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About Lefkada

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.

Best Villages in Lefkada



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.

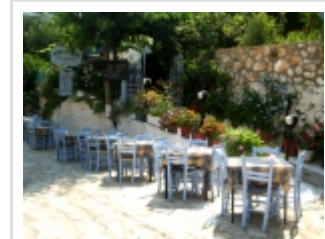
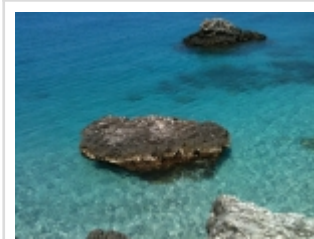
Sightseeing: Archaeological Museum, Castle of Agia Mavra, Museum of Phonographs, Orpheus Folklore Museum, Santa Mavra



Agios Nikitas Village

Location: 13 km south west of Lefkada Town

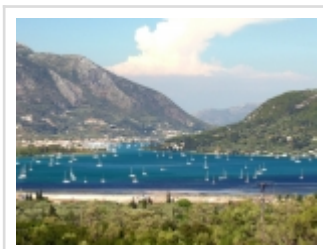
Description: The seaside village of Agios Nikitas is spread around a bay and has a lovely fishing port where fishing boats and yachts moor in summer.



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.



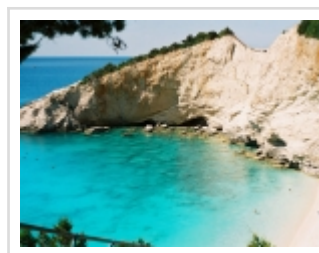
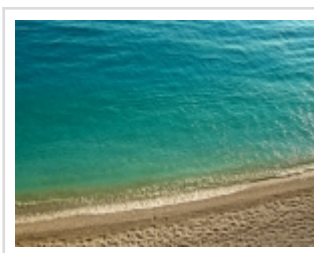
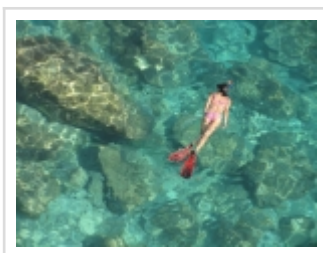
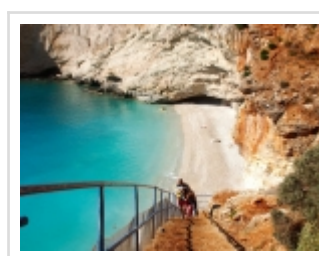
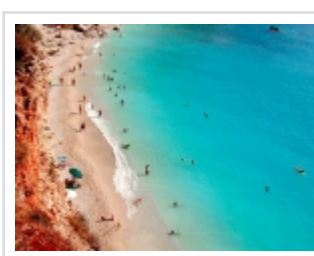
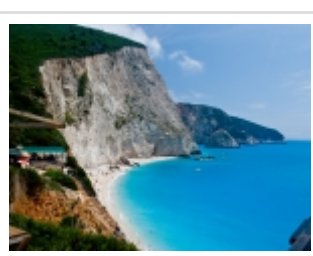
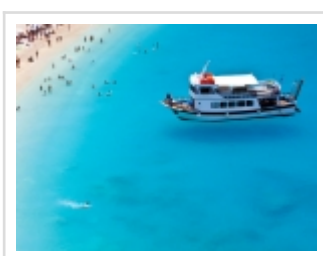
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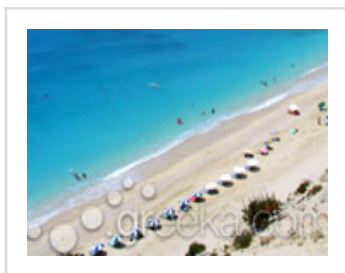


Porto Katsiki (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

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.

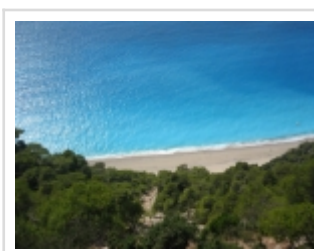
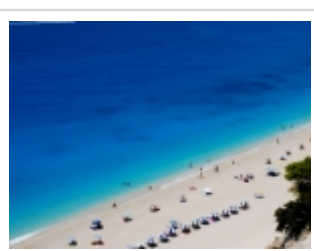
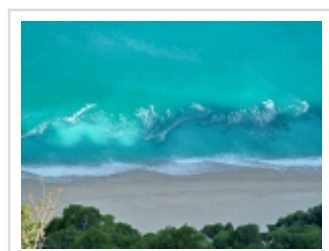
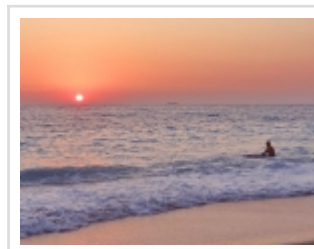
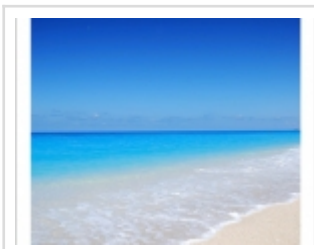
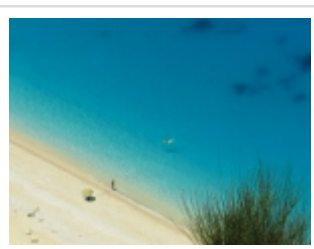




Egremni (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

Location: 40 km south west of Lefkada Town

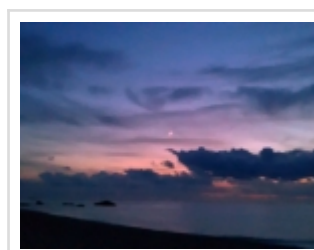
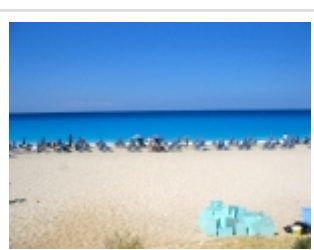
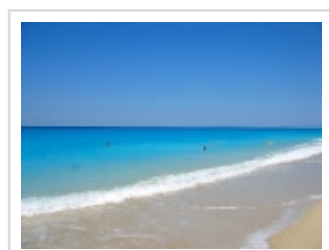
Description: One of the most impressive beaches of Lefkada, Egremni has an immense sandy coastline and exotic water. Visitors have to climb up and down a lot of steep steps.



Kathisma (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

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.



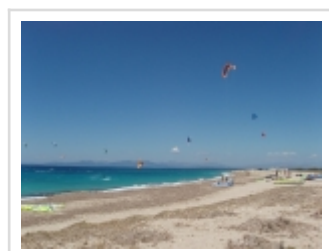
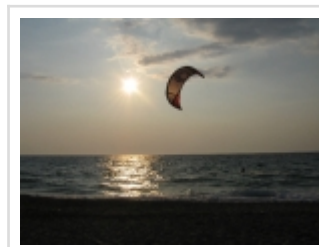
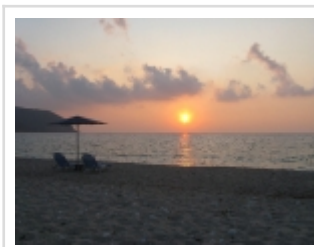


Agios Ioannis (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

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.

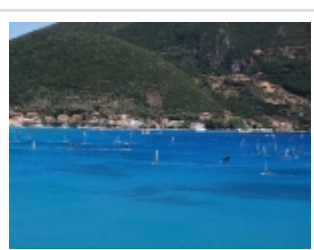
Sightseeing: Agios Ioannis Antzoussis



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.



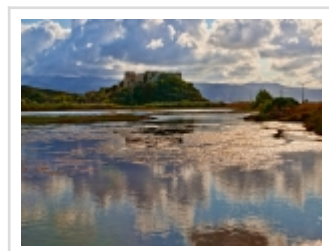
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Castle of Agia Mavra

Location: Town

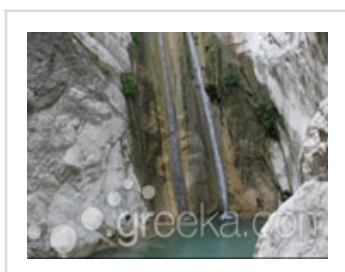
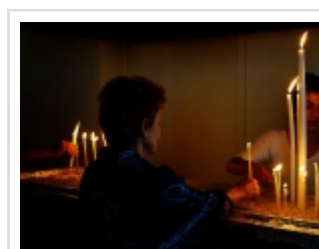
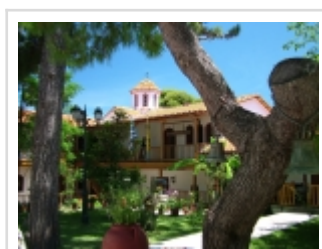
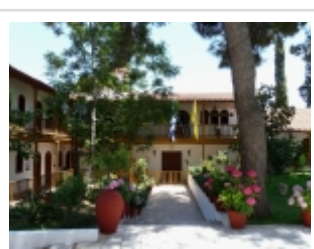
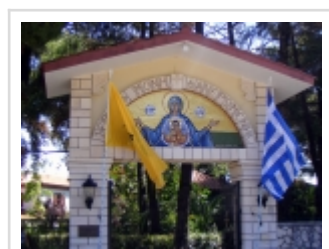
This is a medieval castle built by the Franks who occupied Lefkada in 1294 and it protected the whole region from enemies. It is located right before the bridge that connects the island to the mainland.



Monastery of Faneromeni

Location: Frini

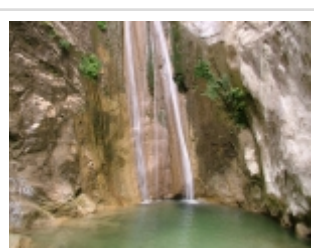
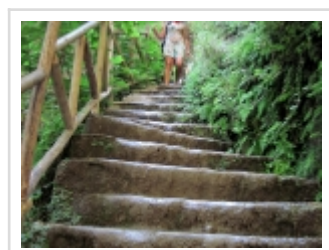
This is the most important monastery and religious centre of Lefkada. It is situated in a lush green area about 2 km from Frini village.



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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