

IONIAN ISLANDS ITHACA

Relatively untouched by tourism because it has no airport and can only be reached by ferry, Ithaca remains a perfect destination for a relaxed holiday amidst timeless beauty.



ITHACA

Abounding with legends, Ithaca provides the discerning traveller with traditional fishing villages, lush landscapes and crystal waters. Still unspoilt, the island can be explored by foot or by boat.



Beach near Frikes



The legendary island of Odysseus, Ithaca is strangely one of the least known. Narrow and gently mountainous, with spectacular views, it has 100 kilometres of coastline.

Surrounded by green crystal waters that lap against white-pebbled beaches, Ithaca is dotted with tiny fishing villages, where the sight of the returning boats in the shimmering dusk is unforgettable – along with the morning smell of freshly baked bread and the tinkling sound of distant goat bells. In the convivial taverna of the harbours at Kioni and Frikes, excellent local produce tempts the palate.

The geography of the island lends itself to exploration both on foot and by boat, and soon you will understand why the poet Cavafy advised: “Have Ithaca always in your mind. Your arrival there is what you are destined for.”



Frikes

Multi-Centre Options

Ithaca with Kefalonia



Bay over looking Kioni

KIONI

The entrance to Kioni harbour is overlooked by three old windmills, and from here one sees the old village houses dotted on the hillsides behind the little port. The water is clear and there are four beaches within the bay itself, all with views across to the pastel coloured houses and surrounding olive groves.

There are five waterfront tavernas and four small café bars. A general store sells nearly everything from snorkels to fresh peaches.

FRIKES

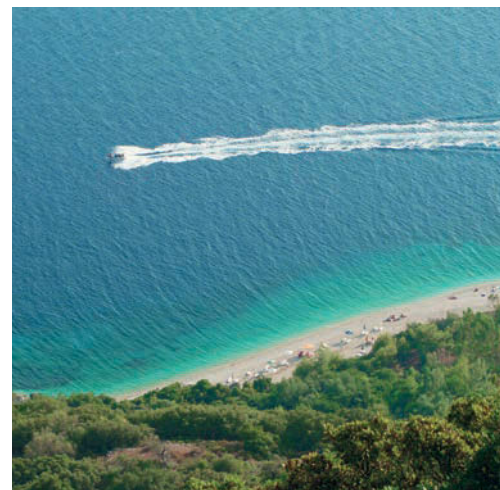
The sheltered bay of Frikes, a few kilometres north of Kioni, holds a cluster of beaches and a small village waterfront of one supermarket, one café bar and four tavernas. A small marina accommodates visiting yachts and the ferry to Lefkas and Kefalonia whilst the fishing and hire boats jostle for position at the waterfront beach.



Vathy

VATHY

Vathy, the capital town of Ithaca, has a beautiful horseshoe waterfront of houses overlooking a magnificent bay, flanked by green hillsides. The port and narrow backstreets have a good selection of shops, tavernas and bars and boat hire is available to visit nearby beaches. Sights of interest include the churches of Agios Georgios, an Archaeological Museum which houses a collection of various findings from the Geometric period, the Mycenaean and the Corinthian periods, and the birthplace of Odysseas Androutsos, the Greek hero of the war of independence.



Agios Ioannis Beach

POLIS BAY

The olive tree covered hills slope down into the sea at the Bay of Polis on the west coast of Ithaca. There are two pebble beaches here, with clear turquoise waters. On one beach there is a simple cantina serving fresh fish snacks, salads, assorted savouries and ice creams. The hilltop village of Stavros overlooks the bay, but it takes a good 25 minutes to walk up to the village and the going is steep. The village has four tavernas, a mini market, butcher, baker and grocery store. Boats can be hired from the beach.

There is an interesting cave to one side of the bay, where there is evidence that this was a place of worship for people in the bronze age.

COSTA'S HOUSE

KIONI • ITHACA

Like the idea of waking up every morning to a spectacular view of the blue Ionian Sea and boats sailing into Kioni harbour? Each of the three bedrooms in Costa's House opens straight onto its own balcony overlooking the little town's waterfront.

Set just above the bustle of Kioni harbour, Costa's House is directly connected to the waterfront by 100 steps and combines convenience with quiet and seclusion.

The large patio area is great for dinner or lounging in the sun and whiling away the afternoon, watching the comings and goings at the little port.

- zzz Sleeps up to 6
- 🛏 3 bedrooms (1D-2T)
- 🚿 1 bathroom



The setup

Ground floor:

- Sitting room
- Dining room
- Kitchen

First floor:

- Double bedroom with private balcony
- Two twin bedrooms both with private balcony
- Bathroom



GEORGAKIS HOUSE

KIONI • ITHACA

COUPLES
COLLECTION

With traditional décor and a location right on the waterfront, just feet from the boats moored in Kioni, Georgakis House gives you a feel for laidback life in a Greek fishing village.

Sit out on the balcony and watch the boats come and go, or head to one of the nearby beaches – Georgakis House's major attraction is its excellent location near the tavernas and cafés of Kioni, along with its authentic feel. It's a charming traditional house and well-designed to make the most of the cooling sea breezes.

You'll find almost everything you need on your doorstep in Kioni, but it's also a short drive to other excellent beaches, including quiet Krovoulia beach just 10 minutes away to the north. With a few steps to the entrance, Georgakis House is easily accessible from ground level, and affords great views from the balcony across the harbour.

- zzz Sleeps up to 4
- 🛏 2 bedrooms (1D-1T)
- 🚿 1 bathroom
- ❄ Air conditioning



The setup

- Open-plan kitchen with dining and sitting room
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom



Kioni

HOUSE OF PHOEBE

KIONI • ITHACA

Close to Kioni village without being in the thick of it, House of Phoebe is a traditional island home updated with all modern amenities.

Ten minutes' walk from Kioni's waterfront and tavernas, the house makes for a peaceful break, with sun-trap patio areas that are ideal for sunbathing, and a postcard-worthy view over the deep blue waters of the bay. The sunrise over the smaller Ionian islands and Greek mainland in the east is a highlight of any stay.

Take a short walk down the hill to Kioni Bay for a dip in the sea or head a little further over the hill to the beaches towards Frikes. A cafénion is 10 minutes' walk away at the top of the hill that gives House of Phoebe its stunning views.

- zzz Sleeps up to 6
- 🛏 3 bedrooms (1D-2T)
- 🚿 1 bathroom



The setup

- Open-plan sitting room
- Two twin bedrooms
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom

LORENZO'S HOUSE

KIONI • ITHACA

The indoor-outdoor styling of the open-plan living area in Lorenzo's House gives you a bright, airy atmosphere in a stunning vantage point above the harbour of Kioni.

Lorenzo's House sits high in the hills in the pretty, historic hamlet of Rachi, surrounded by old, traditional stone houses. Kioni, with its waterfront, tavernas, and beaches for swimming, is around 15 minutes' walk away (longer on the way back) and Mavrounas beach is a little closer in the other direction towards Frikes.

The crazy paving-style flooring in the living area helps keep it cool, while the two doors opening straight onto the house's sea-facing terrace let the Ionian sunshine into the stylish interior, designed by its Italian architect owner. The design-conscious property is ideal for a grown-up holiday; all bedrooms have their own terraces, so whether you're a family or a group of friends, you can have some private space when you want it.

- zzz Sleeps up to 4
- 🔑 2 bedrooms (1D-1T)
- 🚿 1 bathroom
- 📶 MiFi



The setup

- Open-plan sitting room
- Double bedroom with terrace
- Twin bedroom with terrace
- Bathroom
- Laundry room










PETRINO HOUSE

NEAR FRIKES • ITHACA

Experience a peaceful cottage-style country retreat among the olive groves of northern Ithaca at Petrino House. This rustic house is full of character with exposed timbers, antiques and traditional furnishings inside, and a large stone terrace to relax on outside. Its environs are a gorgeous, shady garden of bougainvillea, jasmine and citrus trees.

Lying by the pool you can enjoy superb views of the rugged green hills surrounding the property. Your immediate neighbours are nearby, but the setting is otherwise secluded, reached by a small country lane through an olive tree-lined valley, and the tavernas and little harbour of Frikes are a short distance away.

-  Sleeps up to 5
-  3 bedrooms (1D-1T-1S)
-  1 bathroom
-  Car hire included
-  Gated swimming pool
-  Air conditioning
-  WiFi



The setup

- Open-plan sitting room with dining and kitchen area
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Single bedroom
- Bathroom
- Swimming pool (6m x 3.5m and depth 0.90m – 1.40m)



THE LEFKI VILLAS

NEAR AGIOS IOANNIS BEACH • ITHACA

Fancy floating in your own infinity pool high above the Ionian Sea as you watch the sun set behind Kefalonia just across the water? Each of the three Lefki Villas on Ithaca's west coast are perfect for a relaxing break, making the most of a stand-out location with the island's best sunsets and excellent beaches nearby.

Choose from three villas, each suitable for a family or two couples, with two bedrooms and outdoor spaces that include a pool area perfect for sunbathing, a barbecue and an outdoor dining area shaded by a pergola. Lounge on the terrace or make the short journey along the nearby coast road to the nearby Agios Ioannis beach – one of the best on Ithaca.

These traditional villas are well-equipped with a private setting near the village of Lefki; ideal whether you're keen to explore Ithaca or are looking for a villa and setting you just won't want to leave.

- zzz Sleeps up to 4
- 🔑 2 bedrooms (1D-1T)
- 🚿 2 bathrooms
- 🚗 Car hire included
- 🏊 Swimming pool
- ❄️ Air conditioning
- 📶 MiFi



Calypso

The setup

Three villas each with

- Open-plan sitting room with dining and kitchen area
- Double bedroom with en suite bathroom
- Twin bedroom with en suite bathroom

Note: The twin bedroom in Calypso and Penelope is located on a mezzanine floor

- Swimming pool (7m x 4m and depth 1.60m)



Calypso



Penelope



Odysseus



Odysseus



Calypso

Calypso villa pool

VILLA NONDAS

NEAR VATHY • ITHACA

There is much to recommend Villa Nondas as your Greek retreat. First is its location: quiet and relaxed, set among the olive groves that line the hillsides above Vathy Bay. Then there is the charming ambience and décor which sympathetically blend modern facilities with hints of Greek tradition. And we cannot forget to mention the far-reaching panoramas from its terrace and swimming pool surrounds.

Although tranquil Villa Nondas is not isolated - you'll find tavernas and plenty of life in Vathy, just 15 minutes' walk away (30 minutes' back up the hill), and it is a short drive to the hilltop town of Perachori.

The paving of the pool terrace is laid around the olive trees, offering natural shade from the sun when desired, and there are terraces on both sides of the house for relaxing outside and enjoying meals with a view. This well-equipped and refurbished villa is suitable for families or friends. Unless specified, the annexe is only included for parties of over six people.

- zzz Sleeps up to 8
- 🔑 3 bedrooms (2D-1T)
- 🚿 1 bathroom
- 🚗 Car hire included
- 🏊 Swimming pool
- ❄️ Air conditioning
- 📶 WiFi



The setup

Ground floor:

- Open-plan sitting room with dining and kitchen area
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom

First floor:

- Double bedroom
- Swimming pool (7m x 4m and depth 1m-1.60m)

