

The Ionian Islands

Some well-known, others yet to be explored, the seven main Ionian islands sit in the Ionian Sea, just off Greece's west coast (Kythra is an outlier in the Aegean Sea). Lush landscapes, unspoilt beaches, craggy coastlines, intimate coves, a warm welcome - and so much culture to discover! The sheer variety across the Ionian islands will spoil you for choice.



Corfu

The most northerly of the Ionian Islands is the greenest and, perhaps surprisingly, one of the most traditional of them all. Corfu's charm and beauty have captivated visitors for generations and remain as intoxicating as ever.

So don't miss out on Corfu. As any one of its regular visitors will tell you, to know this particular island is to be captivated by it.



Meganissi

Meganissi is the largest of Lefkas' half-dozen satellite islands by some distance, and the only inhabited one. Although just half-an-hour by regular ferry from Nidri, which sails past Onassis' Skorpis en route, its sleepy atmosphere and slow pace of life feel like a different planet.



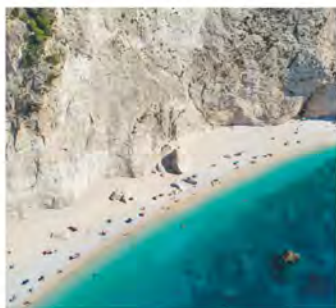
Paxos

Sweet, silvery Paxos is the smallest of the Ionian islands - just seven miles long and three wide - and lies to the south of Corfu. Many return each year: drawn back by its magical small-island charm, pretty villages, thickly-wooded landscape, and white-pebble coves lapped by the clearest of seas.



Kefalonia

Kefalonia is the largest of the Ionian group of islands. Lying midway between Corfu and Zakynthos, it is an island that rewards exploration many times over with its dramatic scenery, distinctive traditions, fine beaches and unspoiled way of life. The sheer variety Kefalonia offers the visitor is one reason why so many return.



Lefkas

Lefkas, also known as Lefkada, is only just an island. Once joined to the mainland, the Corinthians dug a canal in the 6th century BC. Now a swing-bridge links the two again, which means that on Lefkas you have all the benefits of an island atmosphere together with access to some of the most beautiful parts of western Greece.



Ithaca

It is Ithaca's distinct lack of mainstream tourism, coupled with its mythological past, which makes it an island well worth visiting. Although many people have heard of Ithaca, few have ever come to stay. For those that do, their reward is a peaceful, strongly traditional Greek island, mountainous and scenic, with some very pretty villages and sparsely populated beaches.



Zakynthos

Gentle Zakynthos, also called Zante, lies to the south of Kefalonia and enjoys a superb and temperate climate. Measuring some 19 kms by 38 kms, it is a lush fertile island. Its many fine sandy beaches attract plenty of visitors to the resort areas. Inland there is still an unhurried rural way of life.



Kythira

Kythira is set apart from the other Ionian islands and is best reached via Athens with an onward short flight. Lying just off the south eastern mainland Peloponnese it is a truly beautiful island that avoids the crowds and rewards exploration. In our view it is well worth the extra effort to reach!



Scenically splendid, excellent beaches, vibrant towns and pretty villages. Each island has its own distinct culture and atmosphere.

Corfu

Corfu's variety also plays a part in its enduring popularity. With over 200 kms of coastline, the island really can offer 'something for everyone.' "Beautiful, flower-filled, washed with soft Ionian light," Corfu is impossible to describe in a few words.

Kalami Bay Kalami, Corfu

Good accommodation is always at a premium in Kalami, one of the prettiest hamlets along Corfu's favoured northeast coast. The Kalami Bay Apartments are quietly located on the hillside above Kalami, 100m down to the beach and village.

There are 12 units. All possess A/C, WiFi and shower room, and are spacious and simply but neatly furnished.

The studios are open-plan with panoramic views. The 1-bedroom apartments, four of which have front

sea views, also possess a separate living room (kitchen area here) with one or two sofa-beds (regular size).

Below is the large freshwater swimming pool (18m x 5.5m) with a separate children's section.

Kalami village is easily reached via a small path.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£769 per person***



Nissaki Sea View Nissaki, Corfu

The village of Nissaki is one of northeast Corfu's hidden gems, offering a calming ambience, panoramic views and a beautiful cove with a small harbour.

Above the harbour and beach (3 minutes' walk), the Nissaki Sea View is a small group of 14 apartments: ours are one bedroom apartments which have a living room, kitchenette, shower room and a separate bedroom. Each has A/C, WiFi and a balcony with wonderful views towards the sea and Corfu Town.

The apartments share a large swimming pool (120 sq m), children's pool, sun terrace backed by olive groves and a restaurant serving breakfast and snacks throughout the day.

Our rooms are on the ground floor and furthest from the pool. Due to the hillside location and a number of steps in the property we would not recommend Nissaki Sea View to anyone with mobility difficulties.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£799 per person***

Krista House Aghios Gordis, Corfu

Krista House is just back from the 1km long stretch of sand beach. The house is remarkably private. A small street leads you to the beach in just a minute or two, where you will also find a good choice of restaurants. A five minute walk brings you to Gordis' main street.

This detached property has WiFi, spacious living areas and a large conservatory. The kitchen area is open-plan with the living room, which has a wooden ceiling and a traditional corner fireplace.

Off a hallway are the bathroom (full bath and shower) and the two bedrooms – one double, one twin, each individually air-conditioned (local charge). The main doors of the conservatory open out onto the front paved patio garden.

The best views are from the roof-top terrace accessed by an external spiral staircase.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£896 per person***



Irini Apartments Aghios Gordis, Corfu

Just 250m from the beach, with a choice of tavernas, cafes and small shops even closer at hand, this is the perfect spot to make the most of this village.

There are only three apartments here, overlooking the pretty Mediterranean garden to the front - a pair of studios upstairs and a 2-bedroom apartment on the ground floor.

The studios are spacious, light and airy. Each comprises a twin-bedded sleeping area, alcove kitchen,

shower room and a furnished covered front balcony with distant sea views to one side.

The apartment has two twin bedrooms and a separate kitchen. Irini possesses A/C, WiFi and has recently been fully refurbished. Although conveniently central in the village - just steps via a small path to the main street - it is a remarkably quiet location.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£759 per person***



Papadella House Aghios Gordis, Corfu

Papadella House enjoys a quiet location just a stone's throw (70 metres) from the beach. The house is ideal for families as it is set in its own walled garden.

Running the length of the house is a living room, off which both bedrooms are accessed (one twin, one triple) as well as the bathroom (bath and shower) and small kitchen. All rooms have A/C (local charge) and WiFi. Simply furnished in Corfiot style, the best sea views are to be had from the rooftop terrace.

From the garden gate a half-dozen steps and a small street leads down to the beach in only a minute. Behind the beach is a tempting array of cafe-bars and restaurants.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£896 per person***

Olga Apartments Aghios Gordis, Corfu

This pretty bungalow-style cottage is some 300 metres from the beach. It houses two apartments, each with a separate entrance and private terrace. They can, of course, be sold together for larger parties.

The smaller apartment comprises a twin bedroom, a good-sized kitchen, a hallway and a shower room.

The 2-bedroom is similar, with the addition of a double bedroom. Each apartment has its own sitting-out area on the house's terrace or patio

with garden views. Both apartments have WiFi and A/C in the bedrooms (local charge).

Simply and comfortably furnished, the Olga Apartments offer a well located stay in quiet surroundings, yet within a couple of minutes' walk of a good choice of tavernas and less than 5 minutes from the beach.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£709 per person***



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Paxos

Being so small, and literally covered with olive, pine and cypress trees, Paxos is a paradise for walking – particularly in the spring or early summer when countless varieties of wildflowers bloom. There are some 30 beaches to choose from and crystalline waters.

Panos Apartment Loggos, Paxos

The position of Panos Apartment offers a panoramic view over Loggos bay from the wrap-around terrace/balcony. Open your patio doors in the double bedroom and living room and this view floods in.

Enjoy morning coffees, lazy lunches, sundowners and more from your private eagle's nest.

Panos was not built as a holiday apartment but as a Greek home. The interior furnishings and décor are traditional but comfortable, inviting and well equipped: living

room; kitchen; shower room; two twin bedrooms and a double bedroom with ensuite bathroom (shower). All rooms have air conditioning and WiFi.

Panos Apartment oozes Greek character and has a quiet location and fine views. Perfect for those wanting to be close to the action but not in its heart.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from £1135 per person*



The Beach House Loggos, Paxos

Five minutes' walk from the centre of Loggos you'll find the small, sheltered bay of Levrechio and its white-pebbled beach. This is a quiet stretch of shore that enjoys the sun from early morning to mid-afternoon.

Opening directly onto the beach is the aptly named "Beach House", a simple two-bedroom cottage with kitchen, shower room, A/C and WiFi - ideal for those looking for a traditional and convenient Paxiot base. To the front of the house there is a walled stone patio with

sun beds and uninterrupted views over the bay.

Close your eyes and imagine watching the sunrise over the Ionian as you sip your morning coffee. Take the short stroll to the beachside taverna-bar for a light lunch and sundowner.

Loggos is around the headland. Beautiful Marmari beach is also only five minutes' walk.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from £1185 per person*

Villa Oly Lakka, Paxos

The olive and cypress tree-clad hillsides of Lakka form a natural frame for Paxos's second bay. Horseshoe in shape, the waters here are protected, crystal clear and a vivid turquoise colour.

On the outskirts of Lakka (300m), Villa Oly enjoys a prime position with panoramas over the bay and views from the terraces and balcony.

Inside, the decor, whilst simple, is attractive and light. There is a double bedroom, living room with sofa bed, kitchen and bathroom

(shower). Air conditioning and WiFi are available.

Oly occupies the top floor of the house. The ground floor is used by the owner for a few weeks in August and should not disturb. Both apartments have separate private entrances.

A small pebble beach and a choice of local tavernas are within a short stroll (5 minutes).

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from £1109 per person*



Theodora Apartments Gaios, Paxos

At an elevated location with views over Gaios are the Theodora Apartments. There are five top floor apartments and one ground floor apartment here. The top floor apartments have a large twin or double bedroom, kitchen to the rear, shower room, A/C, WiFi and a front balcony with views to Gaios, mountains and the sea.

The ground floor has a similar open plan apartment with twin beds and partial sea views from the corner of the garden. It is cool, quiet, has no

neighbours, and opens onto the garden with a patio.

The freshwater pool measures 9.40m x 4.60m.

Gaios' square is a 5 minute walk, water taxis 10 minutes and the town beach 15 minutes.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£909 per person***



Aleca's Cottage Loggos, Paxos

Aleca's is a charming little terraced house on the waterfront, at the entrance to Loggos harbour, opposite the jetty. Views are exquisite and the location is perfect for those who wish to be in the heart of this prettiest of villages.

Entrance is into a ground floor double bedroom with shower room. An open staircase leads to the light and airy living room on the first floor with modern kitchen area and french windows opening onto a narrow front balcony boasting

delightful views across the harbour. The cottage has A/C and WiFi. A folding bed for a child can be placed either in the living room or (at a pinch) the bedroom.

This is a comfortable, romantic hideaway full of charm and character.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£1019 per person***

Elias Apartment Loggos, Paxos

One minute's walk from the waterfront in Loggos, in the residential streets of the village, is Elias Apartment; a one bedroom, fully-renovated house with immense appeal. Elias is a home-from-home and has been tastefully decorated in a modern style that both complements and contrasts with its surroundings. It is bright and fresh and uses natural woods to pay homage to a more rustic past.

Split over two levels, the ground floor houses the open-plan living

room with double sofa bed, kitchenette and breakfast bar. There is a shower room, A/C and WiFi. Upstairs is a kingsize bedroom with a small balcony - overlooking the pedestrian street.

A comfortable base in the heart of Paxos' prettiest village. Levrechio beach is a 10 minute walk.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£969 per person***



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Kefalonia

The Kefalonian landscape is stunning. Mountains soar to over 1600 metres; beaches range from long stretches of the finest golden sand to tiny white-pebble coves; pine forests swathe the hillsides; whilst in the fertile valleys, olive and citrus are cultivated. The whole is lapped by the bluest of seas.

Anemona Apartments Katelios, Kefalonia

Surrounded by gardens with fruit trees, the Anemona Apartments are a 12-15 minute walk from Katelios village seafront and beach.

The seven studios are ground and first floor. All are with twin beds, air conditioning, WiFi, a kitchenette with light cooking facilities, tiled shower room and terrace or balcony. Two ground floor studios are with extra (folding) bed, garden/pool views; first floor studios are for couples only and have sea views.

The two top floor apartments have

a living room with a settee which converts to two sofa-beds. Air conditioning is in the bedrooms only; two balconies with views to the sea.

In the gardens to the front is the 50 sq m pool.

Access to the village and beach is via a rural lane with slight uphill on return.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from £799 per person*



Vassilis Apartment Fiscardo, Kefalonia

Vassilis Apartment is conveniently located close to the beach and Fiscardo harbour. Occupying the entire top floor of the house, access is via an outside, steep spiral staircase to the most comfortable "crow's nest" in Fiscardo.

This spacious apartment has one double bedroom (own balcony); one twin bedroom; a sitting room and open-plan kitchen with breakfast bar, front and side sea-facing terraces and a bathroom with bath and shower. Both bedrooms

and sitting room are air-conditioned and have WiFi.

The two private balcony terraces have views over the nearby beach, fringed by olive trees, and across the water to the cliffs of Ithaca.

Fiscardo's shops, tavernas and pretty harbour are a five minute walk away; the beach just 50 metres.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from £1009 per person*

Vivi Apartments Agia Efimia, Kefalonia

Set in a green valley, 10 minutes' walk from Agia Efimia's village centre, are the Vivi Apartments; a collection of eight studios and apartments.

Studios on ground and 1st floor have twin beds, a kitchen area, shower, A/C, WiFi and garden or valley view terrace or balcony. The 1-bedroom apartment (ground floor) has a double bedroom, open-plan living room with a kitchen area and sofa-bed, shower and terrace with garden view.

The 2-bedroom apartment (ground

floor), has 1 double and 1 twin bedroom, kitchen, shower and terrace.

The four 1st floor maisonettes are on 2 floors with ground floor living room and kitchen area, sofa-bed, shower and balcony. The upstairs bedroom has double or twin beds and balcony.

The rural setting, delightful views over the valley and lush gardens ensure a calm relaxing ambience.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from £995 per person*



Ithaca & Kythira

Emerald coves and sun-kissed hills, Ithaca's charm unfolds in every winding path and natural harbour. Kythira, whilst traditionally listed as belonging to the Ionian group of islands, is geographically closer to the Aegean and this is reflected in the Cycladic style of architecture.

Kioni Apartments Kioni, Ithaca

Kioni Apartments are located in the heart of Kioni, directly on the waterfront. This pretty coastal village is the ideal location to which to escape from the bustle of daily life. White-pebble beaches and neoclassical mansions line the horseshoe bay which is backed by wooded hills.

Several family-run tavernas and small shops line the harbour. The bay itself features three or four beaches. Try hiring a boat to explore further afield.

The Kioni Apartments are composed of six, light, comfortable, air-conditioned apartments. Each has a twin bedroom, shower room, kitchenette, WiFi and living area with two divan beds. French doors open onto a private, sea-facing balcony where you can relax and watch the daily movements of yachts and fishing boats.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from **£1269 per person***



Nostos Hotel Frikes, Ithaca

The Nostos is a friendly family-run hotel – the only one in Frikes. It is set towards the back of the village, just a three minute walk from the harbour, where you will find a selection of tavernas.

There are 30 rooms on three floors. All are nicely refurbished in an attractive light, modern style with air-conditioning, ceiling fan, shower room and balcony with sea, pool or mountain views. On the ground floor are a bar, lounge and a terrace restaurant offering home-cooked

Greek specialities.

The large, freshwater swimming pool (14.5m x 6.5m) has a snack bar (refreshments and light meals) open during busier times.

Your hosts Nicky and Andreas are a mine of information and always give advice and directions on their own carefully researched walking trails.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast
Guide price from **£1347 per person***

Kyriakis House Kapsali, Kythira

There are two bays at Kapsali, one with the sandy beach and the cafes and the other the fishing harbour, which is more residential and quiet – the road ends there. At the far end of this bay, a 5 minute walk from the main beach and restaurants, is this one-up one-down house, 15 metres from the sea across the road. The beach here is pebbly with some rocks so more difficult for swimmers.

The ground floor studio has a double bed, bathroom with shower,

and a kitchenette, heating/air conditioning, and WiFi. The covered balcony is to the front.

Up 14 steps to the upper studio with identical facilities.

A simple but conveniently located property; quiet with fine views and close to restaurants, tavernas, cafes, shops and beach.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from **£976 per person***



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Lefkas

Contrasts at every turn. The east coast is sheltered, pretty and shingly, with pine and olive trees to the water's edge. The west coast is very different – rugged and open, with sheer white cliffs. The mountainous interior is delightfully green with many working villages to explore.

Palm Trees Hotel Nidri, Lefkas

This super little hotel ticks all the right Sunvil boxes – right on the beach; family-run and quietly located within a few minutes' walk of Nidri's lively waterfront.

The 16 smart, modern rooms are on the first and second floors (lift). All are with double or twin beds (some with a sofa-bed for a third person), air conditioning (payable locally), WiFi, shower room and front covered balcony, with stunning views.

There are 3 open plan, 42 sqm double/twin bedded new top floor Junior Suites – we think the best in Nidri.

The ground floor garden terrace for snacks and light meals is where continental breakfast is taken. Pretty gardens face the beach.

Palm Trees has a very loyal clientele with many regular guests, the highest recommendation.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast
Guide price from **£983 per person***



Daglas Studios Nidri, Lefkas

The Daglas Studios are virtually on the beach. A small lane runs the short 20m down to the beach opposite our Palm Trees Hotel.

The four open-plan studios, for couples only, are twin-bedded with air-conditioning, WiFi, light kitchen facilities and shower room. Each opens onto a shared, furnished, covered front terrace. The sleeping, living and kitchen areas offer a smart, light modern ambience.

Just steps from the beach, and a few minutes walk from the harbour, the Daglas Studios make a comfortable, well priced and superbly located base from which to enjoy all Nidri's various attractions and, with just 4 steps up, suitable for those with mobility difficulties, but please note there is no wheelchair ramp.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from **£718 per person***

Marina Beach Periyali, Lefkas

Directly on the sea, with a beach to the front and side, this is a simple pension in a prime location. It is on the Periyali / Nidri border and ideal for a peaceful 'no frills' stay with easy access to the bright lights of Nidri.

The 15 rooms are on three floors (no lift) – all are sea facing with superb views from the balcony over the garden and sea, some through the trees. Rooms are furnished in a simple style and have double bed, shower and sea view balcony.

Amenities include air conditioning (local charge). WiFi is available in public areas. A cafe-bar provides continental breakfast.

It is a flat 15 minute walk into the centre of Nidri and the harbour, but you will find restaurants en route.

Note: Persons over 12 years only
Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast
Guide price from **£969 per person***



Lefkas & Meganissi

Just half an hour by boat separates Lefkas and Meganissi and yet the two neighbouring islands are worlds apart. Meganissi is an island from which to forget the cares of the world, one where you can completely relax and lose yourself in magnificent views, walking, swimming and other simple pleasures.

Odyssey Hotel Agios Nikitas, Lefkas

The Odyssey Hotel is central in Agios Nikitas with a small garden, 200m from the beach.

The ground floor has five studios (35 sq m) with shower, kitchen, king-sized bed, sofa beds for 2 children and terrace.

The 1st and 2nd floors have standard rooms in older style; one double and one single built-in bed, shower and balcony with views.

The top floor deluxe rooms have been renovated, with shower and views from the balcony.

Top floor maisonettes have a living room and stairs to a double bedroom. Good for families at 60 sqm, with kitchens, 2 shower rooms and sleep up to 5 using sofa beds. All have A/C and WiFi.

On the roof is the pool and snack bar. With 18 steps to reception on the first floor, and then lift to upper floors and pool.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£988 per person***



Lefkas Blue Apartments Agios Ioannis, Lefkas

The luxurious Lefkas Blue has high standards. Its verdant walled garden and super pool is a paradise, yet walking distance to town and beach.

There are 6 apartment suites on ground and 1st floors, penthouse top floor suite and 3 bedroom suite. Opulent and spacious (min size 50 sq m) with fully equipped kitchen, shower room and balcony/terrace. All have A/C and WiFi.

The penthouse suite takes up to 9 people in 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 ensuite), lounge and balcony.

The 3 bedroom ground floor suite for up to 7 people has a sofa bed in the lounge.

The pool is 18m x 8m and there is a BBQ and washing machine for guests' use. Very helpful owners.

A mini-market and taverna are a 10 min walk, Lefkas Town a 20 min walk. Agios Ioannis beach is a 20 min walk. The terrain is flat.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£955 per person***

Rose Garden Apartments Vathy, Meganissi

Rose Garden Apartments are above Vathy's harbour. The high position enables good views and the waterfront can be reached in just a couple of minutes by footpath (steep in parts).

The five studios are with double bed; a fitted kitchen area with 2 rings, mini-oven and full fridge; modern shower room; A/C (local charge), WiFi and balcony with village views.

There is a 1-bedroom apartment on the upper ground floor, with an air

conditioned (local charge) lounge with double sofa-bed for 1 adult or 2 children and open-plan kitchen area with full cooker – both rooms open to the private balcony terrace. Furnishings and décor are modern. The actual garden has harbour views and a BBQ.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£865 per person***



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