# DESTINATIONS

The Greek mainland, bordered in the northwest by Albania and Macedonia, and by Bulgaria and Turkey in the north-east, stretches its mountainous fingers southwards into the Mediterranean Sea. On the western coast of Greece, the Ionian Sea laps around its olive-tree-clad islands while, off its eastern shoreline, the Aegean Sea boasts three groups of islands - the Sporades, the Cyclades and the Dodecanese. Well over two thousand islands lie within Greek waters, yet only a hundred or so are inhabited. Each island has its own history, character and charm. Each in turn adds to the overall beauty of the country of Greece, just as its mythical gods and goddesses, its philosophers, writers, mathematicians and scientists have contributed to the culture, language and knowledge bank of the world over many centuries.

Cyprus, in many ways very similar to Greece, is the third largest island in the Mediterranean and offers a wide variety of landscapes, activities and natural splendour. With sandy beaches on which turtles nest, wild unspoiled countryside, the Troodos mountains and national parks to explore – on foot, by bicycle or four-wheel drive vehicle – plus a myriad of historical sites, both mythical and real, Cyprus offers outdoor experiences galore.

Once you get to know these magical destinations with their warm hospitality, like us, you too will be equally passionate.

## THE AEGEAN ISLANDS



Close to Turkey, Samos is a refreshing combination of pine and olive, mountain and beach. It is large enough to offer plenty of variety, and has a special feel for walkers.

## THE SPORADES ISLANDS



Rich, green hillsides of pine and olive sweep down to enticing beaches. Skopelos is an island for those wanting to explore by boat, car and foot and to have a wide choice of intimate waterfront tavernas.



Slow and quiet, Alonissos appeals more to the escapist who wants the simple pleasures of a friendly community, unspoilt surroundings, deserted beaches and good tavernas.



Skiathos offers a colourful variety of spectacular beaches, well organised watersports, good Aegean food, relaxed or vibrant nightlife in town, wonderful scenery and a cosmopolitan atmosphere.

# THE IONIAN ISLANDS



An undulating interior of olive and pine-clad hillsides hiding hamlets and villages. A beautiful coastline of small coves and large beaches. A capital of stunning Venetian architecture.



On an island 7 miles by 3 miles you are never far from anywhere. An undulating landscape of silver olives, many sheltered coves and pretty fishing villages – Paxos offers an enchanting escape from the crowds.



The tiny satellite island, just one mile off Paxos, offers a rarely found Robinson Crusoe experience. Sandy beaches, valleys of vineyards and just four tavernas.



Ithaca has remained untouched by tourism because, like Paxos, it has no airport and can only be reached by ferry from neighbouring islands or the mainland. A holiday in Ithaca is for those who seek a relaxed break in a friendly environment.

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Lefkas will attract explorers to her green, mountainous interior and those wanting peaceful seclusion close to her beautiful beaches.



Kefalonia, the largest of the lonian islands, is popular for its superb beaches and stunning scenery. Kefalonia caters for both the explorer and the seeker of variety.



A beautiful, unspoilt island just off Lefkas' east coast. Deserted bays and a simple village lifestyle will appeal to those wanting to forget the outside world.

# THE MAINLAND



About 75 minutes drive from the airport, Stoupa is a small, but growing resort with excellent sandy beaches and a wide choice of restaurants, bars and small shops.

# CRETE



An island suited to those who want a more sophisticated choice of holiday activities. An extensive coastline of fishing villages, towns and beaches and a dramatic interior of unique beauty.

## CYPRUS



An island of great diversity with something to please everyone from nature at its wildest to historical sites of great magnitude as well as a myriad of activities and international cuisine.