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Double S Travel Worldchoice - Celebrating Twenty Four Years of service to the residents and businesses in the South Bedfordshire area 1985 - 2009

Steve of Double S Travel's Factsheet for 28 April 2009

Today's Exchange Rates

Euro. Our tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.08031 better than last week
US Dollar. Our tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.44511 better than last week

Stop Press

Swine-flu. The FCO are advising against all but essential travel to Mexico. Check the country you are going to by visiting www.fco.gov.uk .

The government has asked that passenger locator cards be completed by customers on flights returning from Mexico. These will be collected by Health Protection Agency of Port Authority staff as passengers disembark in the UK.

Greece, Cheap to Luxury.

Cheapest found.

Luton to Zante, 28th May, 7 nights at the Oscar apartments in Laganas, 3* star, self catering, £164 each based on two people sharing.

Family 3* in school holidays

2 adults 2 children, Luton to Crete, 13th Aug, 7nights, 3* Marigianna apartments in Sissi, self-catering, £1966 total.

2 adults 2 children, Luton to Rhodes, 8th Aug, 7nights, 4* Sun Beach Resort Complex in Ialissos , Half board, £2679 total.

5* Luxury

Luton to Rhodes, 8th August, 14 nights at the 5* Panorama hotel in the Gulf of Chania, half-board, £1534.67 per person.

Where are these places?

Laganas. The most popular resort on the island of Zante owing to its fine beach and many amenities. About 1½ miles wide by 1½ miles long, this modern resort centres on 2 main roads which remain busy day and night, especially with young motorcyclists. Small fields, orchards and olive groves surround many of the properties, even quite close to the centre. This resort is for the young and lively who

want to dance the night away. Also for families who don't mind some noise from discos and bars.

Sissi. Once a fishing village and only really accessible by boat, Sissi on Crete is now a fairly laid-back, quiet tourist resort measuring ½ miles from N to S and 2 miles E to W along the coast. It has a quaint, slow air very different from the rather manic neighbouring resort of Malia. The main focal points are the centrally placed church and a compact, attractive harbourside fronted by cafes and bars. Mainly suits those who want to avoid the larger resorts without being too remote; caters for the budget conscious as well as those seeking some luxury. Recommended for families, couples and anyone not wanting to be in close proximity to rowdy teenagers. Popular with Greek holidaymakers.

lalyssos Trianta village (also known as lalyssos) retains a traditionally Greek atmosphere offering the opportunity to mix with the locals. In contrast, the coastal area is commercialised and geared only to tourism. Covering an area of ½ ml N to S and ¾ ml E to W, Trianta village lies at the foot of steep, pine-covered hills and on the edge of the cultivated lalyssos coastal plain which largely comprises olive groves, citrus orchards and tiny cultivated fields. The attractive church, surrounded by a hotchpotch of traditional, low-rise, white and ochre buildings, pinpoints the village centre with its concentration of small shops, boutiques, bars and tavernas that also stretch along the adjacent high street. Trianta's main attraction is its famous windy coast, a mecca for windsurfers and located just ½ ml from the village. The main grouping of large hotels is concentrated along this mile-long strip of beach.

Chania. Built on the site of an ancient Minoan city and the capital of Crete until the 1970s, Chania is the island's second largest town with a resident population of around 140,000; its main centre measures about 2 mls by 1½ mls with sprawling residential suburbs rising uphill to the rear of town. Generally hailed as one of the most charming Cretan resorts, it has a rich history encompassing Byzantine, Arabian, Venetian and Turkish occupations. This inheritance is reflected in many of the buildings in the Old Town, which fans out along the sea front N of the cruciform-shaped market hall and is loosely divided into Venetian, Turkish and Jewish quarters. Here you can find medieval structures, mosques and minarets alongside later colonial or neoclassical architecture. A Venetian/Egyptian lighthouse guards the entrance to the long, picturesque harbour with its abundance of fine restaurants and cafes – a focal point for visitors from morning to late into the evening.

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In brief:

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Always:

- Check that your passport does not expire within six months of your return date.
- Ensure you have taken out good travel insurance and if going to Europe, take your EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) with you too.
- Put the 24hour UK Consular Assistance number - +44 020 7008 1500 into your mobile telephone – just in case you need emergency help.
- If hiring a car, don't forget to take both parts of your photo driving licence (the card and the paper counterpart) and a credit card with you. Some rental companies no longer accept the old-style green paper non-photo driving licences.
- Ensure you have all the visas you need in order to travel.
- If you have booked connecting flights, the baggage allowance may be smaller than your long-haul flights. To avoid extra charges, pack to the lowest baggage allowance.
- Tell your credit card and debit card issuer where you are going and for how long otherwise you may find your cards may be blocked. Take a Cash Passport instead of your debit card – much safer.
- Use public transport to get to the airport. Most travel insurance will only cover you for a missed departure if you used public transport.
- Take a photocopy of your passport with you. If you lose your original it is much simpler to replace if you have a copy available.
- Protect your money and your holiday by booking an ATOL protected holiday through a reputable travel agent. Even short-breaks using no-frills airlines can be covered if booked through and agent.
- Declare all medical conditions and hospital visits at the time of taking insurance and tell the insurer if you develop a medical condition before you travel otherwise they may not settle if you try to make a claim.

Remember, travel safely, protect your money by booking through and ATOL holder, but most of all - enjoy your travelling.

All the best,

Steve Pattenden.

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