



THE IONIAN ISLANDS WITH KEFALONIA YACHTING

**KEFALONIA - ZAKYNTHOS- ITHACA - ATOKOS - LEFKADA - MEGANISSI -
ANTIPAXI - PAXI - KERKYRA - MATHRAKI - OTHONOI - ERIKOUSSA -**



KEFALONIA

Kefalonia and its beaches are famous for their clear waters and sandy beaches. Kefalonia is an island with numerous beaches for all preferences. Beaches crowded or isolated, with sand or pebbles, organized or not. Certainly, every beach on the island is a different magic picture and whatever choice you make the experience will stay engraved in your memory. As to which beach to go first, this would depend on the weather and the wind on each day. In the north, the west coast has small beautiful bays, as you go south the coast falls sheer on the sea and the few creeks are accessible only by sea. The east area is characterized by large parts of the coast not reachable by car but also by spectacular beaches. From this part of the coast it is easy to reach Ithaca which is just opposite. In the south coast there is the resort of Lassi which has many beautiful long sandy beaches with a crystal clear sea.





Myrtos beach

Coordinates: 38 20 51
20 31 36

Myrtos beach is distinguished by its size, for its pure white pebbles and the deep blue sea. It's surrounded by high cliffs. The sea has a depth that degrades very quickly and at the left end of the beach there are also a cave where you can pass through. Myrtos has the sunset right in front and then if you stay late at the beach you can also enjoy the calm sea and the shades of pink in the sky. Another peculiarity is that the sea a bit 'rough water becomes an almost electric fluorescent blue.



Zola beach

Coordinates: 38 20 14
20 27 36

Zola is a pebbled beach with clear blue waters accessed only by sea. It is located inside Myrtos bay. It is surrounded by rich greenery.



CAVE NEAR MYRTOS

Coordinates: 38 20 17
20 31 22



Assos beach

Coordinates: 38 22 51
20 32 42

Assos is a picturesque village which has two beaches not very large. The one of them is a sandy beach accessed only by sea. The water is crystal clear.



Makris Gialos beach

Coordinates: 38 09 15
20 28 45

Makris Gialos is a sandy cosmopolitan beach, accessed by sea and land. The cosmopolitan beach, situated only 3 kilometers from Argostoli, and it is visited by hundreds of people every day. It's fully organized, with umbrellas, sun beds and lifeguards on duty. You see everywhere water sports. You might like to go into the people where the beach bars, taverns, restaurants and small cantinas are. If not, then you may simply enjoy the red golden sand and the azure waters.



Platis Gialos beach

Platis Gialos beach is the brother of Makris Gialos, they are separated only by a small promontory. It is a sandy beach that is framed by pine trees. Platis Gialos is also organized like Makris Gialos. There is also a volley court for those who like to be active.



Antisamos beach.

Coordinates: 38 15 43
20 40 33

Antisamos is a fully organized pebbled beach, with blue flag award, access by sea and by land. You will be surprised by the vivid colors of the sea, vegetation and the beach: You will appreciate the deep green of the trees, a long, narrow white line of the beach and then many variations of blue and blue sea. The beach has gained worldwide reputation from the Hollywood movie, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, where some of the scenes were filmed here.



Xi beach

Coordinates: 38 09 29
20 26 00

Xi beach is located near Lixouri. It is a fully organized beach, accessed by sea and land.

It is a lovely sandy beach and always seems to have space and peace. There are many beautiful coves also to be discovered with the tenders!! What makes the Xi Beach so unique and extremely impressive is its reddish color of sand. Because of its clayey composition, you can enjoy a natural and free spa session, as it is said to have cleaning and tightening effects to the skin.



Skala beach

Skala Beach is fully organized but preserves its own distinct character. The beach area is over three kilometers long. It has very crystal waters and it is sandy with several small peddles.





There are also small beaches of unique beauty, with clear blue waters which you can approach only by sea.

Coordinates: 38 20' 45
20 27' 43



Emblisi beach

It is one of the most charming and cosmopolitan beaches in the north of Kefalonia, 1.5 km from Fiskardo. It is an enclosed and sheltered cove with white pebbles and gorgeous blue waters. What distinguish Emblisi are the large, comfortable plates (these rocky horizontal layers), in both lateral sides, which are ideal for relaxing and sunbathing among the olive trees and cypresses. The bottom of the sea is sandy while the closed shape makes Emblisi like a huge pool sheltering the same time by the winds.



Ammes beach

Ammes is indeed like a nice warm, sandy hug! It's located near the airport and about 10 kilometers away from Argostoli. The crystal clear waters and the fine, golden sand attracts hundreds of locals and tourists every day. No one leaves before sunset, when the waters take a deep reddish color that takes your breath away!



ZAKYNTHOS

The island of Zakynthos, also known with its Italian name Zante, is well known for its breathtaking beaches. There are plenty of beaches to appeal to everyone. The west coast has a spectacular sea with unique colors and most of it is accessible only by boat. The east coast of Zakynthos offers sandy beaches to the south and

beautiful rocky bays to the north. In the southern gulf of Zante there are breeding grounds of the endangered **Caretta Caretta** turtles, which lay their eggs in the soft sand and the baby turtles hatch about 8 weeks later. it is possible to see the turtles. It is a magnificent event to experience!



Laganas beach

The huge beach of Laganas is the most popular and cosmopolitan beach of Zante located 9 km north of the main town. Laganas Beach is protected by the Greek and international legislation as a birthplace of the endangered species of sea turtle *Caretta-Caretta* and is part of the Greek National Marine Park. The little pine-clad islet of Agios Sostis, located opposite the beach of Laganas, can be reached by a lovely wooden bridge.



Tsilivi, Argassi and Alykanas beaches

These three beaches are located in the eastern coast. They are great for water sports with a wide range on offer. Tsilivi beach is a long sandy beach with plenty tourist facilities and with clear and pure waters. Argassi golden sandy beach has an ancient bridge partly based in the sand and partly in the sea. Alykanas sandy beach with crystalline waters has a picturesque “mini wreck” of a sunken boat in the sea.



Xigia beach:

Coordinates: 37°52'8.36"B
20°44'6.26"A

Xigia pebbled beach with golden sand is surrounded by a rocky landscape with lush greenery. It distinguishes for the unique water quality including brimstone offering the sea a light scent. The brimstone comes from the neighboring caves and it is therapeutic for the body pains, well-known to the locals as a natural spa.



Marathonisi beach

Coordinates: 37°40'42.96"B
20°52'34.95"A

Marathonisi is a small uninhabited islet in the bay of Laganas, which is known as Turtle Island. The only inhabitants of the sea turtle that comes every summer and lay their eggs here. The island has sandy beaches, where it lays its eggs and turtle beaches with small pebbles. It's worth visiting for a dive into the crystal clear

waters and to admire the beautiful natural heritage of the island. There are also two caves that you can explore. It's an amazing place to swim or sunbathe.



Porto Zorro

Coordinates: 37°44'26.21"B

20°57'39.18"A

Porto Zorro is located on the South side of Zante and it is definitely one of the finest examples of the island's natural beauty. It is a sandy beach well known for the picturesque rocky formations emerging from the

sea. It is the type of beach that offers easily accessible tourist facilities which means that you might find it busy by visitors. Nevertheless, this doesn't change the fact that it is one of the most idyllic, picturesque landscapes.



STROFADES ISLAND

Strofades is a group of two small Greek islands in the Ionian Islands. They lie about 44 km (27 mi) south-southeast of the island of Zakynthos. Administratively they are part of the Municipality of Zakynthos. The larger island, Stamfani, has an old Fortress/monastery built in 1241. The smaller is Arpia. Both are sparsely vegetated and rocky.



ITHAKI ISLAND

The beaches in Ithaca are surrounded by breathtaking landscape with lush green vegetation. There are secluded places to swim as well as Ithaca beaches with all amenities, such as seaside hotels, cafes and taverns. Ithaca is a lovely little island to explore. Ithaca is an island unspoiled by tourism, it is calm and beautiful and

perfect for a relaxing holiday. It has very clear waters so is excellent for snorkeling and there are many different kinds and colors.



Platys Ammos beach

Coordinates: 38 29 11

20 39 11

Platys ammos is one of the best beaches on Ithaca, located at Afales bay but only accessed by boat. The shore is sandy but pebbled as well and the waters emerald forming a beautiful symphony of colors with the ever present trees at the background. Platys Ammos beach is actually formed on the foot of a steep shiny white sand cliff and it is a favorite one for yachts and small boats that usually anchor in its bay.



Aspros Gialos beach

Aspros Gialos is located on the west coast of the island with a marvelous view to Kefalonia. Aspros Gialos beach is one of the most beautiful beaches in the Ionian Sea. The white beach seashore in Ithaca is located near the village of Saint John. It has beautiful white sand seashore with clear turquoise waters ideal for swimming. The beach is perfect and ideal for relaxation and tranquility from the sundeck of your beautiful yacht or at the sand, relaxing and enjoying with a glass of wines or fresh juice and ambience music.



Filiatro Beach

Filiatro is the closest beach to Vathy, the capital of Ithaca. The warm, shallow crystalline waters are ideal mostly for the children. The beach consists of white shiny pebbles where only a few tourist facilities are found. Trees that come down to the sea shore offer natural shade and an inviting atmosphere. The beach is highly recommended for a relaxing sunbathing and a refreshing swim.



Afales beach

Afales beach is located on the north part of the island in Afales bay. The shore is pebbled with a few scattered rocks and the waters are deep blue and cold. There are also two other hidden small beaches which you may visit if you climb over the rocks to the left. The place is pure and secluded and the steep cliffs offer protection from the strong sun. In the same bay there are also beaches that can only be accessed by boat.



ATOKOS ISLAND

Coordinates: 38° 29' 15.8136" N,
20° 48' 48.9564" E

The uniqueness of the Greek islands Atokos is simply an earthly paradise unspoiled by human intervention. Atokos is a private island, owned by a Greek millionaire. It was really amazing that there is no restriction on anchorage and we could enjoy our swim for hours on end. The island has turquoise waters and dense vegetation that covers the island. On the south side of Atokos you can cast anchor and relax at Cliff Bay, another quiet paradise beach with crystal clear waters and white pebbles on the beach. It is situated 9 km northeast of Ithaca and 8 km southwest of Kastos and lies just to the north east of the main shipping and ferry Channel between Brindisi in Italy and Patra on the Peloponnese.



LEFKADA

Known for the amazing landscape and the exotic water, beaches in Lefkada are considered among the most beautiful in the Mediterranean Sea. In general, Lefkada beaches on the western side of the island are most impressive due to their deep blue color. Graciously encircled by the cyan waters of the Ionian Sea in Greece the marvelous island of Lefkada encapsulates all the enchantment of the Ionian Islands cluster.



Kathisma Beach

Kathisma beach is located on the East side of the capital of Lefkas. It is one of the longest beaches of Lefkada with fine white sand and sparkling waters of amazing turquoise color. The beach is surrounded by an idyllic mountain backdrop which offers a feeling of total isolation, despite the major tourist activity.



Nidri beach

Nidri beach is famous for its unique characteristics, the white sand and clean waters. A long tuft of palm trees covers the beach creating a charming atmosphere for both adults and children. The settlement is well-

developed with cafes, bars and plenty of restaurants. Nidri combines a warm and family environment, a picturesque landscape, crystalline waters and comfortable facilities. From the beach one can enjoy a nice view over the islets of Heloni, Sparti, Scorpidi, Madouri and the famous Scorpis, the island of Aristotelis Onasis.



Megali Petra beach (means Big Stone)

Megali Petra is another beach not to be missed while on Lefkada. It is located at the western part of the island. Megali Petra has been named after the huge rocks that are scattered on its waterfront, meaning "great rocks" in Greek. The beach is partially organized with sunbeds and umbrellas and features a long descending road and a little of walking to reach the shore. A very nice beach with the typical Ionian combination of colors!



Porto Katsiki beach

(we don't recommend this beach for now, owing to the last earthquakes)

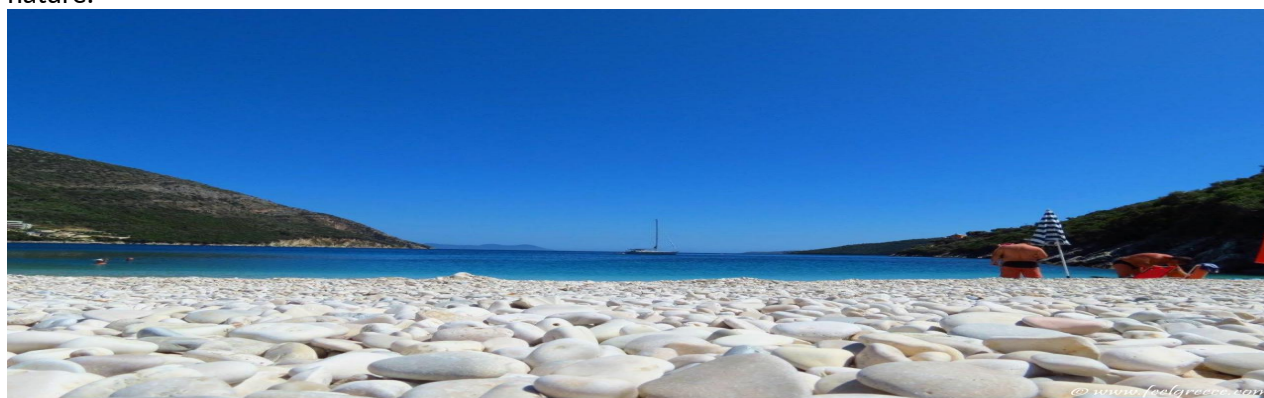
One of the most famous beaches on Lefkada Island, Porto Katsiki is really unique for the strange shape and formation of its coast. An amazing white-sand beach hidden right below the steep slopes that comes to the visitor's surprise as they descend the steps to reach the coast. Various rock formations divide the beach in smaller parts but despite its small size, Porto Katsiki is usually packed with people during summer months. Small boats that tour around the island's most popular beaches always have a long stop here, so one can very

well use this way of access instead of driving and descending the stairs. One thing is for sure: no matter the way you choose to access it, Porto Katsiki is absolutely between your must-visit beaches!



Mikros Gialos

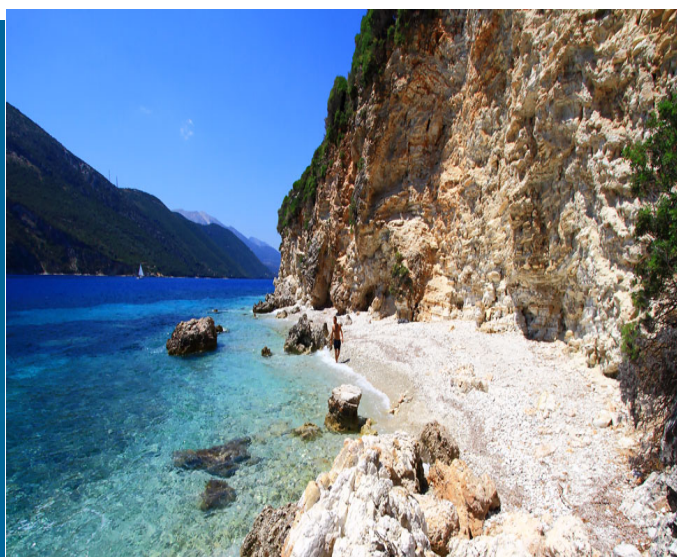
Mikros Gialos or Poros is the charming coast of the picturesque homonymous south settlement of the island. The scenery is the perfect combination of white, azure and green since the coast is nestled within lush vegetation and is full of white small pebbles. The beach is ideal for total relaxation and unique contact with nature.



MEGANISI ISLAND

Between Lefkada and the shores of the prefecture of Aetoloakarnania there are 5 beautiful islets. Meganisi is the biggest one and it's situated just 4 nautical miles from Nydri. Meganisi is a picturesque island with traditional architecture, hospitable residents, quite life, magnificent sceneries, picturesque bays with fish taverns, restaurants and entertainment shops, splendid view, green landscapes and crystal waters, create an

ideal place for the summer holidays. Aghios Ioannis, Spillia, Pasoumaki, Ambelakia, Atherinos, Faros, Limonari, Elia, Loutrolimni and Bereta are the most well-known beaches of the island which along with Papanikolis and Giovani Caves are worth a visit.



PAXI-ANTIPAXI

The legend says that Paxos Island was formed when Posidon, God of the Seas, severed the south tip of Kerkira (Corfu) with one mighty blow of his trident and dragged it south to create an idyllic retreat for his beloved wife Amphitriti. This little green island is covered, mostly of olive and cypress trees, and it is the smallest in the Ionian Sea. The natural beauty of Paxos attracts dozens of yachts giving the island a cosmopolitan air. White impressive rocks sit vertically along the whole western site of the island. There, are also situated the famous

blue caves. The small channel which leads to the village city of Gaios impresses every one with the natural fjord that is formed at its entrance by two small islets, the islet of Panagia (Blessed Virgin) and the islet of Agios Nicolas.



Vountoumi beach (ANTIPAXI)

Voutoumi is a nice, pebbled beach located on the north eastern side of Antipaxos Island. It is situated inside a large cove with high rocks covering both sides of the beach. The water here is shallow, ideal for all ages, while snorkeling near the rocks is a nice activity. There is a tavern on the hill behind the beach which serves traditional snacks. There are no shops on the island but you can taste the popular local wine at the taverns. There are no other facilities in this secluded area.



THE BLUE CAVES IN SUNSET!!





Marmari Beach (Paxi)

Marmari is a peaceful and unspoilt pebbled beach located 5 km north of Gaios, the capital of Paxi. The beach offers a fascinating swimming and sunbathing experience and it is easily accessed from both villages. Marmari is covered with plenty of white shiny pebbles in different sizes and shapes. The enchanting landscape is reflected in every spot of the island is definitely one of the main attractions of Paxi.



Kipiadi beach

Kipiadi is a large pebbled beach located 4 km north of Gaios, the capital town of Paxi. The whole half-moon cove is enclosed by low rocky hills covered with olive trees, pines and cypresses. The beach is popular as a place to moor yachts and take a nice dive. The area is quite peaceful and relaxing.



KERKYRA

With clean water and surrounded by lush greenery, beaches in Corfu attract many visitors every summer. The natural environment of Corfu Island is really stunning and you will not be disappointed by the quality of the several beaches. Kerkyra coastline is a paradise for all those who love sandy beaches, but you can also find marvelous rocky bays ideal for snorkeling. Corfu offers at the same time beaches well equipped for tourists and lonely bays where you can relax even in high season. In many beaches there are diving centers, water sports and several kind of safe entertainments.



Arillas Beach

Coordinates: 39 44 36 58 N
19 38 54 17 E

The long sandy beach of Arillas lies in front of a beautiful settlement located 40km from Corfu town. The area is surrounded by lush forests and vast olive groves. The beach that stretches for about 2 km is a favorite

destination for families and for people who seek peaceful vacation. It is an attractive resort, ideal for safe swimming as the water is shallow and clean, perfect for the children. By boat you can visit the two nearby deserted islets of Diaplos and Mathraki. Don't miss a visit to the picturesque village of Afionas to enjoy the spectacular sunset.



Agios Georgios beach

Coordinates: 39 25 51 96 N
19 56 26 52 E

The endless beach of Agios Georgios is awarded with the Blue Flag for its crystal clear waters and fantastic environment. It consists of soft sand and large shiny pebbles. It is covered with plenty of umbrellas and sunbeds while beautiful cypress trees that grow along the bay give a smooth natural feel. Agios Georgios beach is a natural oasis. The surrounding cliffs and historic villages are ideal destinations for hiking. The restaurants and taverns offer perfect sunset views.



Santa Barbara beach

Coordinates: 39 24 37 42 N
19 59 20 27 E

Santa Barbara, or Marta, is one of the most popular beaches of Corfu located 40 km south of the main town. The beach is set on a fabulous location surrounded by wild rocks and crystal clear waters. There are tourist facilities available like sunbeds and umbrellas for a large number of people. The waters are deep yet clean and safe.



Issos beach

Coordinates: 39 25 54 15 N
19 55 56 57 E

Issos is a beautiful beach located 35 km southern of Corfu. The endless seashore with the unique sand dunes and the crystalline waters offers an ideal destination for families. The rich flora divides the shore from the most important wetland of Corfu, the Korission Lake. This idyllic area is definitely one of the best places to visit in Corfu. Along the sandy beach lie plenty of tourist facilities and of various beach equipment. There is also a lifeguard tower and a water sports center. Issos is affected by the strong winds and it is probably the best place for windsurfing and kitesurfing. The lush green forest and the lake make a unique spot for hiking while the high sand dunes offer excellent sunset views. At a close distance, there are bars and taverns.



Halikounas beach

The sandy beach of Halikounas that stretches for more than 3 km is considered one of the most beautiful coastal areas in the Ionian complex. Halikounas is a nice alternative for peaceful holidays with sand dunes and wonderful crystalline waters which guarantee a fun swimming experience especially for the children. It lacks any kind of tourist facilities thus it almost looks deserted. In case you don't want to be at the center of attention, there are some nice and isolated spots on either side of the beach for total privacy. Halikounas is

ideal for those who love water sports as well. A road separates the beach with the famous Lake Korission, one of the main attractions of the area which is the home for numerous endangered bird species. It is nestled in the midst of green rolling hills where one comes across verdant olive groves, citrus orchards and beautiful vineyards.



Canal d'Amour beach

The famous Channel of Love (known as Canal d' Amour) is an idyllic area with unique rock formations that form a series of wonderful coves and canals. The rocks run in different shades of yellow and lots of greenery at the top. One can reach these stunning coves through several paths and steps. With beautiful crystalline waters, the Channel of Love is one of the most unique spots in Corfu. According to the tradition couples who swim through the narrow canal will get married soon. The beach is not recommended when it is windy.



Paleokastritsa beach

Paleokastritsa is arguably the most famous picturesque village of the island of Corfu located 25 km northwest of Corfu Town. The word Paleokastritsa literally means old fortress, witnessing the existence of such a castle on the rocky cave where now stands the Monastery of the Virgin. The village of Paleokastritsa offers a plethora of local taverns overlooking the blue bay and six sandy and pebbled beaches which are scattered all around the

area. Those beaches are surrounded by olive tree forests creating dramatic yet beautiful scenery. This cosmopolitan resort stretches along a coastal road around stunning bays and a picturesque harbor where the excursion boats depart for the nearby and isolated beaches. The settlement itself retains its traditional charm and character whereas today it is considered one of the main tourist attractions in Corfu displaying a great number of hotels, bars and restaurant. At the end of the road, right after the main harbor is the Monastery of the Virgin that dominates the village. The monastery hosts an interesting collection of post Byzantine icons, books and other objects. The main beach of Paleokastritsa is quite small but extremely known for its cold waters and delightful environment. It is considered as one of the best beaches in the Greek islands. It is surrounded by many bars and taverns therefore it is rarely quiet during the day. The area offers some excellent sea views.



MATHRAKI ISLAND

The island of Mathraki, in Greece, is one of the Greek islands of the Ionian Sea and it belongs to the Ionian Islands group. Mathraki Island is a totally isolate and unknown island of Greece, with very limited things to do. Tourist facilities in Mathraki Island are very limited and all transport is done on foot. Most beaches are rocky, such as Apidies, Arvanitiko or Fyki. Be prepared for long walk in your Mathraki holidays, as there is no public transport there. The only sandy beach is Portello, a gorgeous coast on the eastern side of the island that extends for long and has amazing water. Surrounded by lush greenery, Portello is a lovely beach to relax. The only village is Chorio. Located on the southern side of the island, Chorio is surrounded by much greenery and gives gorgeous view to the sea. Few houses also dot the area around the port, however this is not a village but rather a port settlement, Plakes.



OTHONOI ISLAND

Although the island Othonoi has lost the majority of its permanent population, "Othoniotes" are now rediscovering the natural beauty and tranquility that their island offers. As an escape from today's highly demanding world, the island offers the ideal environment for those that can appreciate relaxation, fishing, hunting and getting together with old "buddies". During the past couple of decades, the island is being slowly discovered by tourists for its crystal clear waters, sandy beaches and exotic caves. On the western part of the island, one can visit the cave of "Kalypso" and the popular beach of "Aspros-amos" by boat only. Another attraction on the eastern most part of the island is the historic lighthouse built in 1872. Adjacent to it, you can visit the ruins of a Venetian fortress. For those that like hiking or even biking, we recommend a visit to the traditional village of Horio. The island has four beautiful churches of Byzantine architecture and their feasts they attract many visitors. At the main port of the island, the town of Ammos, one can find tavernas, bars and hotel accommodations. With the help of local fisherman, a delicious seafood menu is provided in every taverna. The local police station, medical center and post office are also located here.



ERIKOUSSA ISLAND

Experience the scenic beauties of Erikoussa and live unforgettable moments on this small paradise on earth. Lush green landscapes, crystal-clear beaches and unexplored sea-caves treasure their secrets for you to discover them. Erikoussa from above looks like an isolated exotic island, like those you wouldn't mind to be shipwrecked on for a few months...as many as you would need to fully experience moments of peace and tranquility and explore all the sights of historical, cultural and ecological interest on the island. There is only one town on the island, also named Ereikoússa. It has two beaches, Porto and Braghini, the names are of Italian origin, and date back to the period of Venetian rule. Braghini is rarely visited because it is further away from the main part of the island.



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