

# Paxi

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## About Paxi

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The picturesque island of Paxi is placed 12 km to the south of Corfu. It has 1,000 inhabitants and its administration belongs to Corfu. Paxi is a group of islands. Apart from Paxos, which is the bigger island, there are also some smaller ones, like Antipaxos, Moggonisi, Panagia, Ai Nikolas, Kaltsionisi and others.

According to the myth, the islands of Paxi were formed when Poseidon, the ancient god of the sea, hit with his trident the southeast part of Corfu and cut a piece of land, in order to live there his love with the nymph Amphitriti.

The island of Paxos has many olive trees and its residents are high quality olive oil producers. The island of Antipaxos, though, has vast areas of grape fields and favors the production of wine.

The capital of Paxi is Gaios, a beautiful port that gets busy mostly in summer. This area hosts an ancient windmill, a Venetian fort and a small museum.

Paxi is great for sailing and water sports. It also provides the opportunity for other nice things to do, such as visiting archaeological sites and churches, swimming in the clean beaches and strolling around the picturesque villages and stone-made streets.

The east coast of the island is recommended to search for nice coves. The west coast offers a more rugged landscape, with steep cliffs, that can reach 200 meters high in many cases. Here is where most caves are found, many of which can only be accessed by a boat.

Moreover, Paxi has many small sandy beaches that get crowded in summer. However, waters remain crystal and clear, ideal for swimming and for practicing some other water activities, such as scuba diving, snorkelling and fishing.

The most important beaches are Glyfada, Levrechio, Orkos, Monodendri and Arkoudaki.

Important events are also hosted in Paxi, such as the Classical Music Festival in September and a series of musical events that take place every year in July.

Due to its rich history and culture, Paxi was acclaimed the **European Cultural Village** for 2004.

## Villages of Paxi

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### Gaios

**Location:** On the southern side of Paxi

**Description:** This is the biggest village of Paxi and the ferry that connects the island to Corfu and Igoumenitsa docks there. It hosts a folklore museum.

**Sightseeing:** Agios Nikolaos Islet, Antipaxos Island, Church Of Agioi Apostoli, Folklore Museum

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### Lakka

**Location:** 7 km north of Paxi

**Description:** It is situated in the northern path of the island and has a lovely port for boats and yachts. Do not miss the nearby sea cave of Ipapanti.

**Sightseeing:** Olive Press Museum

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## Beaches of Paxi

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### Mesovrika

**Location:** On Antipaxi island

**Description:** It is a lovely secluded beach that can be reached only by boat. Its coast is sandy and its water crystal clean. It is located on Antipaxos island and boats go there frequently.

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### Voutoumi

**Location:** On Antipaxos island

**Description:** This is a nice sandy beach on the eastern side of Antipaxos. It is ideal for snorkelling and can be accessed by boat from Paxi.

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### Logos beach

**Location:** 8 km north of Gaios

**Description:** This is a small and picturesque beach close to the port of Logos. Due to this closeness, it gets very crowded.

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### Monodendri

**Location:** 9 km north of Gaios

**Description:** This is a pebbled beach close to Logos village. It is partly organized with sun beds and gets quite popular in summer.

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### Levrehio

**Location:** 7 km north of Gaios

**Description:** This beach is 5 minutes walking distance from Logos. It is popular among tourists and the locals. Its size is small but the environment is scenic.

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## Sightseeing in Paxi

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### Antipaxos Island

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

Antipaxos is a lush green island known for its magnificent beaches. It is reached by taxi boat from Gaios and has no tourist facilities.

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### Folklore Museum

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

The Folklore Museum of Paxi was established in 1996 and it is located in the old British Government House, at the port of Gaios. All the exhibits were donated to the museum by the residents of Paxi and they include traditional clothes, weapons, old coins, kitchen tools, furniture and many other items.

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