

# 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, given largely to agriculture and an unhurried rural way of life.



Wild and mountainous in the north and west, the contrasting central and southern plain is a delightful mix of shady olive groves, fertile valleys and vineyards. In springtime the hillsides are ablaze with wild flowers, and enormous brightly coloured butterflies can be seen everywhere. The Venetians romantically called the island Il Fiore de Levante ('the flower of the east'), a name which would not be undeserved even today.

The south lays claim to the island's best sandy beaches, many of which lie within the Marine Park set up to protect the nesting grounds of the endangered loggerhead turtle.

Limni Keri is a small seaside village tucked away on the western side of Laganas Bay and enjoys fine views to the island of Marathonissi. The area holds most appeal for families and couples desiring a tranquil, very Greek escape in unspoiled rural

surroundings, close to a beach. Its beach is long (albeit narrow), mainly sandy and shelves gently into a safe sheltered sea.

The village has some half-dozen authentic local restaurants, a café and mini-market or two, and a bakery. Backed by a green valley (once a lake, now a nature reserve), with wooded hills to either side, there are some good walking opportunities, perhaps to the traditional village of Keri a few kilometres inland. Boats will take you to explore the nearby Keri Caves and Marathonissi (Turtle Island), or motorboats may be rented by the hour.

The north of Zakynthos is peaceful and unspoilt, having no established resort areas here once you venture above Alikes. It is an area of rolling green hills (becoming more mountainous to the west), traditional inland villages, and a dramatic

coastline hiding shingle beaches, limestone cliffs, arches and sea caves. The sea here is almost impossibly blue.

Boats depart daily from the small port of Agios Nikolaos for the Blue Caves, a must-see. Most then go onto the much-photographed Shipwreck Cove, where you can swim from stunning Navagio beach in view of the aforementioned hulk. Ferries also run to Kefalonia making a day trip easy, but you will need a car. Agios Nikolaos has five tavernas, cafes and a mini-market arranged behind its attractive little beach, and motor boats for hire.



Wherever you stay on Zakynthos we'd recommend the Sunflower Guide to walkers and those with a car.

## ZAKYNTHOS INFORMATION

### Getting to Zakynthos

Flights on various days of the week from Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham and a wide range of other regional airports - odd durations may be available. Then 30-60 mins. transfer to your accommodation.

### Car Hire

See pages 268-9 for details.

### Representative

We do not employ our own representative on Zakynthos but offer a limited representational service through our local agents. This will include a visit to your accommodation a day or two after your arrival to check all is well and give resort and island information. They can then be contacted by telephone if required.

## Rentaki Apartments Limni Keri

These high spec apartments provide top standards. Exceptionally spacious and comfortable, they offer everything you should need for a quality self catering holiday. They stand in quiet wooded surroundings just 250m from the beach and tavernas.

The 1-bedroom apartments on the ground and first floor possess a bedroom with king size bed (some have a single also), separate fully equipped kitchen, living area with double sofa-bed, bath or shower and a huge private veranda to the front with views to the pool and wooded hillside behind. The 2-bedroom apartments are the same with an additional (twin) bedroom. Those on the first floor also share a common terrace to the rear which has views over the countryside to the sea.

Facilities include AC in all bedrooms, sat TV (BBC World), DVD, WiFi, hairdryer, room-safe and mozzie screens. They are richly

furnished in a classic style and each apartment has individual decor, paintings etc.

The top floor houses a magnificent 3-bedroom Suite - see our website for details.

The 50 sq m swimming pool in front has steps in (depth 0.70m-1.70m) and a child section. It is less than a 5 minute walk to the beach and Keri's seafront tavernas.

### Early Booking Offer

Reductions apply for bookings made by 31/3. Please enquire or check online availability for a costing.

**The Apartments:** Suite for up to 8  
 Air Conditioning  
 Self Catering Swimming Pool  
 Apartments for 2/6 Free WiFi



Limni Keri beach

## Blue Sea Cottage Aghios Nikolaos

Built on rocks directly above the bluest of seas, with a beautiful sandy cove to one side, this old fisherman's house has been modernised to offer comfortable accommodation for couples and families alike.

Entrance is into a living room with sofa-bed and traditional fireplace. The kitchen to the rear has a full cooker and fridge. Off the living room there is a double bedroom with en suite bathroom (full bath and shower) and a smaller twin. Upstairs, chalet-style under the eaves, is a spacious double bedroom with en suite wc and a small sea-facing balcony - views to

the islet just off-shore are beautiful!

All bedrooms have AC and other mod cons include WiFi, TV, a washing machine, dishwasher and BBQ.

You can also swim from the rocks below - there are steps down and a ladder into the clear water. There is a handy taverna/cafe next door (set back from the house and low key - it will not disturb) and you will find 3 more tavernas, cafes and a mini-market within a 5 minute walk.

**The Cottage:** Cottage for 2/6  
 Self Catering Air Conditioning  
 Free WiFi

ZAKYNTHOS		Guide prices per person in £s departing during								
ACCOMMODATION	PERSONS BASIS	Low Season (May - end Jun & mid Sep - Oct)				High Season (early Jul - early Sep)				
		From		To		From		To		
		1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wks	1 Wk	2 Wk	
Blue Sea	3 Bedroom	2 SC	1052	1529	1532	2382	1556	2516	1680	2746
		3 SC	896	1216	1250	1819	1266	1913	1379	2067
		4 SC	808	1050	1100	1528	1112	1608	1219	1723
		5 SC	770	965	1025	1369	1035	1433	1138	1526
		6 SC	739	902	969	1257	977	1382	1078	1459
Rentaki	1 Bedroom	2 SC	878	1203	1182	1746	1222	1786	1312	1876
	2 Bedroom	3 SC	838	1123	1138	1675	1195	1732	1285	1822
		4 SC	768	984	1020	1424	1062	1467	1152	1557
		5 SC	760	967	1005	1394	1046	1435	1136	1525

Prices shown are indicative only and variable due to offers, changing flight prices and seasonal supplements. Please call or check online for a confirmed costing (note: not all holidays can be checked online). Prices based on Gatwick flights as sourced from Easyjet in November and are likely to increase as time passes. Prices include transfers or car hire (see text); accommodation as described; and all airport/fuel charges & taxes known at the time of printing - for our surcharge policy see booking conditions at the back of this brochure. To add: regional price supplements, room and board supplements (see text) - single room prices on request. Not all our accommodation is suitable for guests with reduced mobility. Please contact us to answer any questions you may have regarding our properties and to advise their suitability for people with health conditions or impairments.

**Not included: Overnight Stay Tax of €0.50 to €4 per room, apartment or villa per night payable locally - the amount varies according to the category of the accommodation (i.e. most self catering and 1-2 star hotels = €0.50, 5 star hotels = €4).**