

# Corfu And Beyond: Your Comprehensive Travel Guide to the Ionian Islands, Greece

## Immerse Yourself in the Enchanting Embrace of the Ionian Islands

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the Ionian Islands, a captivating archipelago nestled amidst the azure waters of the Ionian Sea. Our comprehensive travel guide will guide you through the enchanting islands of Corfu, Paxos, Antipaxos, and Lefkada, unveiling their hidden treasures and providing insider tips to create an unforgettable adventure.



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## Corfu: A Tapestry of History, Culture, and Natural Beauty

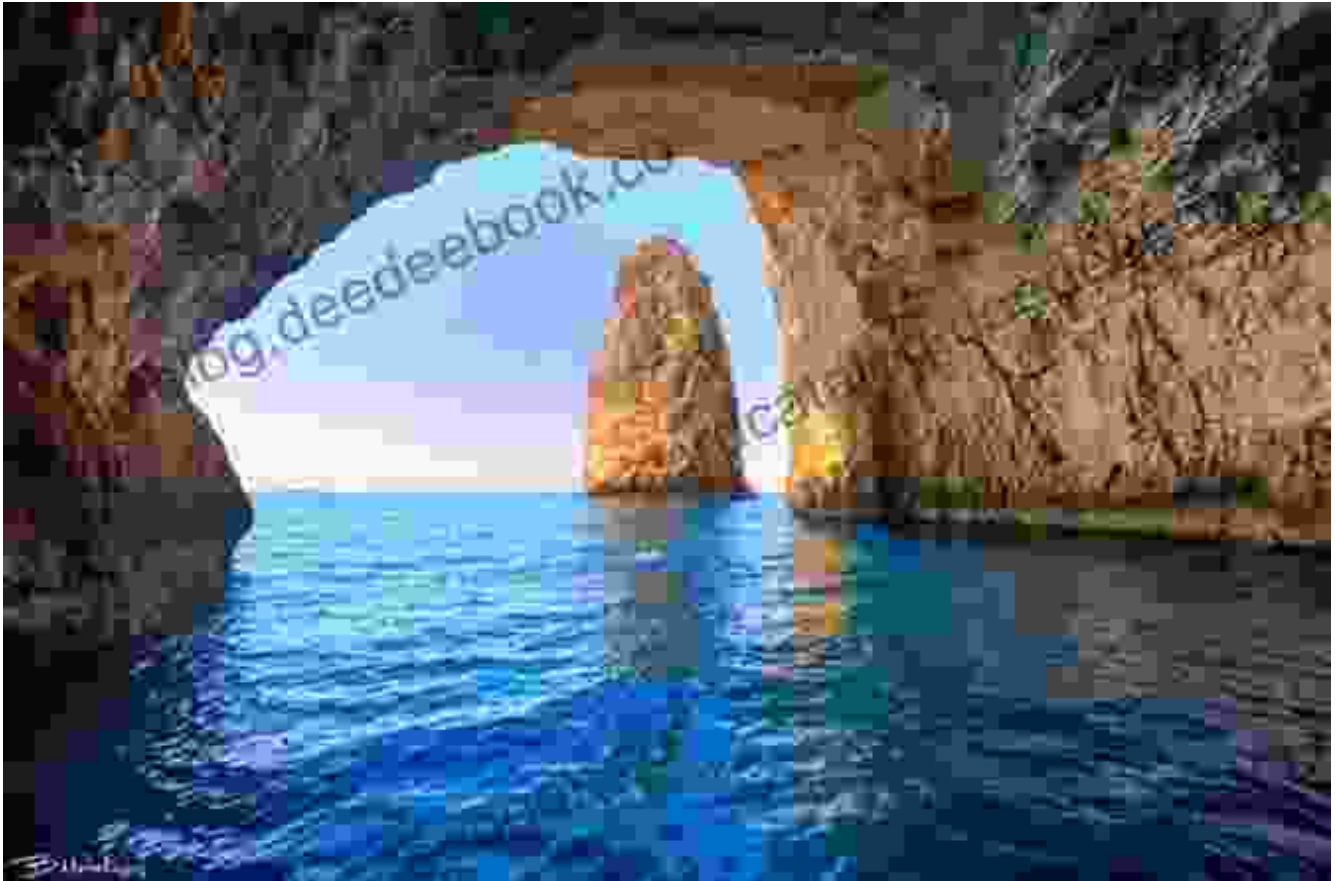


Corfu, the largest and most populous of the Ionian Islands, is a captivating fusion of history, culture, and natural beauty. Explore the enchanting Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Venetian architecture blends seamlessly with British and French influences. Wander through the narrow cobblestone streets, admire the grandeur of the Old Fortress, and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Liston, a charming promenade lined with elegant cafes.

Beyond the urban delights, Corfu boasts pristine beaches, secluded coves, and lush countryside. Discover the secluded paradise of Paleokastritsa, renowned for its crystal-clear waters and picturesque bays. Embark on a scenic hike through the verdant hills of Mount Pantokrator, the highest peak

on the island, and be rewarded with panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes.

## **Paxos and Antipaxos: Intimate Islands of Pristine Beauty**



Just a short ferry ride from Corfu, the neighboring islands of Paxos and Antipaxos offer an idyllic escape from the bustling crowds. Paxos captivates with its unspoiled beauty, characterized by secluded coves, pristine beaches, and charming villages. Embark on a leisurely boat trip to explore the dramatic sea caves and secluded beaches of Erimitis, or unwind on the golden sands of Mongonissi Beach.

Adjacent to Paxos, the tiny island of Antipaxos is a haven of tranquility. Immerse yourself in the crystal-clear waters of Voutoumi Beach, considered

one of the most beautiful beaches in the Mediterranean. Stroll through the picturesque village of Antipaxos, where time seems to stand still, and savor the flavors of traditional Greek cuisine at the charming tavernas.

## **Lefkada: A Harmonious Blend of Natural Splendor and Cultural Heritage**



Connected to mainland Greece by a causeway, Lefkada presents a harmonious blend of natural splendor and cultural heritage. Discover the stunning Porto Katsiki, an idyllic beach renowned for its white limestone cliffs and turquoise waters. Explore the scenic Nidri Waterfalls, a tranquil oasis where lush vegetation meets cascading waters. Uncover the rich history of Lefkada Town, the island's capital, by visiting the Archaeological Museum and the Church of Agia Mavra.

For an unforgettable experience, embark on a day trip to the nearby island of Scorpios, once owned by the late shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis. Explore the lush gardens, admire the opulent villas, and immerse yourself in the mystique surrounding this private paradise.

## **Tailor-Made Itineraries for an Unforgettable Journey**

To fully embrace the enchantment of the Ionian Islands, we have crafted tailor-made itineraries that cater to your specific interests and preferences. Whether you seek historical exploration, cultural immersion, or serene relaxation, our carefully curated plans will guide you through the highlights of each island.

For history buffs, our "Ancient Treasures" itinerary takes you on a journey through the centuries, exploring the archaeological wonders of Corfu, Paxos, and Lefkada. Visit the ruins of the ancient city of Kassopa on Corfu, discover the Venetian fortifications of Paxos, and uncover the Mycenaean settlement of Nidri on Lefkada.

If cultural immersion is your passion, our "Cultural Delights" itinerary immerses you in the vibrant traditions and arts of the Ionian Islands. Attend a traditional Greek dance performance in Corfu Town, witness the intricate embroidery and lace-making crafts of Paxos, and delve into the folklore and music of Lefkada.

## **Practical Tips for Planning Your Adventure**

To ensure a seamless and enjoyable travel experience, we provide essential practical tips to help you plan your adventure through the Ionian Islands.

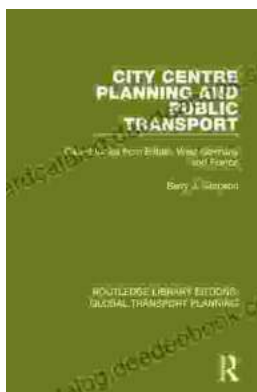
- **Best time to visit:** The Ionian Islands are at their most captivating during the spring (April-May) and autumn (September-October), when the weather is pleasant and the crowds are smaller.
- **Getting there:** The islands are easily accessible by ferry from mainland Greece (Igoumenitsa) or by air via Corfu International Airport (CFU).



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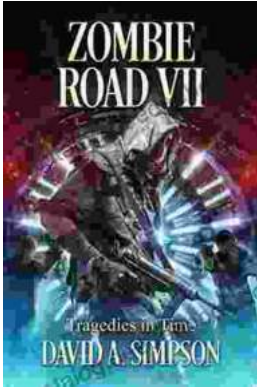
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