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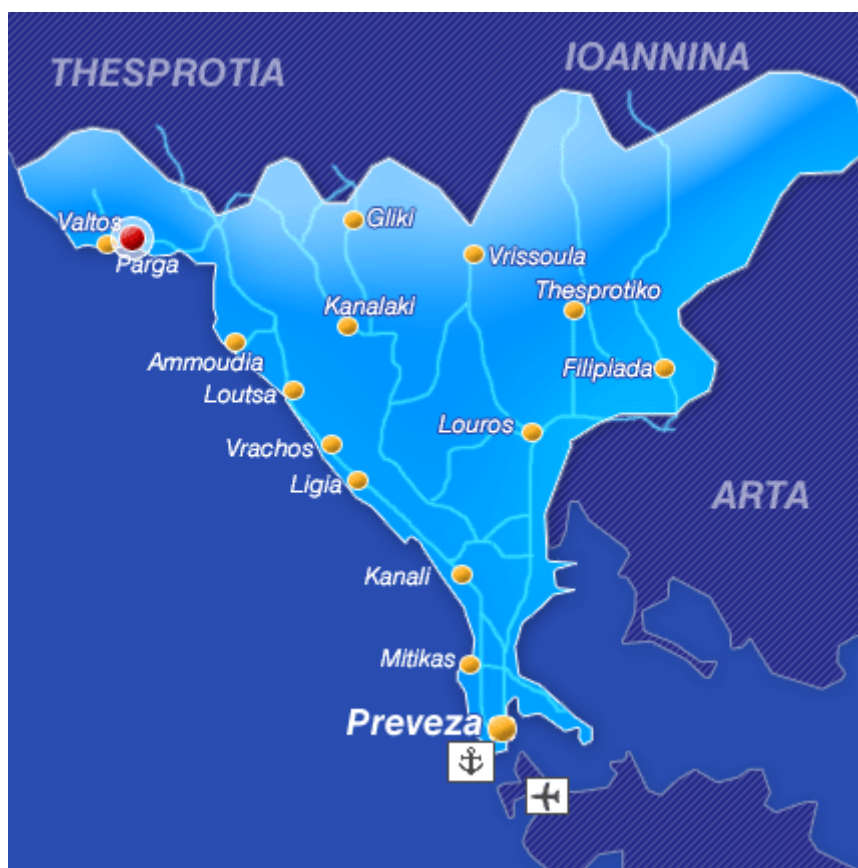
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Map of Parga



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About Parga

Parga is a small town placed on the northwestern coast of Greece, with approximately 2500 inhabitants. Its main feature is its beautiful surrounding. Parga is ideal for relaxing and strolling around, although it gets a little busier in summer. Its history started many centuries ago.

Due to some archaeological findings, it is believed that Parga has been inhabited since the Neolithic times. However, Parga appears more clearly in the Greek history since the Byzantine times. Along its history, the city has been conquered by the Venetians, who built the castle of Parga, and has been destroyed by pirates. It has also been under the rule of the Russians and the British, who finally sold it to Ali Pasha, in the 19th century; the residents moved to the close by island of Corfu to avoid the cruelty of the Turks and returned to their birthplace after the liberation of Greece, in 1819.

However, Parga became part of the Greek state a century later, in 1913. An interesting archaeological site to visit in Parga is its Venetian castle, which lies on top of a hill. This castle has some interesting Venetian and Turkish features and offers a picturesque view of the ceramic rooftops of the houses and the bay of Parga.

Apart from archaeological sites, Parga also has beautiful scenery. A large portion of the greenery surrounding the town consists of huge olive trees, planted by the Venetians in the 16th century. In fact, the olive oil production consists a major income for its inhabitants.

The houses of Parga are amphitheatrically built, scattered along a sheltered bay. Although Parga is not an island, you could say that it does have a certain "island vibe". Moreover, Parga has developed many tourist facilities, along these last years. Most restaurants offer traditional, homemade Greek food and there are many places to stay, from camping areas and rooms to rent to luxurious hotels.

The local residents are also very friendly. Most tourists are Greek, who want to spend some relaxing days, but Parga also has many Italian visitors, due to its closeness to the Italian coast. Last but not least, the surroundings of Parga have some picturesque villages and nice beaches to visit. These beaches can be reached on foot or by boat from the harbor and are bound to give you relaxing moments.

Villages of Parga



Parga

Location: In western Greece, prefecture of Preveza

Description: A picturesque town with island vibe, Parga is surrounded by lush greenery and gorgeous beaches. A strong castle overlooks the town from the top of a hill.



Beaches of Parga



Town Beach

Location: In a walking distance from the town centre

Description: The beach of Parga is long and sandy. It has many tourist facilities and the small islet in front creates a picturesque environment to relax.

Sightseeing: Ecclesiastical Museum, Venetian Castle



Valtos

Location: 2 km from Parga

Description: A long and sandy beach, Valtos is surrounded by lush greenery. This beach resort is well developed in tourism.

Sightseeing: Monastery Of Panagia Vlacherna

Sightseeing in Parga



Venetian Castle

Location: [Town Beach](#)

The Castle of Parga was originally built in the 11th century and was then fortified by the Venetians and the Turks. Its location gives wonderful views to the town and the sea.



Castle Of Anthousa

Location: [Anthousa](#)

The Castle of Anthousa is a relatively new castle. It was built in the early 19th century by Ali Pasha, the Turkish ruler of the area, to overlook the town of Parga.

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