

# Lefkada

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## About Lefkada

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Located above the islands of Kefalonia and Ithaca, Lefkada is separated from the mainland by a narrow channel. Along with Evia, these are the only Greek islands that visitors do not need ferry to go, as they are easily accessible by road.

The mountainous island of Lefkada is mainly covered with dense and verdant vegetation. This vegetation surrounds lovely waterfalls, traditional villages and many paths to hike.

Nine satellite islands surround Lefkada, including the beautiful islands of Meganisi, Kalamos, Kastos, Madouri and Skorpios. Among these, Skorpios is the most famous as it was the private island of the Greek ship owner **Aristotelis Onassis**. Some of the most famous people ever have stepped foot on this lovely island, including Maria Callas and Jackie Kennedy.

The island is generally rich in history and culture, which is shown in its many monuments, museums and libraries. The Castle of Agia Mavra, at the entrance of the island, is a nice sight to visit and so is the Monastery of Panagia Faneromeni, above Lefkada Town.

After the earthquakes of 1948 and 1953 that destroyed an important part of the island and many other Ionian Islands, the capital of Lefkada has been totally rebuilt. Its architecture today is not that common in other islands, as it has wooden houses covered with multi coloured metal sheet.

Despite being one of the most beautiful and popular islands of Greece, Lefkada remains quite unspoiled and authentic. Apart from Nidri, the most popular tourist resort of Lefkada, all the other villages and beaches are quiet and relaxing. In fact, Agios Nikitas, Vassiliki and Sivota are lovely places to stay.

The western side of Lefkada has some of the most amazing beaches not only in Greece, but in the Mediterranean Sea. Porto Katsiki is the most famous beach, with crystal water and wild landscape. Egremni and Kathisma are also marvelous coasts. A bit northern, there is Agios Ioannis, the beach with the perfect wind for windsurfing and kite surfing. In particular, Agios Ioannis and Vassiliki are the most popular spots for windsurfing in Lefkada.

This island is also suitable as a base for excursions to both the mainland and other close islands. **Kefalonia** and **Ithaca** are only an hour away from Lefkada and there are boats from Nidri and Vassiliki. An hour or less drive from Lefkada to the mainland and visitors can reach the picturesque town of **Parga** with the marvelous beaches and the imposing castle.

## Villages of Lefkada

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### Town

**Location:** On the northern side of the island

**Description:** Lefkada Town is the capital and administrative centre of the island. This is the first village to see as you cross the bridge from the mainland. Although it is not as impressive as the other villages, it is still a nice town to stroll around.

**Sightseeing:** Archaeological Museum, Castle Of Agia Mavra, Museum Of Phonographs, Orpheus Folklore Museum, Santa Mavra

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### Agios Nikitas Village

**Location:** 13 km south west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** The seaside village of Agios Nikitas is spread around a bay and has a lovely fishing port where fishing boats and yachts moor in summer.

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### Sivota

**Location:** 32 km south of Lefkada Town

**Description:** One of the most picturesque villages of Lefkada, Sivota has a small port where fishing boats and yachts moor. It is famous for its delicious fish taverns.

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### Karia

**Location:** 13 km south west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** The mountainous village of Karia is located at an altitude of 500 m, amidst an area of lush greenery and nice waterfalls.

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## Beaches of Lefkada

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### Porto Katsiki

**Location:** 45 km south west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** Porto Katsiki is the most famous beach of the island and among the best in the Mediterranean. With an impressive landscape and exotic water, Porto Katsiki gets very popular in summer.

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### Egremni

**Location:** 40 km south west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** One of the most impressive beaches of Lefkada, Egremni has an immense sandy coastline and exotic water. Visitors have to climb up and down a lot of steep steps.

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### Kathisma

**Location:** 15 km south west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** This long beach has exotic water and sandy coastline. It is considered among the finest beaches on the island.

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### Agios Ioannis

**Location:** 3 km west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** The most popular beach resort on Lefkada is Agios Ioannis, located a few km west of the main town. Due to the strong winds that blow in the area, this beach is ideal for windsurfing and kitesurfing.

**Sightseeing:** Agios Ioannis Antzoussis

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### Vassiliki

**Location:** 37 km south west of Lefkada Town

**Description:** Vassiliki is among the busiest beach resorts and the most popular windsurfing spots in Lefkada. This picturesque beach is located on the southern side of the island.

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## Sightseeing in Lefkada

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### Castle Of Agia Mavra

**Location:** [Town](#)

This is a medieval castle built by the Franks who occupied Lefkada in 1294 and it protected the whole region from enemies. It is located right before the bridge that connects the island to the mainland.

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### Monastery Of Faneromeni

**Location:** [Frini](#)

This is the most important monastery and religious centre of Lefkada. It is situated in a lush green area about 2 km from Frini village.

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### Waterfalls Of Nydri

**Location:** [Nidri](#)

This is a gorgeous waterfall that has its source up in Lefkada mountains and ends into a gorge with white rocks. Many visitors swim in its crystal clear yet cold waters.

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## Some Accommodations in Lefkada

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### Eleon

**Location:** Tsoukalades

**Class:** 3 Keys

**Number of rooms:** 2

**Type:** Apartments, Villas, Traditional Houses, Maisonettes, Honeymoon

**Website:** [www.eleon.gr](http://www.eleon.gr)

**Phone:** 0030 26450 97069

Situated here (Tsoukalades) is also Villa Eleon. Two traditional, stone maisonettes which can accommodate 2 to 4 people in each. The materials which have been used are stone, wood, marble, tying completely in with each other accompanied by the decor of fine elegant furniture. On the ground floor of each villa is a living room and fully equipped kitchen. Our guests can enjoy exceptional moments of comfort and relaxation in the spacious rooms of the first floor. You will surely feel nostalgia and romanticism which the wrought iron four poster bed radiates remaining other sweeter moments.

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### Villagio

**Location:** Agios Ioannis

**Class:** 3 Keys

**Number of rooms:** 30

**Type:** Apartments, Studios, Bungalows

**Website:** [www.villagio.gr](http://www.villagio.gr)

**Phone:** 0030 26450 25568

It is 300 m far from the Ai Giannis beach which famous for its really clean and blue water. The 6 km beach is famous for its unique sand and the sea is ideal suitable for surfing, kite, water ski and other beach sports. It is 1700 m far from the city of Lefkas where as there are a super market, a bakery, restaurants, disco and cafeterias close to it.

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### Heliotropia Houses

**Location:** Vassiliki

**Class:** N/A

**Number of rooms:** 15

**Type:** Apartments, Studios, Bungalows, Maisonettes

**Website:** [www.heliotropia-lefkada.gr](http://www.heliotropia-lefkada.gr)

**Phone:** 0030 210 6669963

Heliotropia Houses is a recently constructed (2005-2008) complex of 9 independent houses with their individual entrances. 6 of them are maisonettes and 3 are bungalows. They are located in the outskirts of Vassiliki village in an evergreen plot full of old and tall poplar trees, orange trees and lots of plants. The place is ideally located just 150 m away from the beach and around 300 m from the center of the village.

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## Idilli Villas

**Location:** [Agios Nikitas](#)

**Class:** N/A

**Number of rooms:** 14

**Type:** Villas

**Phone:** 0030 210 6254366-7

Idilli presents seven amazing properties that have been built with pools on the outskirts of the charming resort of Agios Nikitas in Lefkas. Idilli villas have their own private space and patios and are situated in different levels with each other. Perched on the rocky peninsula, they enjoy spectacular sea views right in front of the villas! Set in a peaceful location, yet only a walking distance from the village center where you will find a selection of shops, bars and taverns, where you can sit and relax while enjoying some local fare and the low key nightlife!

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## Myrto

**Location:** [Agios Nikitas](#)

**Class:** N/A

**Number of rooms:** 6

**Type:** Apartments

**Phone:** 0030 26450 97060

These small and privately owned apartments have been carefully designed so that everyone can enjoy some privacy , yet share the same glorious uninterrupted sea view across the bay of Agios Nikitas. The apartments are ideally suited to couples wanting comfortably furnished accommodations combined with the convenience of being in close proximity to a typical Greek village, good walking territory, beautiful coves and beaches with a clean sea. Powerfully scented pines and columns of cypresses commandeer the slopes that loom above Agios Nikitas village.

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## Other places of interest in Lefkada

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### **Keramidaki**

**Category:** Restaurants

**Location:** [Nikiana](#)

In the east of the island with the view of Sparti and Scorpio, the island of Onasis, there is the picturesque taverna Keramidaki. Very tasty fish and traditional cuisine based on Mediterranean nourishment.

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