

GREEN HOSPITALITY

▪ Architecture

- The buildings follow the principles of bioclimatic architecture: The size and orientation of the openings, as well as the 60 to 110 centimeter stone walls, allow for natural lighting and airing and for stable temperature levels
- The new low height cubic buildings are positioned in a way that, they do not impose on the existing Themonies and the landscape, but also they interrelate harmoniously with them
- The stone comes from nearby excavation – blending ideally with the environment – and has been built in accordance with the local techniques
- Ecological paints have been used everywhere, allowing for the natural respiration of the buildings
- The openings frames provide high level of sound-, thermo-, and air-insulation, thus contributing to healthier living conditions as well as substantial savings on A/C usage
- The outdoor lights have been discretely positioned, in order to form the lowest number possible and to preserve the simplicity of the place
- With great respect for the ambience of the old buildings, the ceiling timber of “feides”, originating from the rare, nowadays, Cycladic bush, were carefully restored, without being removed
- Xeric or low water consumption landscaping, selected from the local flora, has been installed

▪ Further care for water consumption reduce

- Rain water collection tanks have been constructed, to provide water for plant watering or for cleaning
- The original “sterna” (water tank) of the complex of Themonies has been preserved and is being used
- Water supply has been set lower than 10 lt/min (Ecolabel certification requirement)
- Sheets and towels reuse option for two night stays is in policy
- The water boiler is supplied with thermostat and water circulation automation system

▪ Further care for energy conservation

- Electricity supply systems cards have been installed in all apartments: when guests leave the apartment, electricity shuts down
- Energy efficient lighting is being utilized in all outdoor and parking areas, as well as in selected places in central building and suites
- A/C interruption automation system has been installed in all suites’ doors and windows

▪ Property care and cleaning

- Environmentally friendly chemicals are used in cleaning
- Environmentally friendly detergents are used for laundry
- Entire property is non-smoking
- Linen and cotton bedding and towels are utilized

▪ Public and personnel information

- Guests are informed of environmental initiatives at check-in
- We promote our eco-initiatives via our web, our brochures and the media
- We train our staff to implement, evaluate and improve environmental performance

▪ Reduce- Reuse

- Whenever possible, we follow the “reuse – reduce” practice – since there is no infrastructure for recycling on Folegandros yet
- We recycle the batteries (out of the island)

- When possible, we send hotel leaflets in electronic way (pdf) rather than paper
 - We reuse printer printouts for notes
 - We preferably purchase supplies that can be reused (reuse soft drink and beer glass bottles, e.tc.)
 - We purchase fresh and local traditional products to include in our breakfast options
 - We do not make use of products in individual packaging for breakfast
 - We only use non-disposable products (except for paper napkins) in servings
 - We only use bulk soap in both public and private areas, and we provide bath amenities in larger packaging (350 ml)
 - Our proficient bar list includes, when possible, Greek products
- **Hotel contribution to "sense of place"**
- Through the preservation of an original 19th century agricultural unit, which provides valuable information on past economic and social structures
 - Through the revival of the old complex of Themonies into a completely functional, contemporary hub of life
 - Through hotel architecture, which embraces the philosophy of simplicity and measure, characterizing Folegandros
 - Through the organization of the complex around a central "square", as a reminder of the traditional social needs of the island
 - Through staff devotion towards the essence of hospitality, that has made Folegandros so beloved to so many faithful friends