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Of the peculiar folk-art of Pelion from the last centuries, the main works which have survived are the architectural creations and their decorative elements. The famous mansions of Pelion have tower-like construction with three floors as a rule. The first two are built of stone, are stone paved and have thick walls with a few small openings for windows. There is usually a marble or stone lintel above the door by which we enter the ground floor (made up of the ground floor and semi-basement) which was used as a storage room for first-aid products for the people of the house. From the ground floor, wooden stairs lead to the tampanas (or "middle floor") a place used by the family as a winter residence where there is also kitchen. In contrast to the first two floors, the third floor is built with light wooden construction, which sticks out from the others and has many window and skylights. This floor is used in summer and for guests. From the middle of the 19th century, the first neoclassical elements in the decoration, of both the interior and exterior, of the mansions of Pelion started to appear.

Those locals who had become rich as a result of trading called in guilds of craftsmen during the 18th century, to build bridges as well as monasteries and churches, all of which have roofs made of local slate. The majority of these craftsmen came from the village of Zoupani (now today as Pentalofos) and, because of this became known as Zoupaniotes or Zipaniotes. One of them, the folk-architect Dimos Zipaniotis, left his mark in hundreds of churches of Pelion. Working with him was his friend, the folk-sculptor Milios. The local craftsmen

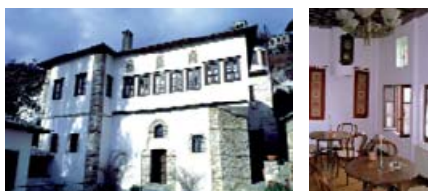
learned from these builders and went on to build the majority of the cobble lanes of Pelion.

For your stay in Pelion, we have selected 10 unique 18th century local mansions in the traditional villages of Makrinitza, Portaria, Katchori, Vizitsa, Milies and Zagora.

Build of wood and stone in the local architecture style, these mansions have been converted into inns with modern comforts, yet are typically reminiscent of times past offering the unique chance to experience the traditional way of living.

All the above villages are well-known for their typical architectural style, welcoming atmosphere, friendly locals and their home-made local specialties, such as marmalade made from the range of fruits and vegetables, hot aromatic beverages made from brewing fresh local herbs, local yoghurt and cheese, fresh stone-oven baked bread, egg omelettes with herbs. Most villages are situated close to one another, making it easy for visitors to reach them both on foot or by car. The area is of great natural beauty, covered by dense forests, with trails and fresh water streams, easy to explore and enjoy on foot or on horseback. A number of Byzantine churches and monasteries, archaeological and prehistoric sites are scattered all over the mountain, whilst the villages are postcard picture perfect, each with their local coffee shop 'KAFENIO' and taverns around the village square.





**ARCHONTIKO KARAMARLI
TRADITIONAL HOUSE
MAKRINITSA 09-0006**



Location: Traditional hotel, situated in the center of village Makrinitza, with a wonderful view to Volos city and Pagasitic Gulf.

Your accommodation: In the traditional house there is also the reception and the breakfast room that can be used as a cafe, all furnished with a traditional style, antiques and original art pieces.

Your room: It has 17 rooms have each of them has its own character, though they have been decorated in a different art style, such as Renaissance, e.t.c.

Every room has it's own TV, WC/ shower, telephone, some with jacuzzi, fire place and verand. **Our Opinion:** It is really, a smart and wonderful place for someone to stay.



**ATHANASAKI
TRADITIONAL HOUSE
PORTARIA 08-0010**



Location : Enormous traditional house, on the central road of Portaria, next to the central square, with a private parking, only 14 km, from Volos, and the sea and only 12 km from the ski center in Hania.

Your accommodation: It's nine rooms, with bathroom, TV, telephone. Open all year, giving moments of warmth, next to the fireplace, during autumn and winter, and great coolness, in the green garden, during the spring and autumn.

Services: Offers breakfast, with homemade marmalade, and cake, evening coffees and drinks, in the living room or in the garden of the traditional house.



**NANOU
MANSION
KOUKOURAVA MAKRINITSA 09-0910**

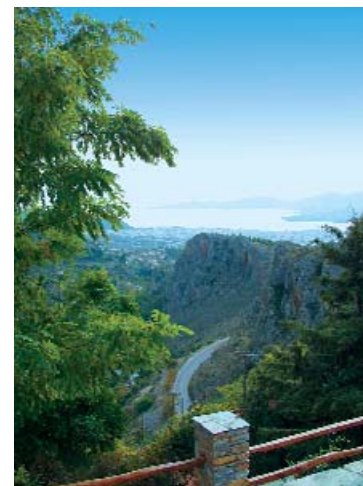


Location: The mansion of Nanou is found roughly 250m. from the central road Volos-Koukourava-Makrini'tsa that leads to the Makrinitza via Koukouravas. Its has panoramic view of Volos and Pagasitic gulf.

Your accommodation: The restored mansion is recently renovated and has a central building, a ground floor and a floor in which are found 4 rooms. Next to the mansion there is a small house with cooker and living room with fireplace. In the space of living room there is a bar where the customers can enjoy their breakfast next to the fireplace. The courtyard has three levels and a summer bar with a view of Volos where is served breakfast when the weather allows it

Your room: In the ground floor of the mansion there is a single room with WC/shower, television, refrigerator and a fireplace and a double room with WC/shower, television, refrigerator, while internal staircase leads to two big rooms the one with a double bed and the other with two single beds and couch. And the two have WC/shower, television and refrigerator.

Our opinion: One very beautiful traditional mansion that was restored recently and is ideal for companies what will have all the building in their disposal. An advantage for this mansion is the distance from Volo for those that would want to be close to the city.



**ARCHONTIKO MATSAGOU
TRADITIONAL HOUSE
KATHORI PORTARIA 08-2570**



Location: This three-story house, built in the traditional style of the local mansions, is located on an excellent site with beautiful view to the Pagasitic gulf, and 200m from the village's main square. The accommodation is spaciouly built, and is surrounded by a huge garden with grape vine, rose flowers, and trees. Even with the traditional construction does not sacrifice comfort in the slightest. Shops and restaurants are at a distance of 100m.

Your accommodation: The traditional house has 9 rooms on three floors and next to it its a small housed used for breakfast room and sitting area. A little garden house with kitchen, living/breakfast room with color-TV, which guarantees hours of relaxation during your vacations.

Your room: All rooms are furnished in the traditional style of Pelion. They have either two single beds or doubles. Each floor has three rooms and two common bathrooms with a bath tub.

Board : Breakfast

Our Opinion : This house is ideal for small groups or families



NAOUMIDI       
TRADITIONAL HOUSE
PORTARIA 08-0017

Location: In the Portaria a mountainous beautiful village of western Pilon in altitude 650m and distance of 14 km from Volos is found the traditional mansion Naoumidi. Passing from the central square directed to Hania, in the street you can find a luxurious Mansion, a neo classical' building built in 1893 from the family Naoumidi one of the most affluent families of Egypt.

Your accommodation: It has 12 rooms, all doubles that are accommodated in 2 buildings and 1 suite in independent building. One can enjoy their rich home made breakfast in the courtyard during the summer under the chestnuts trees or in the breakfast room next to the fireplace in the winter. It also has a bar and a reception.

Your room: All the rooms have television with satellite channels, telephone, central heating, marble bathroom and 24 hours room service. Each room has fireplace and 4 of them and a Jacuzzi.

Suite: It is maisonette with living room with fireplace on the ground floor and bedroom with balcony on the 1st floor. It has bathroom with Jacuzzi.

Opinion our: A mansion with luxury and romantic atmosphere that takes you back in time for lovely holiday for the winter and the summer period.



TZORTZI   
ARCHONTIKO
AGIOS GEORGIOS NILIAS 17-0003

Location: Archontiko "TZORTZI" is located at Saint George Nilias, a traditional settlement at the Central-Highland of Pelion. It has a magnificent view to Pagasitikos Gulf with many running water and an green landscape, and a remarkable newly renovated old-traditional houses.

The "Tzortzi Archontiko" is located next to the central square of the village, the access is very simple, a hundred meters away from the central road. The area has convents-museums, fountains built of stones, cobbled roads, beautiful paths for walking.

Your accommodation: The building is one of the first old traditional houses that has been renovated. It has been characterized as a work of art from the Ministry of Civilization and is a remarkable sample of the architecture of the past century. It has a beautiful external decor(undercoats, carved decorations). Internally it is decorated with furniture and illuminants of it's season, carpets and antiques.

Your room: The "Tzortzi Archontiko" has two single rooms, which can offer hospitality to one or more person, three double rooms, and two triple rooms, which can also host up to four persons. The rooms have bath, central heating and telephone.

Two living rooms are on operation with a fireplace and courtyards with pergolas.

BOARD: Breakfast is specially made with home-made marmalades and bread, sweets and pies(traditional pies and sweets).

ALLATINO  
ARCHONTIKO PINAKATES 17-0005

Location: The traditional house "Allatino" is located in the village Pinakates , a traditional village in the Central-Mountain Pelion, which has a wonderful view to Pagasitic gulf. The traditional house "Allatino" is placed very near to the central square of the village a pathway , the "kalnterimi" as it is called , about 100 metres from the central road leads you to the house.

Your accommodation: Three-floor building. At the ground floor there is the breakfast room with outside court in the use of the clients when the weather allows it. At the other two floors there are the rooms of the traditional house and in the second floor a communal sitting room with traditional furniture.

Your Room: The traditional house owns 5 double rooms and 1 triple. Each of the rooms has its own W.C. and central heating. All the rooms have wonderful view to Pagasitikos gulf on the mountain through their windows or balconies.

Our opinion : One nice traditional house with simple but very cared decoration . It is a very good solution for all those who want to spend their vacations far away from those destinations, which are crowded. The village itself is one of the very few that continue to keep their traditional colour.



DIMOS ARCHONTIKO  
VIZITSA 18-0021

Location: In the centre of the traditional village of Vizitsa there is an old building (built in 1830) that has been renovated and functions as a traditional mansion. It is located near the square of the village. The mansion has preserved all the features of the old architecture and all the interventions have followed closely the tradition. As a result, someone can feel that he is in an old Pelion mansion. Its simplicity, warmth and the beauty of the authentic carved ceilings can be found in all rooms.

Your accommodation: It has 4 rooms, 3 doubles and 1 triple. In the ground floor there is a living room and on a higher level the kitchen. The kitchen is fully equipped, with a large fridge. The rooms are on the semi floor and 1st floor.

Semi floor: It has 1 double bedroom with a fire place with built beds, central heating and in two different spaces 2 WC with showers.

1st floor: The 2 double bedrooms and the 1 triple bedroom can be found there. The triple has its own WC/shower and the other 2 rooms do not have WC. All have built beds either double or single.

Services: Breakfast, room service.

Our opinion: It is a beautiful place in traditional Vizitsa that takes you back to the past offering you at the same time comfort. Ideal for a company of 8-10 persons.





**GLORIOUS PELEYS
LUXURY CASTLE HOTEL
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VISITSA 18-0006**



Nikos Stereopoulos spent years reviewing hotels across Europe. Influenced by his job he decided to open his own hotel. And not just any old hotel. He and wife Maria set up a castle hotel, the 18th-century Peleys Castle on Mount Pelion. Their stylish renovation was completed in 1991, since then, the Glorious Peleys has won plaudits from around the world for its elegance, hospitality, and discreet service. USA Today, for example, featured it as one of 50 hotels worldwide with "the most personality and charm."

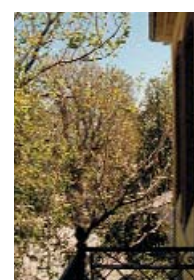
The hotel's old-world attraction is complemented by antique and-velvet clad furnishings and fine art, while they emphasises thestylish meals served in fine porcelain and silver accompanied by soft classical music. For those who cannot do without modern amenities, the family-run castle offers sauna and fitness rooms. For culture vultures, there are two libraries etc...

Your accommodation

The Castle retains original features including the barred windows, escape exit, castle gates and bars, watch towers a small turret in the west wing, crucible for boiled oil-water, a bridge with old fashioned casements.

GLORIOUS PELEYS LUXURY CASTLE HOTEL consists of eleven luxury rooms with private bathroom, telephone, piped music, colour T.V. and 24-hour Room Service. The rooms have been furnished to the highest standards. Life at the GLORIOUS PELEYS is peaceful with a warm and friendly atmosphere. For guest's relaxion and entertainment offers sauna, Jacuzzi, gyms, equip, shelves for ski-boots, library, video, children's play room, restaurant, bar piano, stone fireplace, central heating, organise picnics, forest explorations, cultural expeditions and many more examples which make staying in GLORIOUS PELEYS a pleasant and surprising experience.

Our Opinion : Experience life in a Castle Hotel where district friendship, warm and aristocratic atmosphere and privacy prevail.



DRAKOPOULOU ARCHONTIKO ZAGORA 06-0002



Location : In the largest village of east Pelion , in Zagora , the archontiko Drakopoulou has been renovated with plenty of care and looked after by a group of women. It is located in the quarter of Agios Georgios(Saint George) , in the square, where there are the big age-long platans and with a view to the wonderful Aegean sea. Restaurants , taverns , cafes, mini market , bakery and butchery in very close.

Your accommodation: The two-floor building consists of the ground floor which is used as work shop of traditional sweets, of the 1st floor where is the breakfast room with one small place of reception with fireplace and the indoor wooden stairs lead to the 2nd floor where there are 5 double rooms,

Your room: Each room has different decoration with its own name (hydrangea, cyclamen, gardenia, rose, achilleia) all with

W.C. and central heating. One of the 5 doublerooms owns also a fireplace the achilleia.

Service: Room services, breakfast.

Our opinion : Nice traditional hostel under the careness and the warmness of one Greek women association which promises restness and pleasant stay to the visitor at each season of the year.