeguards one of the richest marine ecosystems in the Mediterranean. Beneath its glittering surface, Posidonia meadows sway like underwater forests, nurturing an abundance of life—colorful fish, groupers, dolphins, and the shy Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*), which still finds refuge in the remote caves of Piperi.

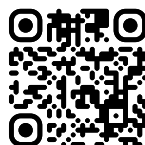
Neighboring Skopelos, known for its verdant beauty and crystalline coves, shares this same ecological web under the Natura 2000 protection scheme (GR1430004). Along its Palouki peninsula, sea caves echo with the spirit of the wild, while its slopes burst with pine, kermes oak, and fragrant shrubs that tumble toward turquoise bays. Together, Alonnisos and Skopelos form a living bridge between land and sea—a model of balance where nature thrives under mindful protection.

For those eager to explore below the surface, the region's clear waters offer unforgettable encounters. The Skopelos Dive Center invites adventurers to glide through submerged reefs and dramatic rock formations, while the affiliated Iktion Diving in Alonnisos guides visitors through historic wrecks and vibrant marine habitats, promoting eco-friendly diving practices that respect this delicate environment.

In the Northern Sporades, every ripple tells a story of harmony—between man and nature, history and the sea—inviting travelers to discover not just a destination, but a sanctuary of living blue wonder.

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# The “Christoforos” Shipwreck




Skopelos

The “Christoforos” shipwreck is today one of the most impressive diving sites of Skopelos and a representative example of the modern maritime history of the Aegean Sea. The vessel sank in 1983 and has since remained largely intact on the seabed, preserving to a great extent its original form and structure over time. The ship was originally built in Scotland in 1950 and bore the name “Thomas Hardie.”


The deck lies at a depth of 32–35 meters, and even from 30 meters, the view is impressive. At 83 meters long, the ship stands upright on the seabed, as if still sailing on sand. Today, the wreck functions as an underwater monument, hosting rich marine life and creating a meaningful link between human maritime activity and the natural environment.


 type  
wreck dive

 access  
by boat

 distance  
0,3 nautical mile

 depth  
30-40 meters

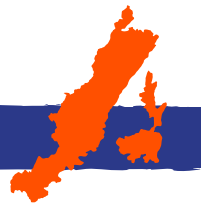
 duration  
30'-40'  
recreational diving

 minimum level  
**advanced diver**  
(a check dive is required)

 equipment  
**dive computer**  
(rental possibility)



# The Peristera Shipwreck




Alonnisos - Peristera


Beneath the blue waters of Alonnisos, the Peristera shipwreck tells a story spanning 2,500 years. This remarkable merchant ship from 425 BC, carrying thousands of wine amphorae, now rests at a depth of 25 meters near the islet of Peristera. Since 2020, it has been Greece's first underwater museum, offering experienced divers (Advanced Diver) an unforgettable journey into a living treasure of antiquity. The dive begins with an introductory session to ensure excellent buoyancy and complete safety.

 type  
ancient wreck

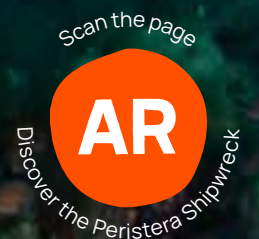
 duration  
30'-40'

 access  
by boat

 minimum level  
**advanced diver**  
(a check dive is required)

 distance  
1 nautical mile

 depth  
20-28 meters



# Our Activities

## Discover Scuba Diving (DSD)

Ever wanted to explore the underwater world without constantly surfacing? Observing marine life as sea creatures do is an unforgettable experience. During this activity, you will learn to use diving equipment and take your first underwater breath in the calm, crystal-clear waters of the Northern Sporades.



## Guided Dives

Under professional guidance, certified divers (age 10+) can enjoy unforgettable dives in the Sporades. Sites between Alonnisos and Skopelos include walls, caves, reefs, and unique wrecks such as Christoforos and Peristera. Equipment is provided, and options range from single dives to packages of 5-10 dives across both diving centers.

## Get Certified

For beginner divers, a variety of PADI programs are available to introduce you to underwater exploration. Courses are offered in small groups of up to five participants or in private sessions with the instructor, ensuring personalized attention, safety, and an enjoyable learning experience while discovering the underwater world of Sporades islands.



## Snorkeling

You don't need to dive deep to discover the magic of the sea. Guided by our professionals, you can enjoy a safe, stress-free snorkeling experience in Sporades. All necessary equipment is available for rent, and you can join short one-hour tours or longer cruises for extended snorkeling exploration.

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# Our projects

## Technology & Underwater Cultural Heritage

Skopelos Dive Center actively engages in Technology and Underwater Cultural Heritage, combining innovation, research, and sustainable development. Through European projects such as BCThubs, i-scubadiving, iblueculture, U-archaeoROV, 4helix, CCI4TOURISM, and D.I.V.E., the Center promotes digital transition, “smart” tourism services, and the conservation of underwater cultural heritage in the Northern Sporades and beyond. By fostering collaboration between scientists, diving professionals, and local stakeholders, it supports the protection, promotion, and sustainable use of marine natural and cultural heritage, making underwater monuments and ecosystems accessible to both divers and non-divers alike.



## Citizen Science & Environmental Management

Skopelos Dive Center is actively engaged in Citizen Science and Environmental Management, promoting participatory research and marine protection. In collaboration with organizations such as the NGO iSEA and the Department of Marine Biology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, projects like #ZeroPlastic, EVMar, and Observing Nature support data collection and raise awareness about pollution and marine biodiversity. Through Citizen Science initiatives such as PADI Aware – Dive Against Debris Surveys and local projects like Reshape Plastic Skopelos, the Center encourages community involvement in monitoring and managing marine and terrestrial waste, enriching research platforms, and fostering environmental responsibility and action.

