



GREECE: IONIAN ISLANDS

ZAKYNTHOS | KEFALONIA

8 DAYS
from
\$ 1,995

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

The Ionian Islands lie along the westcoast of mainland Greece, each with unique and charming cultural traits. This itinerary takes travellers to Zakynthos for a luxurious stay at an adults-only *Leading Hotel of the World*; explore the island by Jeep, sail out to epic Shipwreck Beach. Tour neighbouring Kefalonia by boat and ultimately relax in this beautiful paradise.

Day 1

ATHENS – ZAKYNTHOS Welcome to Greece. Board your flight to the Ionian island of **Zakynthos**, a well-known summer resort destination. Upon arrival, transfer to your stunning adults-only resort and *Leading Hotel of the World* located in the picturesque village of **Tragaki**. *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort, Seaview Suite* ★★★★★

Day 2

ZAKYNTHOS Breakfast at your hotel. Take today to relax and enjoy the amenities at your hotel. The spa offers a range of services including massages and hammam. *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort*

Day 3

ISLAND JEEP SAFARI Breakfast at your hotel. Your jeep driver-guide will pick you up from your resort to take you on a journey of discovery. Experience a variety of sights and scenic stops en route, as you learn many facts about this beautiful Ionian island. Your route will take you around mountain villages and journey around the **Vrachionas** mountain range. Be sure to have your camera ready for breathtaking views of the whole island of Zakynthos. Stop at a local village for lunch (not included), then continue north to perhaps sample some locally produced wine. Head through **Volimes** and end your day at **Makris Gialos** where you can stop for a swim. Return to your hotel. *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort*

Day 4

KEFALONIA Breakfast at your hotel. You will be picked up from your resort and taken to the port to board your boat to **Kefalonia**, another Ionian island marked by sandy coves and dry rugged landscapes. Due to its indented coastline made of mostly limestone cliffs and bay, many beaches are accessible only by foot or narrow roads. Today's tour will take you to visit the monastery of **St. Gerassimos**, the patron saint of the island of Kefalonia. See the impressive stalactite and stalagmites of **Drogarati Cave**; some estimate the cave is about 150 million years old. Explore **Melissani Lake and Cave** by boat to see the colour of the water reflected onto the walls of the cave. Stop for lunch (not included) and a stroll or a swim in **Aghia Efimia**, a wonderful town with a small harbour. Drive towards **Myrtos Bay**, one of Kefalonia's most famous beaches for a photo stop. Finally, visit **Argostoli**, the

capital of the island, built on a hillside overlooking a narrow harbour. Grab a snack, relax in the square or have a walk to explore on your own before returning to the pier for your boat ride back to Zakynthos. *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort*

Day 5

NAVAGIO/SHIPWRECK BEACH Breakfast at your hotel. In 1980, a freightliner, the *MV Panagiotis*, found itself in difficult waters around Zakynthos Island on **Navagio Beach** during stormy weather and bad visibility. It has been rumored the ship was smuggling contraband such as cigarettes and wine. The ship was abandoned and still rests buried in the limestone gravel of the beach that now bears the nickname Shipwreck Beach or Smuggler's Cove. Today you will be picked up and transferred to the main harbour of Zante town to board a luxury speed boat for an unforgettable experience cruising to the north of the Island. Pass the residential area of **Krioneri**, the resort areas of **Tsilivi**, **Alykanas** and **Alykes**, up to **Skinari**, the most northern part of the island, where you can see the lighthouse. Head into Smuggler's Cove where the shipwreck can be seen, and a stop for a wonderful swim in the lovely blue waters. Those strong swimmers wanting to swim ashore can do so with the captain's permission, as there is no dock. The beach is not sandy and has small white pebbles. Smuggler's Cove is only accessible by the sea; docking and swimming only if weather permits. Next, sail to the famous **Blue Caves** discovered in 1897; its name comes from the colour of the water, a blend of aquamarine and turquoise. Stop here for a swim before you return to town and continue on to your hotel. *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort*

Day 6 & 7

ZAKYNTHOS Breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy these two days at leisure. Relax at the hotel's spa or choose an optional tour to snorkel or dive with turtles. Rent a car and explore the islands lovely beach towns. *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort*

Day 8

ZAKYNTHOS – HOME Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total 7 nights accommodation; *Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort* ★★★★★
- ▶ Private transfers as per itinerary
- ▶ Domestic airfare: Athens – Zakynthos – Athens
- ▶ Shared tours as per itinerary
- ▶ Buffet breakfast daily
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Jeep Safari tour of the island of Zakynthos
- Tour of the Ionian island of Kefalonia
- Shipwreck/Navagio Beach tour by luxury boat

OPTIONAL ADD-ON TOURS

- Marathonisi Beach, home to Caretta-caretta turtles
- Tour of ancient site of Olympia on mainland Greece

International airfare not included.
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Some tour schedules vary based on seasonality.

Entrance fees to Drogarati Cave and Melissani Lake & Cave not included; paid locally.

Price as indicated valid May 6, 2019, subject to availability at time of booking. For alternative dates, inquire for pricing. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

**European city/tourist taxes collected locally unless otherwise indicated.

For full terms and conditions, refer to page 43.

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