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EDITOR'S LETTER

Having spent some time away for studies, I have been residing in Zakynthos since I was born, long enough to take in the unique beauty which nature has endowed this Greek island with: An unparalleled combination of blue and green; numerous sprawling sandy beaches –some well-known worldwide and often visited, others still unspoilt-, emerald and turquoise waters intricately mixed with green, shady hilly and flat areas teeming with towering trees, colourful undergrowth and endemic fauna. Such is this charm that when the Venetians arrived and settled in Zakynthos during their quests, they called this very island "The Flower of the East". Of course, many foreign poets, writers and historians have thoroughly mentioned Zakynthos and sung about its gifts throughout the centuries. On top of that, a rich cultural background with well-kept customs and traditions in gastronomy, theatre, music and hospitality, exhibited by the locals and generously provided to all visitors.

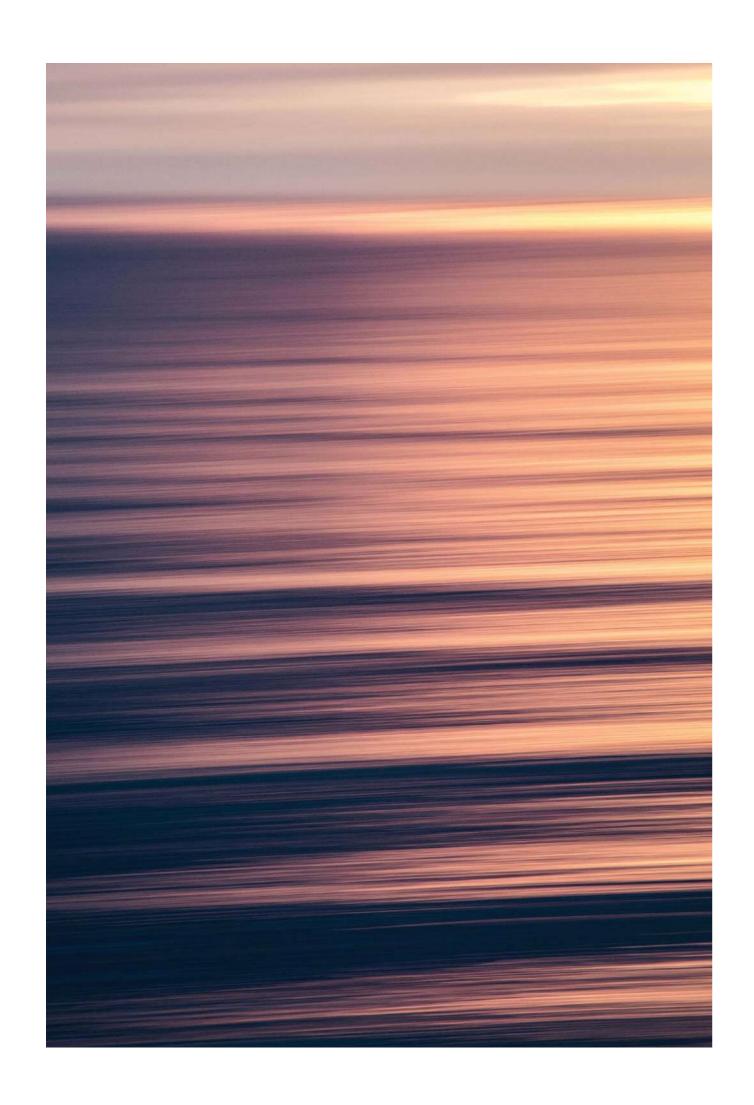
Being unable to resist the offer of all these gifts, many foreigners from across the world have decided to make Zakynthos their permanent home, either by building a residence or by investing in tourism which is flourishing. And it is the tourism industry which is rapidly developing on the island and has captured the interest of many local and foreign investors. Great strides towards improving the infrastructure and constructing stunning facilities have been taken lately with the aim of establishing Zakynthos as a luxury gem in the Ionian Sea, ready to be explored by all those who can appreciate the efforts made.

However, Zakynthos has more often than not been on the spotlight and has sometimes acquired a notorious reputation about its vivid nightlife. Yet, it does not only offer entertainment opportunities to the youth. This is just a minor aspect, admittedly necessary for a renowned holiday destination. That is why, it has always been my aspiration to showcase the true beauty of Zakynthos. After having founded a successful company which offers bespoke luxury services to travelers and addresses the demand for tailor-made concierge services, I decided to drastically contribute to the effort made locally to promote our island as a well-worth luxury destination by designing and releasing the magazine you are holding.

This magazine is not just another common "guide"; it is a vital tool for anyone wishing to explore the opportunities of exclusive lavish services -no matter how far-fetched they might be- in Zakynthos and neighbouring islands. As well as the sights and monuments, the beaches and activities featured, there is a detailed presentation of luxury services that can be offered, from accommodation – featuring the most cutting-edge hotels and villas- and dining to shopping.

Enjoy!

Georgia Kolevri, Founder - Manager



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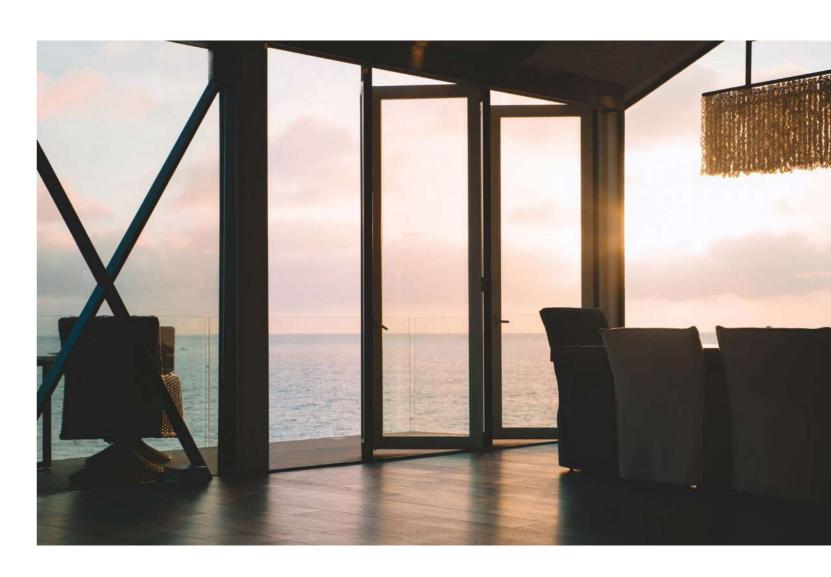
QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Indisputably, Greece has appealed to millions of travellers worldwide over the past decades and has been voted one of the top holiday destinations internationally, thanks to its mild climate and opulent sunshine all year round, thousands of year's old culture and unique civilization, incredible natural beauty, countless picturesque islands, excellent gastronomy and renowned hospitality. Although the sector of luxury tourism in our country is relatively new and upcoming, a remarkable venture into establishing companies which possess the proper resources and expertise to offer bespoke services to high-net-worth visitors and VIPs is constantly carried out.

Wishing to contribute to this effort and having studied in the field, acquired valuable experience over the years and being passionate about providing lavish services, we decided to set up "Le Concierge" in Zakynthos, aiming to address the demand for tailor-made concierge services, VIP planning and luxury event management. Our motto "quality over quantity" defines our work, as we have been devoted to the sole purpose of meeting all the demands and accommodating various needs by providing exceptional and dedicated services. Our wide network of associates in conjunction with our expertise enables our team to deliver any product or service of high standard requested.

At "Le Concierge", we have the capacity to organize almost anything a traveller would like to do on holiday and we certainly enjoy the challenge. Our luxury travel specialists can arrange for bespoke itineraries which cater for the needs of all ages, with cultural, leisure and dining experiences tailored to suit every single individual. Whether one is interested in sporting pursuits, immersing themselves in local culture, shopping in the best local outlets, seeking out more adventurous holiday activities or simply taking it easy, we are at their service.

We have amassed a great deal of experience in organizing activities and entertainment for our clients. We only collaborate with the very best suppliers with whom we have built up a strong relationship. Bearing this in mind, we can rest assured that our clients will definitely have memorable experiences. Needless to say, nothing is left to chance; we are certain that all our suppliers will provide top quality services, activities and recreation to be enjoyed by our guests. Our services range from luxury cruises on elegant, spacious yachts around Zakynthos or on island hopping, ground / air / sea transportation on luxury vehicles, private jets, helicopters and yachts, high-end and traditional restaurant and club reservations, selected private chefs, private tours, local sightseeing to excursion trips, photo shooting and many more unforgettable experiences. Actually, the sky is the limit concerning the services we can provide travellers with.



"Le Concierge" is all about creating once-in-a-lifetime experiences through exploring spectacular landscapes and the most sought-after seascape and, thus, making long-lasting memories.

Why do you need Le Concierge?

We are a full-service luxury travel agency with staff consisting of travel professionals who exploit their valuable experience and thorough knowledge to assist you plan a custom – made, dreamy vacation.

Let us guide you through Le Concierge lifestyle personal services we provide. There are a lot, indeed. Do you require a personal assistant or your own chef? Would you like some flowers or groceries being delivered? Is there a special celebration so you require a last-minute present or a babysitter? Do you need a nice car and a driver to take you shopping, wait for you and then drive you back avoiding hanging around? Would you like your personal concierge to meet your requirements? Are you interested in relocating and settling into the region and would like our property experts to source the best selection of properties and organize your entire move? We are at your service.

In addition, remember: We can offer services tailored to your needs. We are the insiders of Zakynthos Island and we are here to help you with everything you need while you are staying on the island. We not only provide our guests with a premium personal service, but we organize every single detail of what has been asked. No matter how big or small a request, we possess the expertise to supply you with exclusive support.

Le Concierge recognises that every client is special and deserves the highest level of quality, so we provide a service which is totally unique, bespoke and specifically tailored to individual client's needs.

Le Concierge offers a wide range of VIP services on luxury yachts and vehicles, from VIP transfers to bespoke excursions.

Our team has the capacity to help you plan any aspect of your holidays.





ACCOMMODATION: HOTELS & VILLAS

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DESTINATION ZAKYNTHOS

IT'S ALL ABOUT NATURAL WONDERS AND STELLAR SCENERY

What defines a hit escape? Idyllic coastline? Consistently clear blue skies and clement weather? Dramatic landscape and spectacular views of cultural icons? Lush countryside? Heartfelt warmth and hospitality? Or perhaps extraordinary dining experiences? Zakynthos encapsulates all this and for many years now, its bright star has culminated in the vast holidaymaking sky and has exerted a strong appeal on visitors from the four corners of the world. Its flamboyant background, incredible settings and local ingenuity underpin every detail at this place.

Zakynthos is a land of beautiful contrasts, where rugged terrain towers over sparkling seas. There is a stunning network of quaint mountainous settlements and coastal villages which overwhelm the senses. Not only is the island the perfect place to get up close to nature and unwind but it also plays host to a diverse selection of outdoor activities, from horse riding, scuba diving, water sports and fishing to simply frolicking on golden beaches and kayaking through impressive caves.

Guests of all ages can feel welcome and at ease and can wash away their cares in one of the delightful resorts Zakynthos hums with. The recent skyrocketing of delicious places to stay can be credited almost entirely to locals and foreigners –former holidaymakers—who wish to elevate and enhance luxury on this blissful island.

Nestled right under Bochalis Hill, the town of Zakynthos, having a large and impressive cultural back catalogue, is dotted with residences and various fledgling shops and has fresh tales to narrate on every corner. A simple stroll around the town soon becomes a historic adventure through a visit – exploration into Roma's Mansion, the Museum of Post- Byzantine Art, Solomos & Kalvos Mausoleum, the restored Residence of Ugo Foscolo, Faneromeni Church and, of course, the narrow cobblestone streets where the scent of comfort food prevails.





A rare jewel on a hill overlooking the town and the mountains of the mainland is Bochalis with exceptional views and memorable sunrise. The gleaming monument of the Castle stands out serving as an exhilarating escape for culture and history enthusiasts along with Stranis Hill and Agios Georgios Filikon church which are adjacent. Small cafes and restaurants are abundant in the area known for inventive twists on regional classics.

Fast becoming a hot spot is the south part of the island with miles of gorgeous coastline. Vassilikos is the hallmark of the region, boasting a mixture of solid vegetation with sandy beaches. Cosmopolitan atmosphere and lively social scene are evident in Agios Nikolaos beach and Banana beach, which amass beachfront bars with relaxing music and are perfect for sporting activities, such as kite surfing, snorkeling or just unwinding by the crystal-clear waters.

For a close wildlife encounter, Gerakas and Dafni beaches are stunning spots. Steep roads lead to low cliffs and a beautiful crescent of golden sand. Both beaches have been designated protected areas, as they are home to Caretta-Caretta turtles, and belong to the National Marine Park.

Another impressive nature reserve is the island of Marathonissi, also known as Turtle Island, teeming with pristine pine and oak trees. A white-sand beach and another one covered in shining pebbles edge this paradise and make most of the setting. Kayaking trips enable curious minds paddle their way through the unique scenery.

Equally breathtaking are the villages of Agalas and Keri with lush lands and frankincense trees which blanket the rolling landscape. For romance seekers, Keri lighthouse, built at the edge of a steep slope of roughly 200 metres depth, surrounded by wild imposing beauty, a mountainous landscape, wild rocks meeting the sea, rich vegetation and a unique view, is a must, offering a view of a delightfully dazzling sunset.

Further down the coast, there is Marathias, a pebble beach of unparalleled beauty with deep, clear water. Its arches - two huge rocks tower out of the sea to form a cove with a strip of tropically white sand at the end of it.

The dramatic scenery continues at the enchanting northern part of the island. Savvy guests will appreciate the picture sque mountainous villages of Agios Leon, Exo Chora, Maries, Loucha and Gyri, nestling amidst cypress and pine trees and maintaining their traditional identity. Amongst the sites worth visiting is Kambi Cross, located on Schiza Mountain, the Mycenaean Cemetery, the austere but of great archaeological importance Monasteries of Anafonitria and Agios Georgios Krimnon.

Notable stops are Porto Limnionas and Stenitis. Beyond Agios Leon village, a road to the left descends the barren hillside down to the sea, where the spectacle is spellbinding. Porto Limnionas, an exciting scene to explore as undergrowth covered cliffs tower over emerald waters. Maries village runs down to Stenitis, a wonderful little cave with greenish-blue crystal-clear water.



A little further up and the stunning canvas reveals itself. The "Shipwreck" is set to be a big player on the dramatic scene. Many rumours have spread over the years about how the smuggler ship "Panayiotis" ended up offshore but whatever happened left a cultural heritage: an outstanding half-manmade, half-natural monument which was meant to be the most photographed sight in Greece.

Not to be missed are the otherworldly Blue Caves along the north-west coast of Zakynthos, consisting of particular geologic formations giving life to a succession of caves and named after the particular reflections of the water.

Xigia beach muscles in on the limelight. The sulfurous source found in a nearby cave gives away its healing power to those determined to venture into the water. Concerns are futile on this beach. Meanwhile, not far away Makris Gialos beach offers itself for lazy days of sunshine.



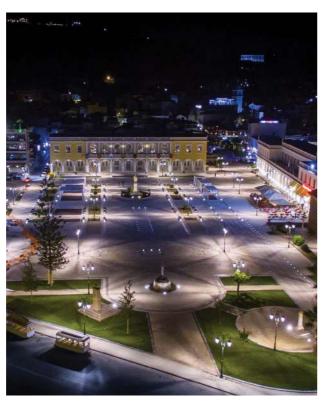


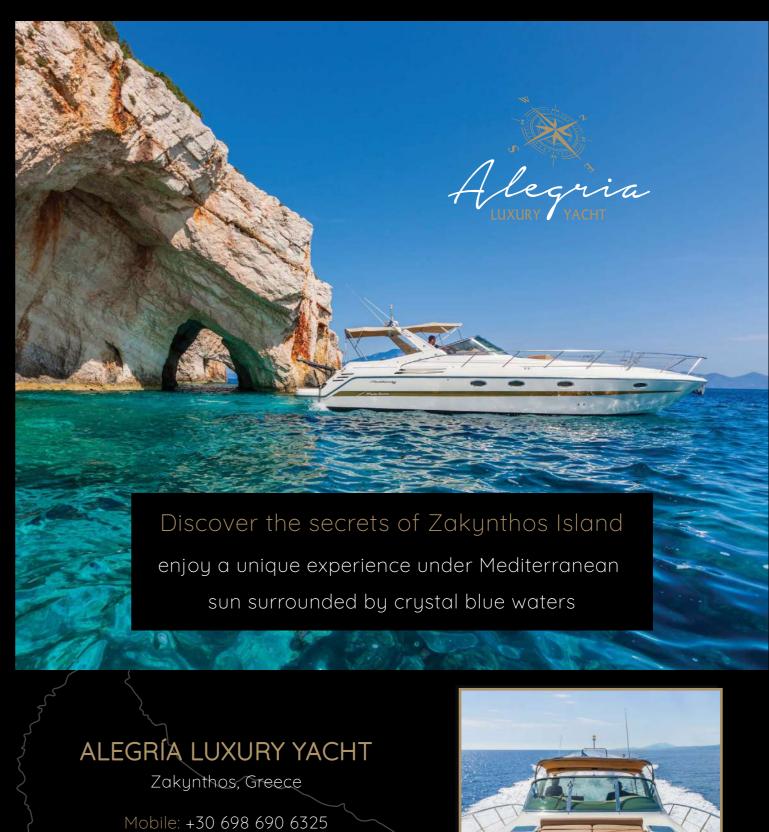
Essentially, there is something for everyone on Zakynthos island. Families, adult and teenage individuals can bask in the sunshine while enjoying the beaches or infinity pools and a plethora of exceptional experiences, taking in rich history and culture and staying in resorts with price points ranging from value to luxury and all offering a range of benefits.

DESTINATION ZAKYNTHOS



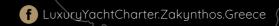






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HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Add these experiences to your bucket list.

SPA & WELLNESS: THE SURPRISING TREND



For a long time, pursuing wellness and indulging oneself in the world of relaxation and luxury of spas was considered far-fetched in destinations like Zakynthos but the rapid development of high-end tourism has dictated the establishment of modern, elegant, stylish facilities which meet individual wishes for refreshing beauty secrets.

In that respect, spa centres have sprung up on the island offering their guests the chance to treat themselves to beauty and health treatments focusing on both contemporary and age-old therapies and techniques.

The pursuit of wellness, however, is at its peak at the spa facilities of *Contessina Suites & Spa Boutique Hotel*. This spa retreat -proudly holding the World Luxury Spa Award 2019- combines health, enjoyment and enduring rejuvenation to originate exclusive experiences that greatly assist in retrieving one's inner peace and balance.

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Its experts' aim is to take guests on a relaxing journey back to ancient Greek beauty secrets blended with contemporary therapies and massage techniques. At the heart of this wonderful experience are the secrets of totally natural cosmetics and their benefits, which are made with locally grown, certified ingredients and are exclusively available by Aegeo Spa Cosmetics.

Aegeo Spas leads the charge and, satisfyingly, left to its own devices, has come up with best- of-the-best proposals. The result is an astonishing blend of comfort, grounding treatments and talented specialists who offer bespoke face and body treatments focusing on the guest.

The facilities feel safe and cozy with their cave aesthetic and water flowing ceilings and feature a sauna, a steam room and an indoor heated pool. Among its intense treatments aiming at resting the mind, are the "Ancient Greek Massage", the "Couples Massage" and the signature massage of Aegeo Spas, the "Cretan Massage", for which organic olive oil and extracts of traditional raki and orange of Crete are used. Spa therapists also take pride in the exclusive "Zakynthian Experience", a treatment combining revitalization and deep exfoliation with the use of local produced honey and sugar, a nutritional body vanilla mask and a stress-relieving aroma massage.

Detailed information about the treatments and offer packages is available at the reception of the Spa and online at **hotels**. aegeospas.gr/contessina.







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BEST SERVED ZAKYNTHOS: A BUZZ FOR WINE

Although it is frequently viewed mainly as a beach paradise, Zakynthos turns out to be a surprising lunch / dinner base, as a new wave of chefs are reinventing traditional ingredients.

"Prosilio", a thrillingly pretty renovated building in the heart of the town, right next to the main square, opened its gates in 2016 as an elegant high-end restaurant and is now well-known for the thoughtful hosting by the owners, whose attention to detail extends to a particularly brilliant wine cellar of unique varieties.

The bizarre name of the restaurant derives from a word having its roots in the old local dialect, means towards the sun and stands for a patio full of colourful flowers, fragrant lemon and orange trees, where family and friends used to gather in order to dine or banter.





The owners, knowledgeable George Kabitsis –a certified sommelier of West London- and Kristie –an acclaimed chef de cuisine who has collaborated with eminent chefs- have decked the place out to a highly polished shine serving delicious locally and internationally sourced food and dishes being inspired by their ingenuity and fusion elements from the four corners of the world.

The place has quickly evolved into an insider's spot. Not only is it a reference point for the culinary goings-on in town but it is also the perfect spot for in-the-know visitors sipping delightsome wines under the starlit sky in the evening. The restaurant seems to exert a strong attraction on food obsessives who admit that the flavours on the menu are extraordinary.

Its unique cellar features over 220 labels of Greek and foreign selections and is constantly updated with all the latest trends in wine tasting. The main event presents a dilemma: white wine or red? You cannot unequivocally come down on one side, since there are irresistible rare finds, both white and red, only found in handful wine bars around the world.

"Our main concern is to present our customers with the widest variety ever, from the most familiar to rarities and collectibles while, simultaneously, focusing on the most demanding tastes and promoting the worthy Greek produce", explain George and Kristie.



A telltale of the selection are the labels red Naoussa / Boutaris 2002, Verdea / Koumoutos 2007-2009-2011, Merkati Paolo / Gaitano 2009, T-oinos Clos Stegasta Rare / Tinos (800 bottles per year), Petrus Pomerol 2004 / Pomerol (48 bottles per year in Greece only), Tienuta San Guido Sassicaia, Opus One 2015.

For so luxurious a cellar, it is not surprising that there is also an exceptional variety of incomparably balanced champagnes, such as Laurent Perrier Alexandra, Luis Rieser Cristal, Armand de Brignac Brut Champagne.



HAND-CRAFT BEER

The craft-beer movement in Greece has been growing in recent years. Traditionally it was all about spirits, but now young entrepreneurs are opening microbreweries combining old recipes with local ingredients.

Following this path and motivated by their love for beer, three friends –Tasos, Steven and Marion- ventured into establishing the first brewery in Zakynthos in 2017, producing hand-craft fresh beer of high quality and palatable taste, called Levante Beer.

During their quest for acquiring age-old recipes and developing their innovative ideas, they came up with lager, dark lager and weisse selections, which have been acclaimed worldwide and are continuously gaining popularity.

Located in the northern part of the island, on a hill overlooking crystal-clear blue waters, the owners of the brewery invite all visitors who are fond of beer and those who just wish to get a glimpse of making raw beer into a memorable trip to beer tasting.

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Levante... Beer of Zakynthian spirit!



HOTELS

PORTO ZANTE VILLAS & SPA

Standing majestically on a private sandy beach of a secluded bay, Porto Zante Villas & Spa is a lavish boutique hotel comprising world class luxury villas on the beach, all with private pools, exquisite Greek & Mediterranean cuisine at the Club House Restaurant, a luxury Asian Fusion Restaurant, a fabulous waterfront Spa, 24-hour five-star hotel services, and an array of unique activities and experiences for families and couples alike.

The luxury villas at Porto Zante are decorated and furnished with selected pieces of Armani Casa & Gervasoni, paintings of prominent Greek artists and are equipped with some of the best exclusive amenities including Bang & Olufsen entertainment systems, Christofle Paris cutlery & glasses, Bernardaud design porcelain & BVLGARI guest amenities.



One of the 14 World's Best Family Hotels by Condé Nast Traveller, Top 100 Hotels of the World by Hideaways and Europe's Leading Villa Resort by the World Travel Awards for years now, this 5-star hotel in Greece has been the choice of famous clientele, including political leaders, important businessmen and artists.

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LE SANTE BLU

Lesante Blu is contemporary, sleek and luxurious. You feel it from the moment you step into the airy reception area and experience the landscaped gardens, sea views, water features and helipad, not to mention the near all-white décor (from gleaming floors to modernist sculptures) offset by touches of pale wood.

Although large with 92 suites, the adultsonly policy ensures a peaceful and restful stay. A large outdoor sea view, an infinity pool and a small beach with sunbeds and cabanas around the bar add to the state of relaxation. Of course, there is a

hairdressing and beauty salon within the spa area with various massage treatments. There is also a sauna, a hammam, a fitness centre and an indoor heated pool.

Buffet-style dining is offered at Gaia Restaurant, with different cuisines added on the menu throughout the week, including Mediterranean, Asian, international, Greek, Italian and local Zakynthian.

Staying either inside or on the outside decking area overlooking the Ionian Sea, Lesante Blue makes for a perfect spot for a pre-dinner drink too. Alternatively, guests can dine à la carte at the poolside Melia restaurant, serving international dishes, in the evening or the Ostria poolside restaurant with both lunch and dinner options. Gaia also hosts buffet breakfast each morning, comprising a wide array of croissants and pastries, traditional Greek sweets, such as rice pudding with cinnamon, and pancakes.

OLEA ALL SUITE

The Olea All Suite Hotel has been designed to stand out as an oasis of calm. It is located on a secluded hillside, on the north coast of Zakynthos Island. Olea All Suite Hotel encapsulates the natural beauty of this Zakynthian gem being situated on a unique location on a verdant hillside, surrounded by olive trees. Its tropical-modernistic structures are designed to directly view the sea, the countryside and the sunset.

The resort is made up of luxury suites of superb elegance with private pools, overlooking the sunset terraces, shared lounges and 93 luxurious suites

appearing to float on streams that meander around a lake-like pool at the resort's heart.

Guests can relax in this adult exclusive resort while being offered one-of-a-kind treats, such as Mediterranean and modern Greek cuisine, Peruvian food using Japanese techniques at Pacifico by Nikkei, and fine wines from around every corner. They can also find sanctuary in Olea's spa, which features a hammam, a steam bath, a sauna, a yoga pavilion and a range of deep relaxation treatments.

HOTELS

CONTESSINA SUITES & SPA

Among emerald waters and a verdant tropical garden lies Contessina Suites & Spa, anenchanting Ionian boutique hotel, situated close to a long beach of fine sand, encapsulating the essence of unrivalled indulgent relaxation.

Guests escape to this adult-exclusive paradise, a unique sanctuary, perfectly located in the picturesque village of Tsilivi in Zante Island. Secluded yet convenient. Luxurious yet unpretentious.

Designed for travellers seeking privacy, tranquility and pleasure, the contemporary rooms and suites of this luxury boutique hotel are the perfect spot to make the most out of 'you' time, relax in the comfort of your suite or head out for a dip in your private or shared pool.

Take a leisurely stroll across the beach and enjoy pampering massages in the spa room before delighting in Mediterranean á la carte cuisine. Be among the first to experience the brand-new, stylish Contessina Suites & Spa.



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CONTESSINA HOTEL



Gorgeous gardens, stylish interiors and a great pool scene stand out in Hotel Contessina, which is every inch the relaxing Greek getaway. This sophisticated Hotel impresses the guests the moment they walk into the reception area and move to the stylish cocktail bar and pool area. Its spacious rooms are modern with fresh interiors combined with all the mod-cons to ensure a comfortable stay for families and individuals.

GORGEOUS GARDENS, STYLISH INTERIORS AND A GREAT POOL SCENE

THE BAY HOTEL

The Bay Hotel provides an unforgettable experience in a unique setting. Located in a spectacular area in Vasilikos, right in front of its own private beach, it combines comfort and friendly service.

The accommodation is stylish and peaceful and the rooms overlook the Ionian Sea or the surrounding Zakynthian green mountains.

The elegance and comfort of this hotel are coupled with the sole purpose to satisfy even the most demanding guests. The staff is friendly and well-prepared to meet all guests' needs and expectations.



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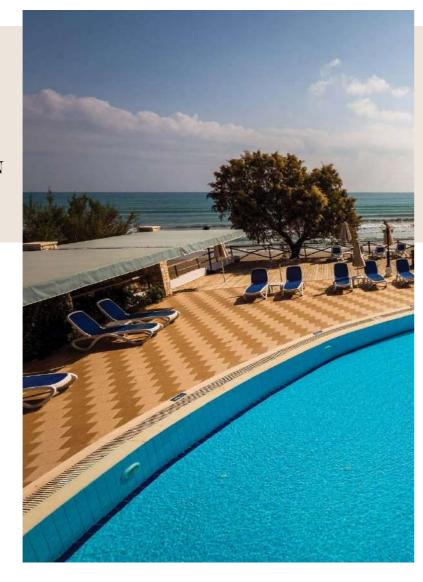
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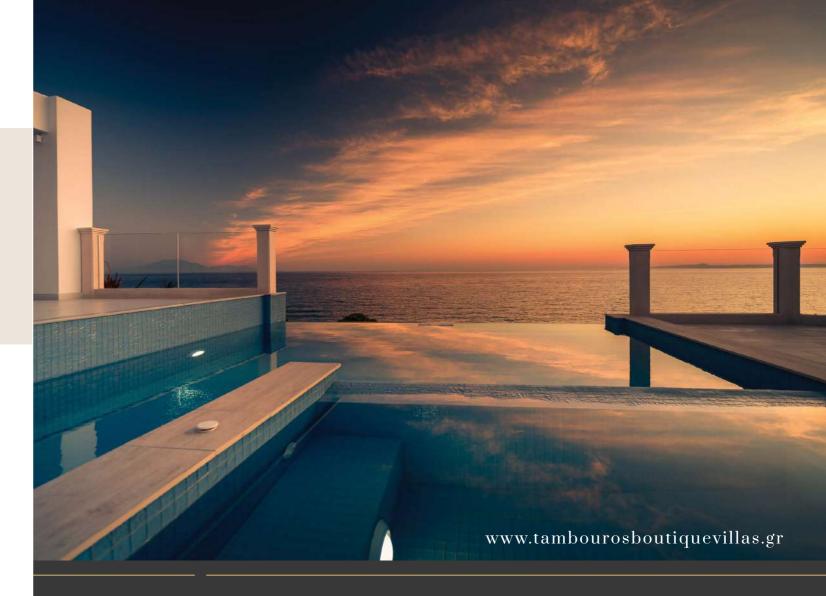
The Mediterranean Beach Resort is a different-style 5* hotel. Created in accordance to the standards of a traditional island village of the Mediterranean, it invites guests to experience the hospitality and the charm of living in a traditional Ionian neighbourhood and certainly away from the faceless anonymity of a glamour city hotel

With contemporary comfort and services, exemplary cleanliness, feeling-at-home friendliness, the Mediterranean Beach Resort also invites art enthusiasts to discover the original wall paintings in its rooms, each one created by gifted painters.



The Mediterranean Beach Resort consists of eight different buildings, each of which bears the name of the most important Greek colonies. It is situated in the middle of the stretching sandy beach of Laganas, where Caretta lays its eggs.

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PALAZZO DI P

In one of the most charming and lively areas of Zante, indulge yourselves in unforgettable holiday living in a residence where period furniture, precious silks and high quality comforts are evident.

One of the most state-of-the-art villas in Zante, Palazzo Di P welcomes you in a charmingly attractive location, with rooms that will take you back in time, surrounded by a lush Mediterranean private garden, a fully-equipped outdoor barbeque and swimming pool and all the most modern comforts and services of a 5-star hotel standard, ideal for entertainment and relaxation.

Palazzo Di P is located in Kalpaki area, roughly 6 km from Zante town, 5 km from the airport and 6 km from the closest beach. All distances are covered by a 12-15 min drive from the villa. What is more, the well-calculated position of the villa allows for quick travelling around the island avoiding the busy roads of the town and tourist areas. The villa offers full privacy and peaceful holidays.



VILLAS

TAMBOUROS BOUTIQUE LUXURY VILLAS

Tambouros Boutique Luxury Villas take pride in introducing a brand new unique luxurious stone built property on the island of Zakynthos, Masada Villa, the first in Tambouros Collection.

The design of the villa can be described as stylish and contemporary, encapsulating elegance. It is spacious and bright, offering a true feeling of privacy and relaxation to the sound of the waves crashing into the rocks.

The service and facilities provided are designed to enhance the guests' experience at Masada and ensure that their stay will be an unforgettable one with fabulous memories created.

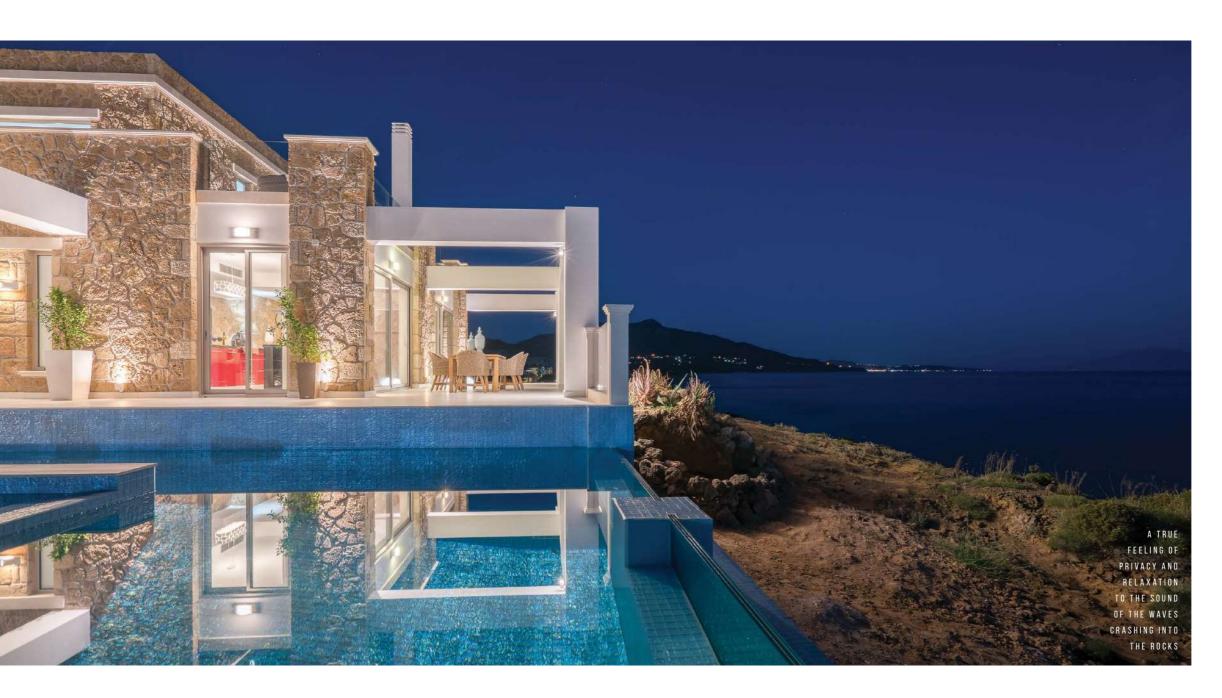






STUNNING VIEW EXCELLENT LOCATION

LUXURY SERVICES



The villa is situated on the most scenic areas of the island, the peninsula of St. Nicholas, in Vasilikos, renowned for its sprawling golden sandy beaches which make it 'the' place to be.

The elevated point where Masada Villa is built overlooks two of the most spectacular beaches on the island, Ionian Beach and St. Nicholas Beach.

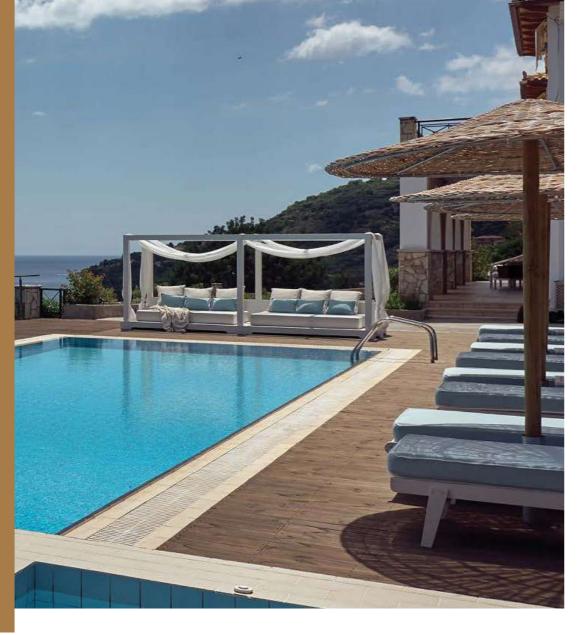
Breathtaking panoramic views from every window of the villa encompass the outline of Greek mainland, Zakynthos coastline to the main town and -on a clear summer day- the neighbouring island of Kefalonia in the distance.

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SERENUS LUXURY VILLA

The estate is set upon a ridge over the Ionian Sea overlooking Marathonissi Island with a magnificent unobstructed view of the azure blue sea, approximately 200 meters from the nearest beach. The villa is built on a hillside and is situated in a natural forest of pine and fir, on a plot of roughly 10,000 square meters, providing an environment of peace, tranquility and privacy.

The villa, a two-story air-conditioned building with an elevator, boasts wooden floors throughout and can accommodate 12 to 14 guests. The ground level consists of a spacious living room with a stone fireplace, a large dining area, an office, a sitting area, a bright large kitchen with granite floor, a store room, guests'

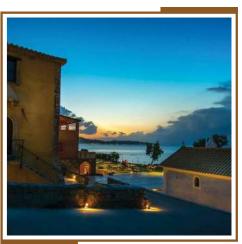
WC and a guestroom with two single beds and an en suite bathroom.

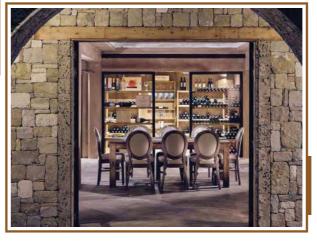
In front of the whole ground floor facing the sea, there is a large covered terrace with a splendid view of the sea.

SEA FOOD RESTAURANT



Argassi Zante Greece (next to Domeneginis old Tower)







Top quality reflected on the exclusive services offered to our guests and extended on our inventive menu was our sole purpose when planning to establish a high-end restaurant that could meet the most demanding requests and would abide by the historic importance of the surrounding property.

Holding fast to perfection and through personal hard work, we take pride in offering our guests viands cooked with products the local land and sea yield. Even the savviest palates cannot help it but taste our unique dishes of fresh fish, carefully picked amongst the catch of the day of local fishermen, while sipping extraordinary wines from our own cellar or renowned labels.

The cozy family atmosphere coupled with the enchanting view of Zakynthos town reigning on the infinite blue of the Ionian, accompanied by the soothing sea breeze, make the perfect setting for an unforgettable dining experience, one of the best on the whole island.

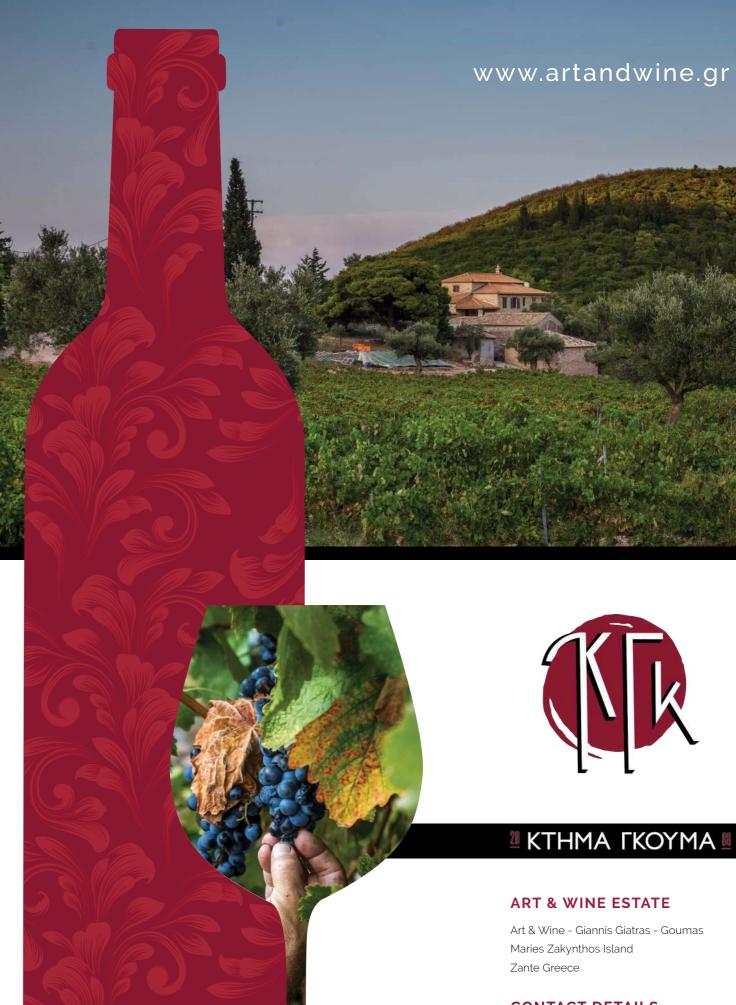
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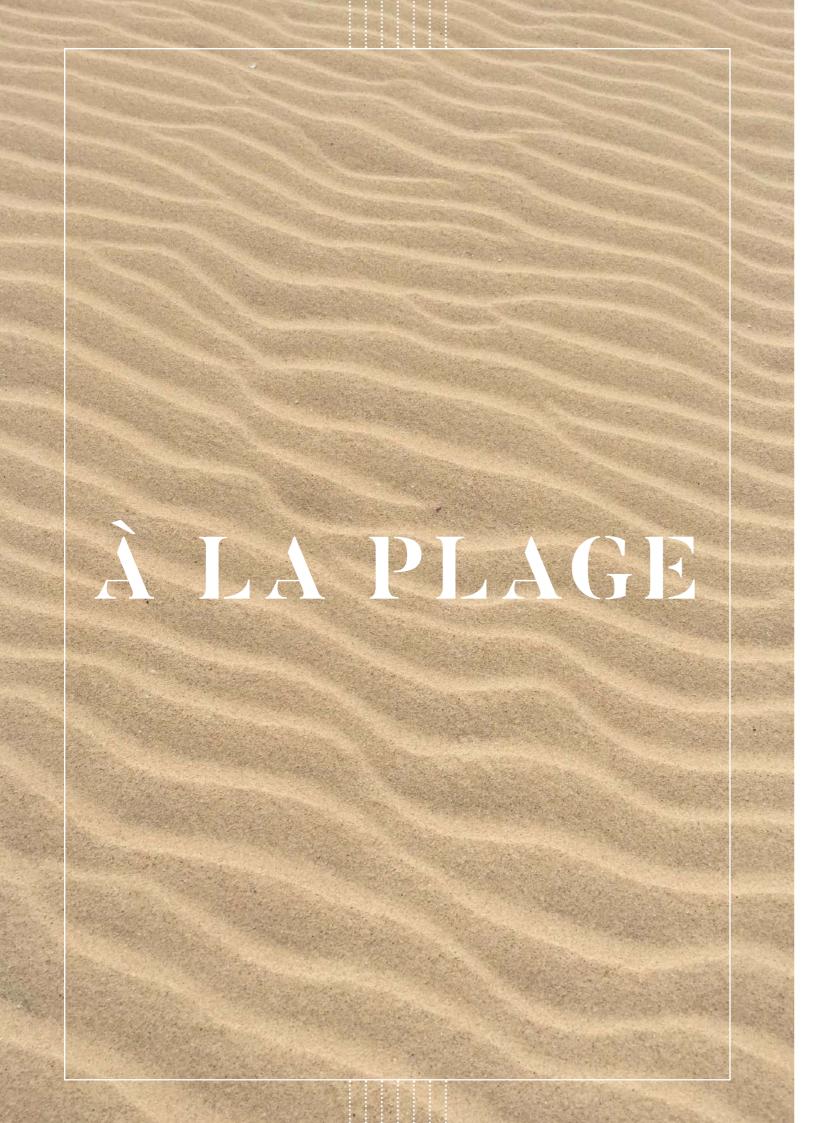
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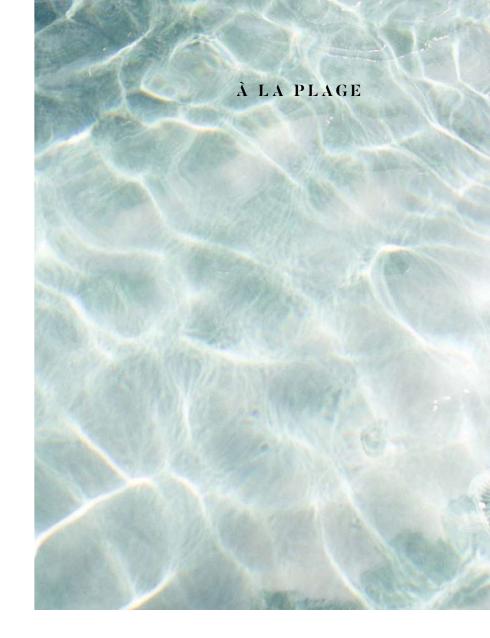
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ZANTE BEACH GUIDE

Tips from Le Concierge Journal

The unique natural environment of the island with its massive cliffs and sprawling verdant flat lands offers travellers the opportunity to choose among a wide array of beaches.

In Zakynthos you can visit beaches of very fine sand, accessible only by sea, where you can find peace and relaxation.

Local beaches are well-known for their natural beauty and exotic emerald waters. The most famous one is the dazzling Navagio Beach, also known as the Shipwreck, which features soft white sand, turquoise waters, impressive cliffs around it and can be visited only by boat.

Other beautiful beaches in Zakynthos are Gerakas, Agios Nikolaos, Kalamaki, Tsilivi, and Spanzia. Most beaches on the eastern side of the island are organized, while the beaches of Zante on the western side are secluded.

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Crazy nightlife is offered in the many all-night Zakynthos clubs in the region of Laganas, either on the main street or at the beautiful beachfront. Many clubs and discos are also found in the regions of Tsilivi and Argassi, two other popular beach resorts, as well as in Zakynthos Town

Local night clubs are ideal for all kind of tastes; from the well-known traditional 'Bouzoukia' lovers to mainstream clubs and pubs or even modern clubs where you can enjoy music played mostly of the top European and USA DJ's.

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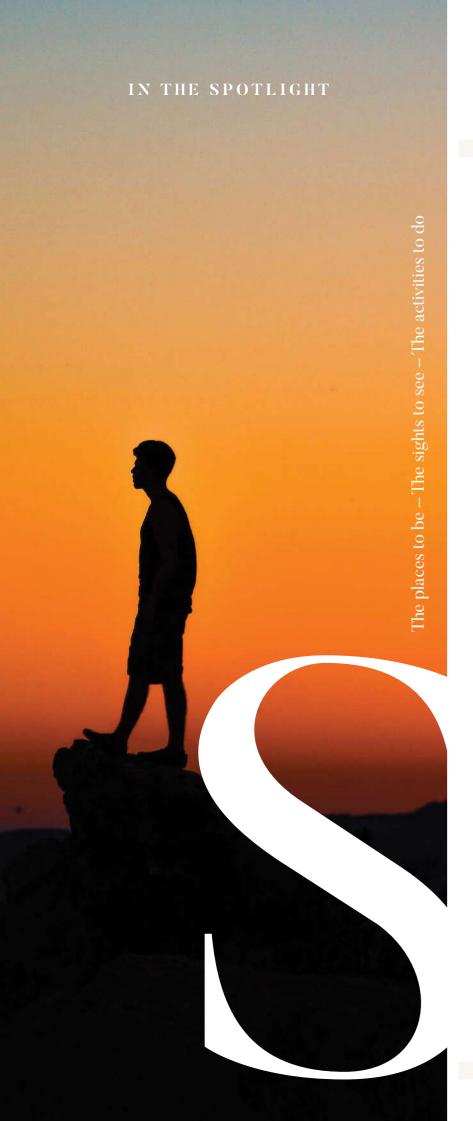
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Albeit not large in size, Zakynthos yields a wide array of worthwhile sightseeing opportunities. However, getting to know the island, its landmarks, sights, traditions, culture and cuisine is definitely not an easy task. This is where experts come in handy. Le Concierge has customized various activities and signature excursions which provide visitors with an insight into the place through unique experiences.

On land

Discover Zakynthos

As its name suggests, "Discover Zakynthos" is a full-day activity offering a fresh narrative on local culture and history; ideal for curious minds who virtually become explorers of the land and unravel its mysteries.

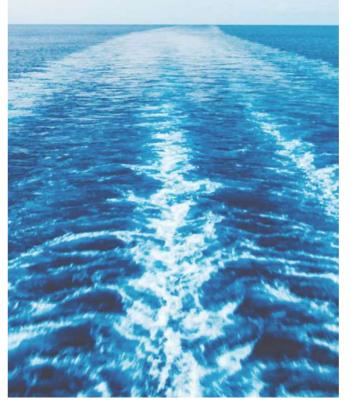
The adventure begins upon boarding a luxury minivan which takes passengers to a journey where they fill their cups on breathtaking views and stunning landmarks, such us the world-famous "Shipwreck" and the traditional villages of Loucha and Kampi.

Among the highlights of the tour there is a visit to the Olive Press Museum "Aristaion", which is situated in Lithakia village and it is a family – run olive press factory. Visitors become acquainted with all the techniques used to produce virgin olive oil, from the traditional animal movement press and the metal mill to the contemporary hydraulic presses, while sampling homemade bread, local toothsome olives and olive oil, of

And since the popularity of wine tasting is snowballing, a visit to a local winery is on the agenda. Wine lovers are able to quench their thirst on a memorable wine tasting tour to "Art & amp; Wine" Boutique Winery of Giatras – Goumas family in the picturesque village of Maries, by sampling local selections, which vary from red wines with vivid, fruity aroma to white and rose ones of flower, citrus and fruit flavours, along with delicious nibbles.

Surrounded by sprawling vineyards and numerous cobblestone paths, this traditional countryside estate houses an icon / fresco painting workshop and a boutique winery, where wine lovers not only sample extraordinary rare wine, inspired by the history and culture of the region, but, also, admire the display of icons and frescoes, painted by the owner.

Last but not least on the schedule is Bochali, the place to be for all travellers –not only those who have a sweet tooth. Everybody ought to treat themselves to the well-known local dessert "frygania", a remarkable mixture of syrup soaked crispy bread, custard and whipped cream, served with ice cream and sour cherry syrup at the pastry shops of the hill, while enjoying the astounding view of the town and neighbouring areas.







At sea

Full-day Cruise

Whether one wishes a day escape from the hustle and bustle or desires to discover the endless beaches on the island, the full-day cruise around Zakynthos on a luxury yacht, organized by Le Concierge and focusing on bespoke itineraries, should definitely not be missed.

Amongst other landmarks and sights, such as the "Shipwreck", the "Blue Caves", the "Keri Caves" and the "Turtle Island", named after its shape resembling a turtle, also known as Marathonissi, travellers visit Xigia , which is a small scenic beach, with a characteristic smell of sulfur, coming from a sulfurous source found in a cave nearby and having healing qualities, Stenitis Beach, a beautiful fiord with gorgeous crystal-clear waters, surrounded by hillsides covered with lush greenery and vast plantation, Korakonissi, a unique monument to nature, whose arch covers a small secluded beach with cool crystal waters and a wonderful seabed, Plakaki Beach, also called "The Paradise"" which is a small island with sparse vegetation, towering cliffs and endless blue sea, Mizithres islets with stunning scenery, as the white colour of the rocks contrasts the crystal blue waters.

Of course, a unique opportunity to request stops at extraordinary secluded beaches on the way is offered and a stop at a handpicked restaurant is scheduled upon request.

The captain and hostess on board take care of everything and are present at all times.

Island Hopping

From a quick getaway, birthday and bachelor parties, weddings, honeymoon to corporate events, island hopping is the activity to do.

There are islands in the Ionian Sea with cosmopolitan and luxurious areas and other places of pure and pristine beauty with untouched beaches.

Zakynthos, Kefalonia and Ithaca are islands with lush green trees and exotic beaches. Therefore, island hopping in this region is a special holiday experience, as those who are willing to venture into it can create their own Odyssey to see these gleaming gems that adorn the Ionian Sea first hand.

Travellers are invited to live an unforgettable experience by putting down their maps and embarking on a journey of sublime beauty, finding themselves in a totally different landscape on islands with turquoise waters, in the blink of an eye.

The luxury yachts of "Le Concierge" fleet are ready to set sail to the secluded beauty of Zakynthos, Kefalonia and Ithaca.

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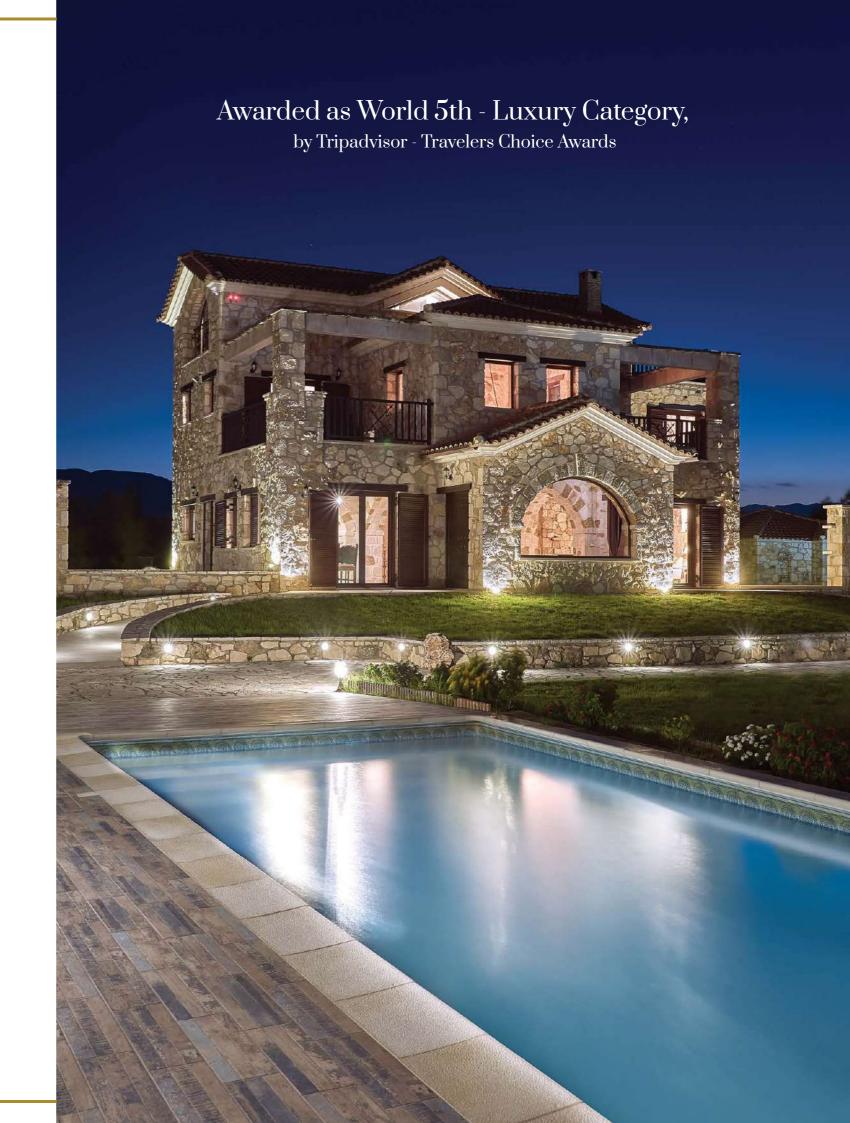
Palazzo Di P, World 5th, Holiday Vacation Rental

Palazzo Di P is a unique styled villa, recently awarded by Trip Advisor among the World's Top 10 Villas. The Villa has been acclaimed for its high quality of services and ranked 5th in 2017 and 6th in 2018, among hundreds of thousands villas around the world while being the only one representing Greece.

Palazzo is situated on a private property measuring 2,000 square meters, in the quiet village of Romiri, pretty close to Zakynthos Airport, town, port, restaurants and bars. It is surrounded by olive trees, pine trees and vineyards, making it ideal for relaxation in absolute quite, while gazing at the neighboring olive groves.

Wood, stone, iron and glass combined with modern facilities. Elegance and subtle luxury throughout, with stone arches, high ceilings, marble and a mixture of period and contemporary furniture.

The facilities include a private heated pool, a hot tub jacuzzi, a traditional BBQ, an outdoor seating & dining area with mini bar facilities, WiFi internet access throughout the property and private parking. Furthermore, maid service is provided on a daily basis at a level of a 5^* Hotel.





OTHER DESTIN ATIONS

ON THE MOVE TO THE OBSCURE PARADISE IN THE IONIAN

Among the multitude of Greek islands, the perfect destination for natural born explorers is the cluster called "Heptanisa" adorned with world-famous beaches, both secluded and organized, with the former being gripping and the latter offering a range of activities for travellers to enjoy.

A standout amid the colour pop of Heptanisa are the islands of Ithaca, Paxoi / Antipaxoi and Meganissi boasting wow-making exploration, beaches of unrivalled natural beauty and turquoise waters – the ideal place to unwind whatever the reason.

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ITHACA

Being regarded as the mythical island of resourceful Odysseus, whose glorious days in Troy and subsequent outstanding adventures excited Homer and inspired him into generating a long-lasting masterpiece, acclaimed worldwide, Ithaca -to date- stands for return to the haven, discovery and fulfillment.

As well as its mythical essence, though, Ithaca features stunning natural beauty which has established it as a heavenly destination for those who seek leisure. In spite of its proximity to the island of Kefalonia, it is way more tranquil and peaceful, yet to be discovered; hence, being an ideal place for alternative activities and vacations living up to the standards of the most demanding holidaymakers.

With its 27-kilometre long and 6.5-kilometre large mountainous surface, it boasts plenty of hiking and trekking paths as well as mountain bike trails in a sequence of blue and green alongside the coast and through olive, cypress, pine, oak, arbutus and carob trees up on the hills. Scuba diving and sea kayaking are some of the options too, while the Cave of the Nymph gives the chance to combine an exciting visit with a myth: Odysseus had hidden there the gifts he had brought along from the land of the Phaeacians.

As far as beaches are concerned, beach lovers will take pleasure in a variety of choices, from sand, pebbles and rocky to green-clad backgrounds ones. Filiatro, Sarakiniko and Agios Ioannis are some of the best organized beaches on the island, whereas for those who fancy letting their hair down on the beach, there are many secluded coves.

Another equally game-changing way to discover this destination is through visiting some of its traditional villages.



Vathy: Marked by the features of local architecture, it is the capital of the island and home to the Maritime and Folkloric Museum as well as to the Archaeological Museum of Ithaca. Vathy is built on a bay the center of which is decorated by the tiny little island of Lazarétto, a former sanatorium and prison.

Perahori: A gorgeous scenic little village with a breathtaking view over the island. Built at the edge of the Afentikos Logos forest, it is the perfect starting point for walks by medieval ruins in the oaks.

Stavros: Situated on the north of the island, this village hosts another Archaeological Museum, known for the clay mask of the 1st century A.C. writing "ΕΥΧΗΝ ΟΔΥΣΣΕΙ" (= "a wish for Odysseus" in Ancient Greek).

Anoyi: A must of a visit thanks to the upright stones of the area (menhirs) the tallest of which goes as high as 8 metres.



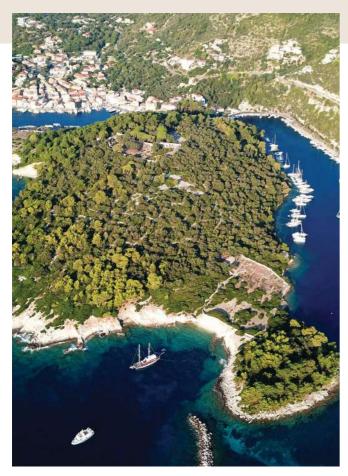






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PAXOI

Legend has it that Poseidon originated the island of Paxoi after detaching it from Corfu-using his powerful trident-so as to be unhampered in living his romance with Amphitrite and keep any objections at bay. Nominated "Cultural Village of Europe" in 2004, Paxoi has grown into a compelling choice for those seeking tranquility while enjoying quality vacation. The intricate network of beaches of unspoilt beauty, staggering underwater caves, green hills and tiny coves make the island an utterly spellbinding place.

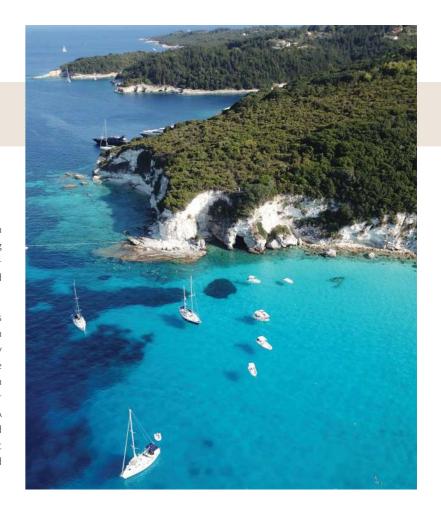
Spectacular Gaios, also known as Gais, is the capital and the main port of Paxoi. The view of the port pointing to the narrow canal between Paxoi and Agios Nikolaos islet is absolutely dazzling. Among the highlights of the area is a visit to the Venetian Castle, the English Administration Headquarters, the Paxoi Museum and the local churches serving as a testament to the island's rich past. Of course, no trip to Paxoi is complete without wandering around the scenic villages of Loggos, Lakka and Ozia of sulfur healing springs. At the same time, the numerous beaches are the key departure point for windsurfing, diving quests into the caves and the shipwreck of the region and cruises around the tiny islands scattered in the sea.

Unmissable experiences while on Paxoi are many, from getting a taste of the approximately 40 astounding underwater caves with impressive arches, called gravas and found in the west part of the island, a visit to the intricate water wells carved by the locals on a rock so that rainwater is collected and found in Agia Eleousa, Vlahopoulatika and Boikatika to trekking through old trails leading to Porto Ozias and Ypapanti.

ANTIPAXOI

Although one of the lesser-known islands in the region, Antipaxoi's striking fairy tale scenery and impressive otherworldly credentials give this uninhabited yet much visited island a unique appeal.

Voutoumi Beach overwhelms the senses as the green colour of the undergrowth ornately blends with the powdery white of the beach and the turquoise of the sea water. Similarly, Vrika Beach and Mesovrika Beach thrill with their white pebbles and crystal waters. A game-changing scene is Rodovani and Sarakiniko Beaches, where visitors get up close to nature, getting a first-hand insight into natural gifts.





OTHER DESTINATIONS



MEGANISSI

With much of the attention lavished on major Ionian Islands, Megannisi is often overlooked. Yet, it is an island on the rise, fast emerging as a main alternative holiday destination, as there is an exciting scene to explore.

Located opposite Skorpios, the private island belonging to the Onassis family and at a short distance from the southeastern shores of Lefkada Island, it extends over an area of 24 square kilometres and has a coast expansion of 46 km. That makes it the largest of a cluster of islands such as Skorpios, Skorpidi, Thilia, Kuthros, Madouri, Sparti, standing out for its unparallel natural beauty, untamed beaches and impressive caves.

Meganissi is an exhilarating escape for serenity seekers and culture enthusiasts. The natives are in love with their traditions; therefore, the sight of elderly women in local apparels walking down narrow paved streets or creating

handcraft embroideries, using the traditional hand stitching technique of Lefkada, is not uncommon. Additionally, Meganissi has been established as home to sailors. Homer places great emphasis on the fact that the inhabitants of the island were excellent merchants. Today Meganissi is proud of its experienced sailors, who live up to their forefathers' reputation. Besides, the people of the island have great respect and love for the sea, so delicious fresh fish is one of the main dishes served at the local taverns.

Three traditional villages - Katomeri, Spartochori, Vathy- with natural formed harbours dominate the island, making it a popular escape from bustling areas; each one preserving its traditional architecture of the characteristic labyrinths of paved pathways among the whitewashed stone houses. However, the delight and amazement do not end there, as the dramatic scenery extends to the beaches of Fanari, Agios Ioannis, Roka, Ambelakia, Limonari, Elia and Pasoumaki, wellknown for their caves. It is even believed that the legendary cave of Cyclops, who was blinded by ingenious Odysseus, is hidden among them.

So far, so paradisiacal, Meganissi boasts beautiful lodges, family hotels, ample tourist facilities and fabulous villas to put up those who wish to indulge in sloth-like behavior while basking in the sun or those who are exploration obsessive.





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Sometimes going for reassuringly expensive products to achieve knockout results concerning your looks is not the case. Zakynthos historic town has become a hit with the fashion crowd boasting numerous spots to taste local culinary proposals, grab some Greek coffee, purchase souvenirs or the latest fashion-items in concept stores.

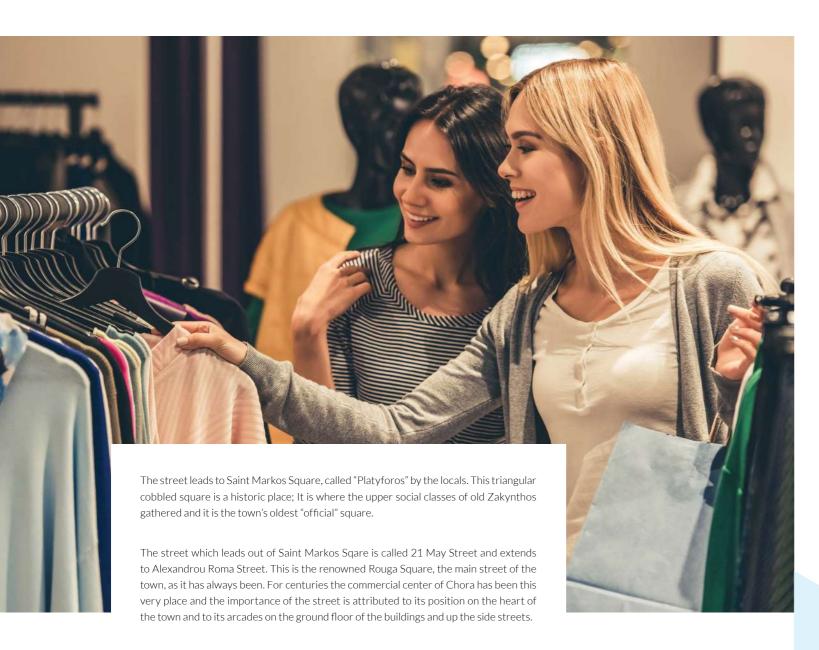
The new town of Zakynthos – also known as Chora– has been transformed, lying in a semi- circle between the foot of the Castle hill and the sea. It stands on exactly the same site as did the old town which was wrecked by the massive earthquake and fire of 1953. The new buildings have been constructed with the aim of maintaining the style of those they replaced – a mixture of neo-classical and Venetian, with a strong dash of an entirely local atmosphere.

Set off on your walking tour in town on Solomos Square, entering from the central dock of the harbor. It is the town's largest square and it is also its most recent. Its lines of trees and pretty flowerbeds make it an attractive open space surrounded by aristocratic single- and two – storey buildings. The statue of Dionisios Solomos, the national poet of Greece, adorns the square.

In the evening, this is where people meet for the "volta", the stroll that is a Greek provincial custom. New friendships are made and old ones are renewed as the people of the town enjoy the evening breeze.

In Solomos Square there is the historic church of Agios Nicholaos of Molos, the only Venetian building survived the fire. For many years it belonged to the guild of sailors. Next to the church there is the Municipal Cultural Center and the Municipal Library housing the Historical Archive and the Foskolos Cinema-theatre. Also in Solomos Square there is an impressive building which houses the Museum of Post-Byzantine Art.

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Lomvardou Street starts from Solomos Square and runs as far as the Church of Saint Dionisios, the patron saint of the island. It is one of the busiest streets with crowds of people at almost all hours, travellers disembarking from the ferries, visitors looking at the windows of the souvenir shops and local people continuing the evening stroll having begun from Solomos Square.

Zakynthos capital town, widely known as (Chora), apart from being a place that takes you back to history, gives you the opportunity to shop around with your friends and have great fun. In the main Harbor Street you will find a variety of souvenir shops, offering local products and Zakynthian delicacies like Pasteli, Mandolato, Fritoura.

Along the harbor road there are several vertical streets, all leading to the famous Alexandrou Roma Street, where you will find numerous shopping centers, modern clothes shops, jewellery stores and so on. A diversity of choices meeting everyone's tastes.













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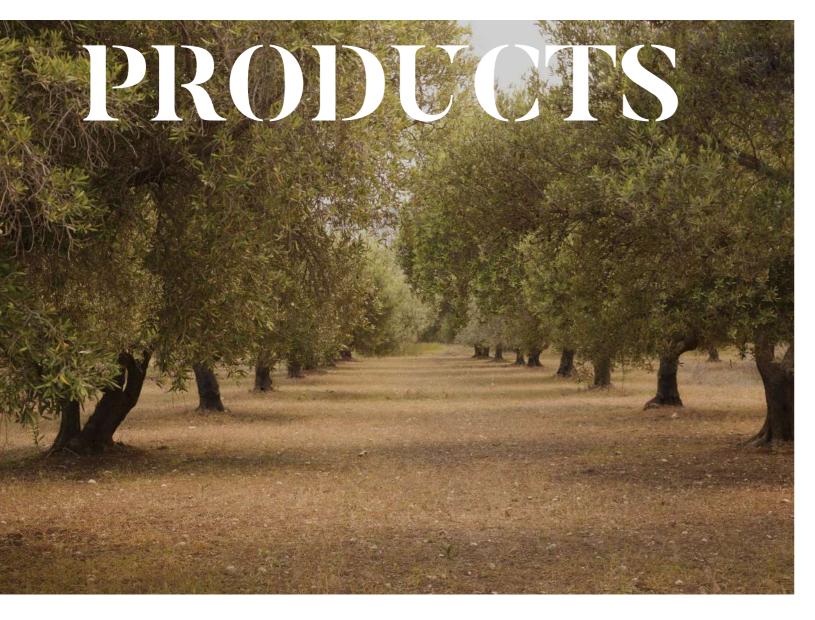
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OLIVE OIL



Olive oil has been dominating local agriculture, being the main local product of Zakynthos Island for hundreds of years. In present-day Zakynthos, there are 8,500 families of farmers, for 3,000 of whom farming is their only source of income. From the 100,000 acres of arable land, 1,000 acres are olive groves which are commonly referred to as "liostasia". There are approximately 1,700,000 olive trees in Zante. The average annual production of olive oil in Zakynthos is 6,000 - 8,000 tons. The Zakynthians are proudly bound to their land, the natural environment, rural life and oil cultivation and production. During the oil picking period -"liotrivi"- in autumn and winter, the locals experience a traditional ritual. Olive oil is for us: our present, our past and our future.

RAISINS

On the beautiful island of Zakynthos, where the love for arts and culture meets history under the Mediterranean sun, local people have been growing raisins for more than 5 centuries.

A special variety coming from small delicious dark grapes along with the support of the fertile Ionian land contribute to the production of raisins of unique qualities, the well-known Zante Currants, which have been recently recognized and certified as a Protected Designation of Origin Product by the European Union.

Locals went directly to the source of this excellent nature gift for the special production of Black Raisins from Zakynthos. After harvesting, they are dried naturally under the sun, selected one by one and then packed carefully in luxurious glass jars, labelled by hand and sealed as top quality.

They are seedless, soft, with excellent taste and fine aroma, rich in nutritional elements, adding one more secret in Greek nutrition and culture.



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LOCAL CHEESE

Zakynthos has its own special cheese which is native to the island.

The cheese is called "Ladotyri" and is hard cheese produced from goat milk and sheep milk.

The name "Ladotyri" derives from the Greek words for oil and cheese and refers to the traditional procedure used to make the cheese.

"Graviera" cheese is, also, one of the most popular cheese varieties locally. It is hard cheese of a light yellow color and it has a slightly sweet and nutty taste. "Graviera" cheese tends to be a bit oily; however, it is an excellent source of calcium and protein. The distinctive local variety is easily recognizable thanks to its spicy taste.



OTHER LOCAL DELICACIES

(MANDOLATO - FYTOURA - PASTELI)





Mandolato, Frytoura and Pasteli are traditional local delicacies which are exclusively made in accordance with age-old recipes passed down to generations as a well-kept custom.

 $Mandolato\ is\ nougat\ made\ with\ egg\ whites, honey, sugar\ and\ almonds\ and\ is\ usually\ consumed\ during\ Carnival\ time.$

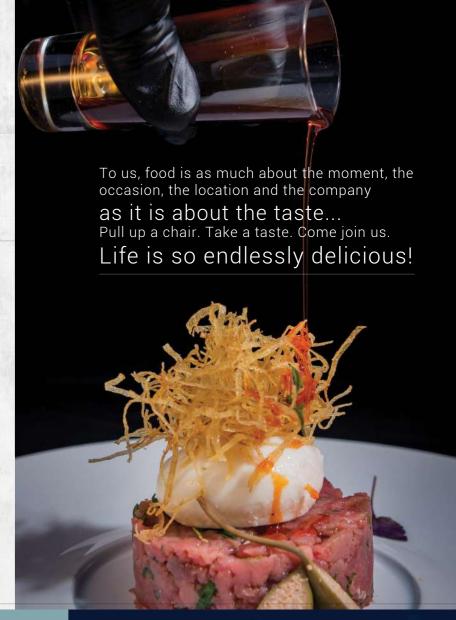
Frytoura is made of semolina, it is fried and covered in sugar galore whereas Pasteli is a mouthwatering mixture of sesame seeds, honey and almonds. Both of these sweets are offered throughout the year and during summer months by stall holders in Zakynthos Town.



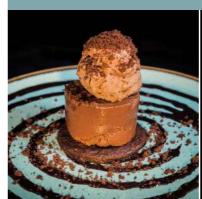


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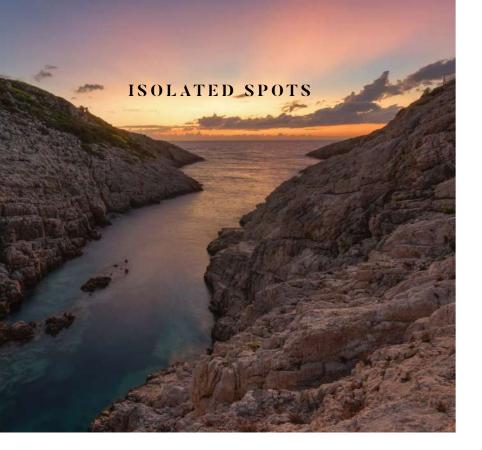


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ISOLATED SPOTS

Pelagaki: It is located in the north-east side of Zakynthos. Albeit not a very easily accessible beach -as you need to take some steps down hill in order to reach it- it is definitely worth visiting since even during the high season, only a few people know it exists and visit it. The sea features clear blue waters and small rocks.

Pelouzo: The islet of Pelouzo is located in the Gulf of Laganas, opposite the beach of Dafni and next to Marathonissi islet. Pelouzo is a secluded uninhabited rocky islet, with an impressive small cave to explore. Its best feature is the beach with extremely fine sand and crystal clear waters. This small islet is mostly known thanks to the Caretta-Caretta sea turtles which venture there to lay their eggs. Therefore, it is protected and certain measures are taken to ensure the safety and quietness of the area.

Plakaki beach: Plakaki Beach is situated in the west side of Zakynthos, in the Agalas village. In order to get to this unique breathtaking beach, you must be in great shape.

Korakonisi: It certainly is a natural wonder. Korakonissi is a secluded bay on the rugged west coast of Zakynthos. Between the mountain villages of Agios Leon and Koliomenos, an 18-kilometer drive from Zakynthos town will take you to the turn which leads to this natural monument. You can reach this beautiful viewpoint over a lone asphalt road of 7.5 kilometers. A must-visit during your vacation on the green lonian island of Zakynthos.





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