



THE IONIAN ISLANDS · GREECE

Greek Yacht Charter Collection 2026

Crewed catamarans · Monohulls · Motor yachts · Starting Corfu or Lefkada



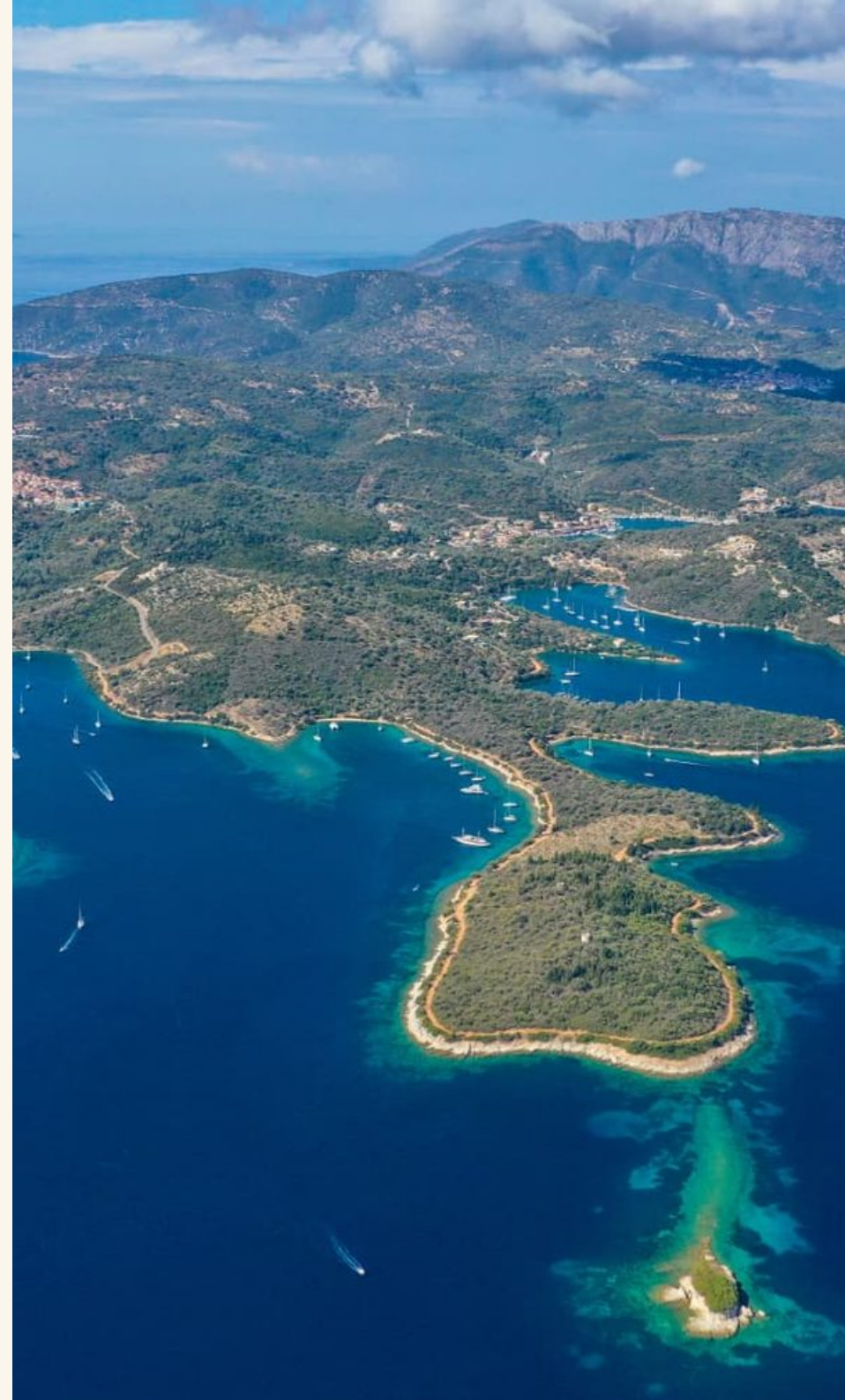
The islands we grew up on

The Ionian is home water for us. We have sailed these islands since our teens, the family home base is here, and we have been arranging charters in Greece and the Caribbean for over twenty years.

We are UK-based and independent. We manage crewed charters only — hand-picking catamarans, monohulls and motor yachts from across the Ionian fleets so you sail on the right boat with the right crew, rather than whichever yacht a single operator happens to have free.

Our family also run bareboat operations in the Ionian under Sail Ionian. That is background and local knowledge, not a fleet we are obliged to sell — our job is to find the crewed yacht that fits your group.

We know these anchorages the way most people know their own high street — which quay to take, which bay to have to yourselves.



FIVE REASONS

Why charter with us

A lifetime in the Ionian

Family home base in the islands and a lifetime sailing them — from Corfu down to Zakynthos, in every kind of August breeze.

Crewed charters, properly matched

We only arrange crewed yachts. Skipper and hostess, or full crew with a chef — chosen for your group, not allocated to you.

Independent, with the widest choice

No fleet of our own to fill. We search the Ionian operators and our wider broker network and recommend on fit.

One point of contact

From first enquiry to the last taverna dinner you deal with the same person. No call centres, no handovers.

Everything arranged around you

Transfers from Corfu, Preveza or Kefalonia, provisioning, private chefs, diving, kitesurfing lessons, one-way routes. Or nothing at all, if you'd rather.





THE CRUISING GROUND

The Ionian Sea

The gentlest sailing in the Mediterranean. Short hops of two or three hours, sheltered water inside the islands, and a reliable afternoon breeze that fills in around lunchtime and drops again for dinner.

From Corfu's Venetian waterfront and the sea caves of Paxos, down through Lefkada, Meganisi and the tiny islands of Kastos and Kalamos, to Ithaca, Kefalonia and Zakynthos — village quays, olive groves and water you can see the anchor through.

At a glance

- Season May to October, warmest July–August
- Afternoon maistro breeze, typically 10–18 kn
- Two to three hours between most anchorages
- Bases at Corfu, Lefkada, Preveza and Kefalonia
- Round trips or one-way routes north to south





ISLAND GUIDE (1 OF 2)

Northern Ionian

Corfu

The northern gateway. Venetian old town, Gouvia and Corfu marinas, easy direct flights, and the quiet bays of the north-east coast an hour away.

Paxos & Antipaxos

Gaios, Lakka and Loggos — three of the prettiest harbours in Greece — with sea caves along the west coast and Caribbean-clear water off Antipaxos.

Lefkada

Our other favourite starting point. A big well-run marina, the canal south into the inland sea, and Vasiliki's wind for kitesurfing and windsurfing.

Preveza & the mainland

Handy for Aktion airport, with Amvrakikos Gulf and the ruins at Nikopolis for anyone who wants a day away from the water.



ISLAND GUIDE (2 OF 2)

Southern Ionian

Meganisi

Spartochori and Vathi, plus a string of narrow pine-fringed inlets — the classic first or last night of a Lefkada round trip.

Kastos & Kalamos

The quiet ones. A handful of tavernas, a couple of jetties, goats on the hillside and almost no one else. Our own favourite corner of the Ionian.

Ithaca

Homer's island. Vathy's horseshoe harbour, Kioni and Frikes, and steep green hills that turn gold at the end of the day.

Kefalonia & Zakynthos

Fiskardo's smart waterfront, the cliffs at Myrtos, and — for longer one-way routes — the caves and coves of Zakynthos further south.



PICK THE BOAT THAT FITS

Ways to charter

Crewed catamarans

The most-booked way to sail the Ionian. Stable, shaded and sociable, with skipper and hostess or full crew. Typically 4 to 12 guests.

Motor yachts

Crewed power yachts for faster island-hopping, big sundecks and mixed-mobility groups — Corfu to Kefalonia in a morning if you want it.

Private chef charters

Larger crewed yachts with a chef on board for guests who would rather eat aboard as well as ashore.

Crewed monohulls

Proper sailing yachts for guests who want to be at the helm with a professional skipper aboard, and to make the most of the afternoon breeze.

Skipper & hostess

The Ionian classic: a skipper who knows every quay, and a hostess who handles breakfasts, lunches and the shopping.

Day sailing & short cruises

Not the full week? Crewed day boats from Corfu, Lefkada and Kefalonia, plus short three- and four-night cruises.





PICK THE TRIP THAT FITS

Types of holiday we plan

Family sailing

The Ionian is the easiest family cruising ground in Europe: calm mornings, short hops, safe swimming bays, and crew who genuinely like children.

Luxury crewed & corporate

Larger yachts with chef and stewardess for families travelling together, groups of friends, or small corporate and incentive groups.

Watersports & activity weeks

Kitesurfing and windsurfing at Vasiliki, diving off Kefalonia, paddleboarding and hiking on the smaller islands.

Honeymoons & occasions

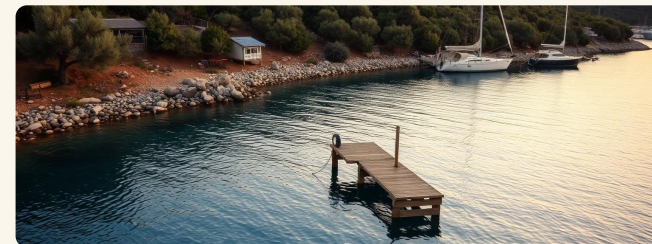
Two-cabin yachts for couples, dinner on a quiet quay, anniversaries and milestone birthdays planned quietly around you.

Food, wine & culture

Village tavernas, Kefalonian Robola vineyards, Corfu's old town, Ithaca's Homeric sites — planned in around the sailing.

Tailor-made

One-way routes, mid-charter guest changes, two-week north-to-south passages — we build the trip around how you actually like to travel.



Swim, sail, eat, repeat

Mornings are still and glassy — coffee in the cockpit, a swim off the back, then a gentle motor or sail while the breeze builds. Lunch is usually at anchor somewhere with nobody else in it.

Afternoons belong to the maestro: two or three hours of proper sailing with the islands sliding past. By six you're stern-to on a village quay, showered, and walking twenty metres to a taverna table.

We brief your crew before you arrive — honeymoon, family with small children, eight friends who want a late night in Fiskardo. Every charter is shaped around the people on it.

Nowhere else can you sail all afternoon and still tie up in time for dinner ashore, every single night.





ROUTE A · ROUND TRIP

7 nights from Lefkada

Day 1 — Lefkada → Meganisi

Board at Lefkada marina, through the canal and south to Spartochori or Vathi for the first taverna night.

Day 3 — Kastos → Kalamos

An hour's sail to Port Kalamos, the whole afternoon for swimming and the hillside walk.

Day 5 — Ithaca → Fiskardo, Kefalonia

The smartest waterfront in the Ionian — book dinner early and take the tender round the headland to swim.

Day 7 — Sivota → Nydri or Vlichos

Last swim stops through the inland sea, water toys out, final night close to base.

Day 2 — Meganisi → Kastos

A short hop east to the quietest quay in the Ionian. Swim stop on the way.

Day 4 — Kalamos → Ithaca

South-west to Vathy, or Kioni for the prettier harbour. Long lunch at anchor en route.

Day 6 — Fiskardo → Sivota, Lefkada

A proper sailing day back north into a near-landlocked bay ringed with tavernas.

Day 8 — Return to Lefkada

Short motor back through the canal for breakfast and disembarkation.

Illustrative only — we tailor every route around weather, group and preferences.



ROUTE B · ONE WAY

Corfu to Zakynthos, 7–14 nights

Corfu

Board at Gouvia or Corfu marina. Old town dinner, or straight out to the north-east bays.

Preveza or Lefkada

Cross to the mainland or through the Lefkada canal into the sheltered inland sea.

Ithaca

Kioni, Frikes and Vathy. Hire a car for the Homeric sites if the mood takes you.

Zakynthos

Sea caves, the Blue Caves at Skinari, and the long run down the sheltered east coast.

Paxos & Antipaxos

Lakka, Loggos and Gaios, with a morning anchored off Antipaxos in that impossible blue.

Meganisi & the small islands

Kastos and Kalamos at your own pace — one night each, or two if you can't leave.

Kefalonia

Fiskardo, Assos and the cliffs at Myrtos; Sami and Argostoli further south.

Disembark Zakynthos

Fly home from Zakynthos, or turn north and sail the best of it again over 14 nights.

One-way fees vary by operator — we price them clearly in your shortlist.



FROM ENQUIRY TO DISEMBARKATION

How it works

1

Tell us about your trip

Group size, dates, budget, and whether you'd rather start in Corfu or Lefkada.

2

Three to five yachts shortlisted

Inside 24 hours we send a hand-picked crewed shortlist with a side-by-side comparison.

3

Hold and confirm

We hold your first choice while you decide. 50% deposit confirms; balance 60 days out.

4

Pre-charter planning

Preference sheet, dietary needs, provisioning, transfers from Corfu, Preveza or Kefalonia.

5

On charter

Your crew and our local contacts are close at hand, and we're reachable around the clock.

6

After

We ask for your candid feedback — and start planning next summer.



GETTING HERE

How to reach the Ionian

Corfu (CFU) — direct flights from across the UK and Europe through the summer, and twenty minutes from Gouvia marina.

Preveza / Aktion (PVK) — the airport for Lefkada, around forty minutes from the marina and the closest base for the southern islands.

Kefalonia (EFL) and Zakynthos (ZTH) — useful for one-way routes and for southern starts; Athens connects year-round if direct flights have finished for the season.

Good to know

- Charters usually run Saturday to Saturday, other days on request
- Transfers arranged and met at every airport we book
- Provisioning and preference sheets sorted before you fly
- One-way Corfu–Zakynthos routes on request
- Season runs May to late October



READY TO START PLANNING?

Let's design your Ionian charter.

Send us your dates and group size and you'll have a hand-picked crewed shortlist within 24 hours — with a clear recommendation on the yacht we'd choose for you, and whether we'd start you in Corfu or Lefkada.

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