THE IONIAN ISLANDS a Palette of blue

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CORFU The Island Break Destination
From long weekend to week-long getaway

- A perfectly preserved old town with a Venetian-era fortress and an artist’s personality
- An island landscape of silky-silver olive groves and stunning coastline
- Long favoured by poets, writers and musicians
- Renowned for its mouthwatering fare: pastitsada, sofrito, bourdato, mandolato, pergamonto
- Its spirit lies in museums modern and classical, its cobbled streets, in every glass of traditional kumquat liqueur
- With opulent hotels and a film-set stately architecture, you’ll feel like a star in a period film

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Venetian-inspired Corfu is the access point to these two tiny emerald gems.

Ionian in miniature: blue-green waters, amazing nature, idyllic coves and personalised romance.

A shelter for everyone in love: according to myth, Poseidon created Paxi to live out his romance with Amfitriti.

Peacock-blue waters and the whitest of white sand: Orkos on Paxi, Vrika and Voutoumi on Antipaxi.

Share the sunset atop the white cliffs at Eremitis.

Centuries-old olive trees, gnarled and twisted into unusual shapes.

Get the full picture by exploring the islands by sea: hidden beaches, the caves of Ahai, and the grotto of Ypapanti.

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Row upon row of sail masts sway to the rhythm of the wind at the port of Nydri, ready for cast-off.

Set sail for delightful hideaways like Meganisi and Kastos or Skorpios (of Onassis fame).

Plunge into the azure paradise of Kathisma, Egremni, Porto Katsiki: beaches of international acclaim.

Windsurfing, kitesurfing, paragliding, scuba diving or leisurely stand up paddle boarding.

And when you’re done in the water, there’s horseback riding, mountain biking or trekking around the island.

If you’re not already at a beach bar, a cocktail in hand.
Spectacular beaches and waters of all shades of blue and green – Myrtos but also Petani, Skala, Poros, Makri Gialo and Xi.

Dig deeper and discover rich vegetation, a fertile land that creates small miracles.

Cheeses (creamy feta, Kefalotiri and Kefalograviera) and savoury pies.

World-famous olives and olive oil, wine and fruit and vegetables bursting with life.

A soup of mixed beans (bourbourelia), rabbit stew, bread slices with oregano (rganada) and aliada, a potato and garlic purée.

And the tserepa, a portable oven made of grey clay and goat’s hair, still used in villages.

Discover delicious Robola, the flagship grape variety of Kefalonia, and the art of small-scale wine-making.

Don’t forget to bring home a box of mandoles, naturally dyed-red sugared almonds.

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Symbolic of the sweet homeland that Odysseus and everyone since has searched for.

Beautiful beaches, tiny villages, flavours that give generously.

Fjord-like Vathi, greeting all guests with shops, museums and hotels both comely and stylish.

But hearts beat strongest for the bay of Kioni, first viewed by sailboat.

Stone homes with patios brimming with flowers, little coffee shops and restaurants with tables on the water.

Follow hiking trails and discover hidden ruins and stunning sea views.

Or hire a boat and discover your own secluded beach for complete self-discovery.

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The iconic Shipwreck Beach (Navagio) is the star image of Zakynthos, but the full story extends across 123km of coastline dotted with hidden beaches and coves. Sandy in the south, rugged in the west, and the stunning Blue Caves to the east.

Beaches chosen as the nesting site of the protected Caretta Caretta sea turtle.

From town, stroll through Bokhali, 2km from the centre, and admire the panoramic view of the harbour and the Bay of Lagana.

Walk on to the castle, camouflaged by greenery, where the Venetians reigned over the island capital.

Visit a winery and be introduced to the Ionian grape varietals.

Explore a handful of the 40+ villages (Louha, Gouri, Kampi, Anafonitria, Volimes) to complete your insight into island life.

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MEGANISI AND BEYOND

Island Hopping across the Ionian Blues

Tiny, welcoming, beautiful and unexplored

- Light winds, calm waters, endless sheltered coves and archipelago made for sailing. The modern marinas of Lefkada
- The modern marinas of Lefkada and Corfu are your starting point
- From Lefkada: Meganisi, laidback life and a secret of yachtsmen. Kalamos, where hikers enjoy a dramatic landscape of high peaks and steep slopes leading to the sea. And Kastos, where fresh fish are trawled daily
- From Corfu: Head to the Diapontia islands, three small exotic islands off the northwest coast of Corfu. Othoni is the where Nymph Kalypso held Odysseus. Nowadays it is known for its beaches and remarkable sea caves
- Erikousa is mostly flat, perfect for exploring with children. And Mathraki is the smallest isle: three square kilometres of paradise!

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