

Zakynthos
Zante, the flower of the East.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Zante** is a Greek island in the Ionian Sea. It is the third largest of the Ionian Islands. Zakynthos is a separate regional unit of the Ionian Island region.
- Exploring Zakynthos, you'll discover picturesque hilltop villages, traditional monasteries, and dreamy natural landscapes. What's more, the exotic Zakynthos beaches are home to the endangered sea turtle species **Caretta-Caretta**, which every year hide their eggs in the fine white sand of Zakynthos beaches.

★ *WHERE TO STAY*

Tsivili, Alykes, Vassilikos, and Argassi are convenient places to stay in Zakynthos. These places have many tourist facilities and Zakynthos hotels, while they also give easy access to the beach. Although Laganas also has many facilities, it is not proper for families but for youth who want intense nightlife.



★ *WHAT TO SEE*

- Zakynthos Shipwreck or Navagio Bay: The beach of Navagio or Shipwreck cove is the most famous beach of Zakynthos. It is considered as one of the most beautiful beaches in Greece. It was initially called Agios Georgios but owes its new name to the shipwreck of a boat that transported illegal cigarettes, in 1983. The ship was washed ashore.



- It is on the West coast where Zakynthos offers one of its most stunning views: the blue caves. The blue caves are only accessible by the sea.
- The biggest cave is called Kianoun, and there are, in general terms, many boats available for rent in the town port for tourists to be able to get to the blue caves.



- The Venetian Castle of Zakynthos, Ionian Greece: On the hill of Bohali above Zakynthos Town, there is the Venetian Castle. As excavations have shown, this castle was constructed on the site of the ancient acropolis of the island and also on the site of a former Byzantine castle



★ *WHAT/WHERE TO EAT*

- In Zakynthos you can try a rich variety of appetizers. Some of the most common dishes are tzatziki (yogurt, garlic, cucumber), melitzanosalata (chopped aubergines), Dolmadakia (vine leaves stuffed with rice), broad bean (chickpea mash) that are often accompanied with pita (the typical Greek bread)
- There are many Zakynthos restaurants, ranging from Greek to international cuisine and even snack bars. Most of these places to eat are found in Zakynthos Town and in popular tourist places, like Laganas, Alykanas, Kalamaki, Tsilivi, and Alykes. Enjoy your meal in a beach table with an amazing view to the Ionian Sea.

- You can enjoy your meal in a fancy restaurant by the sea.



Or

- You can choose to have dinner in a traditional tavern.



★ *WHERE TO SHOP*

- Most shops in Zakynthos are gathered in the capital town of the island. They are found in the paved streets around Solomos Square and Agios Markos Square and mostly constitute of clothes stores, shoe stores and many souvenir shops. Such souvenir shops and mini markets are also found in the main tourist places in Zakynthos, such as Laganas, Tsilivi, Kalamaki, Argassi, Alykes and others. Shops in Zakynthos usually stay open until late at night to cover the needs of visitor



★ *WHAT TO BUY*

- For the shopping, during your holidays, you can enjoy visiting shops and stalls of every kind: from the typical products of the local handcraft to the souvenir shops and shops where you can find typical products of the island.

Zante island is also full of jewelers, shops where they work leather and sell carpets, table cloths and handmade pottery.



★ *WHERE TO HAVE FUN*



- Don't forget to visit Zakynthos water village in Laganas.



- Take a ride in Fun train around Zakynthos.

LINKS

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