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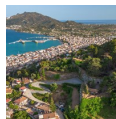
Zakynthos, also known as Zante, is the third largest of the Ionian Islands. The south and east coasts are hubs of lively resorts, while a short journey inland or west reveals the island's other side: pine-clad hills, traditional villages, and a dramatic coastline where limestone cliffs meet translucent seas. The iconic Navagio 'Shipwreck Beach' epitomises the wild beauty of the west. The island's capital blends a spacious Italianate square with reminders of its history, watched over by the ruins of a Venetian castle.

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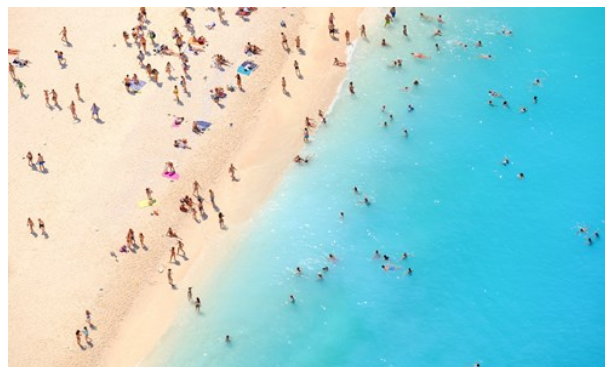
Zakynthos, or Zante, tells two distinct stories. The island's southern and southeastern coasts are given over to the rhythms of package tourism, with busy resorts lining the shore. Yet, just a short journey inland or towards the west reveals a landscape of a completely different character — one of pine-forested hills, traditional villages and a dramatic coastline where limestone cliffs meet strikingly clear waters.

The island's capital, Zakynthos Town, reflects its layered history. A devastating earthquake in 1953 destroyed much of its Venetian-era architecture, but an Italianate atmosphere lingers in its porticoed streets and spacious main square. Above the town, the shell of a Venetian castle stands sentinel, offering panoramic views across the water.

The island's most famous landmark, Navagio or 'Shipwreck Beach', is found on the wild west coast. It is a cove of brilliant white sand and electric-blue water, accessible only by boat.

This contrast between the developed and the pristine defines the Zakynthos experience. While the summer months see a steady influx of visitors, the island's quieter corners, especially in the north and west, offer a sense of escape and a connection to its natural beauty.

BEACH LIFE



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Considering that the island is relatively small, Zakynthos features a surprisingly large amount of stunning beaches. No wonder that thousands of holidaymakers flock every year to this corner of paradise.

Zante is bathed by emerald crystal water that gently laps onto its shore, boasting an array of golden sandy beaches, secluded bays, picturesque coves and mysterious caves.

The most-coveted beach resorts are located on the north-eastern and southern part of the island, down the Gulf of Laganas, one of the most cosmopolitan and developed areas of Zakynthos.

On the west side, an abundance of dramatic cliffs and marine grottoes creates a breathtaking backdrop of unspoiled nature for hillside walks.

Navagio (Shipwreck Beach)



Navagio Beach is the defining landmark of Zakynthos. Located on the island's northwestern coast, its dramatic cove is known for the wreck of a freightliner that ran aground in 1983, an event which gave the beach its name — Navagio, Greek for 'shipwreck'. Before this maritime mishap, the

beach was known as Agios Georgios.

There are two ways to appreciate this miracle of nature. To swim in the turquoise waters and approach the rusty shell of MV Panagiotis, you must travel by boat. For a panoramic birds-eye view, travel by car to a viewing platform high up in the white cliffs.

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Address: Παραλία Ναυάγιο, Zakynthos

More Info: Navaglio is sometimes referred to as "Smugglers Cove".

Alykes



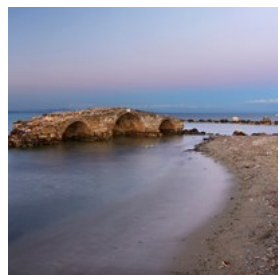
Alykes sits on an east-facing bay midway along Zante's northeast coast. The village features a long sandy beach with plenty of

water sports facilities, alongside a good selection of tavernas and bars serving traditional specialties. The village takes its name from the former salt flats, located just 50 metres from the shore, which now form a protected nature reserve. The beach extends into the neighbouring area of Alikanas, where the strip of sand broadens considerably.

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Address: Παραλία Αλυκές, Zakynthos

Argassi



Argassi beach extends for a kilometre along the island's southeastern coast. While its strip of sand is narrow, limiting its appeal for all-day

sunbathing, it remains a pleasant spot for a swim. The coastline features numerous coves

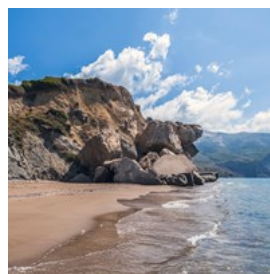
and rock formations, creating an interesting environment for snorkelling. The beach offers a wide range of water sports and is well-equipped for families, especially thanks to the clear shallow waters. The adjacent town contributes significantly to its appeal, with a variety of lively bars, restaurants and shops.

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Address: Paralia Argasi, Zakynthos

More Info: The now ruined Venetian bridge is a popular landmark.

Kalamaki



Separated from Laganas by a 5-kilometre stretch of beach designated as part of the National Marine Park (and as such, free of buildings),

Kalamaki is less raucous than its near neighbour and certainly more appealing to families and couples. It shares the same marvellous sands and striking views, and it is very close to the airport.

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Laganas



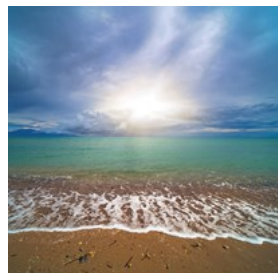
A nearly uninterrupted 14-kilometre stretch of sand extends from Geraki to Laganas, forming one of the last major nesting sites for the endangered

loggerhead turtle. To protect the species, much of Laganas Bay is designated as a National Marine Park, where powered water sports are prohibited. Despite these conservation efforts, the resort of Laganas itself remains the island's largest and most bustling centre for nightlife, known for its concentration of pubs, bars, and

clubs. For a quieter experience, a narrow wooden footbridge connects the coast near Agios Sostis Beach to the small and picturesque Cameo Island.

Photo: Leszek Glasner/shutterstock
Address: Παραλία Λαγανά, Zakynthos

Tsilivi



Tsilivi lies around 6 kilometres north of Zakynthos Town. In under two decades, it has transformed from a small fishing village into a comprehensive holiday resort. Its centrepiece is a long, crescent-shaped sandy beach with views east towards the Greek mainland. The surrounding area features a variety of mid-range and budget accommodation. The resort provides a good selection of restaurants, cafés, and a vibrant nightlife.

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Address: Παραλία Τσιλιβή, Zakynthos

Vasilikos



The Vasilikos peninsula forms a quiet, traditional resort area on Zante's southeastern coast, characterised by its natural beauty, olive groves, and relaxed atmosphere. Unlike the island's busier resorts, it offers a retreat focused on tranquillity rather than large hotels or nightlife. Restaurants along the main road and seafront serve national dishes and fresh seafood.

The area features several distinct beaches. Vasilikos Beach itself, near the old village of Ano Vasilikos, is a sandy cove with calm, clear waters

and rocky areas popular for snorkelling. A short distance east, St Nicholas Beach provides more activity, offering water sports like jet-skis alongside relaxed beach bars and sunset views from the Chapel of Agios Nikolaos. Further south, Gerakas Beach faces west across Laganas Bay, where a long stretch of sand is backed by well-tended olive groves and dense vegetation.

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Address: Βασιλικός, Zakynthos

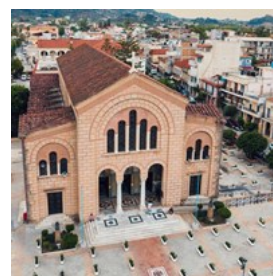
DO & SEE



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While Zakynthos rightly earns its fame from a stunning coastline, the island offers far more than just sun and sand. Look beyond the beach towel to discover a rich tapestry of history, from ancient ruins and Venetian architecture to thoughtful museums. A key highlight is the Marine Park of Zakynthos, a protected stretch of coastline where lush Mediterranean vegetation shelters endangered species and a network of walking trails invites quieter exploration.

Church of Agios Dionysios



The Church of Agios Dionysios was slowly constructed from 1925 to 1948, completed only years before the devastating earthquake of

1953. It famously survived this natural disaster unscathed — proof, say devout islanders, of the saint’s miraculous powers.

The church houses the silver-encrusted sarcophagus of the island’s patron saint. Its interior is opulent with gilt work and frescoes. Around the back of the church, the Ecclesiastical Museum displays a collection of religious paraphernalia and vestments, including those of Dionysios himself.

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Address: Laskareos 1, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 28683

Byzantine Museum of Zakynthos



Housed in an elegant neoclassical building on Solomos Square, the Byzantine Museum of Zakynthos safeguards the sacred art rescued from the island’s devastating 1953 earthquake. Sailors and volunteers risked their lives to salvage icons, frescoes, and carvings from crumbling churches, preserving a legacy that might otherwise have been lost.

The collection spans six centuries, with highlights including 15th-century frescoes, intricate wooden icons, and 18th-century oil paintings. A poignant scale model of pre-earthquake Zakynthos Town stands as a testament to the island’s former grandeur, while reconstructed church interiors.

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Address: Βυζαντινό Μουσείο Ζακύνθου, Plateia Solomos, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 42714
More Info: Also known simply as Zakynthos Museum.

Solomos Museum



This modest museum celebrates the life and works of Dionysios Solomos, the Zakynthian author and poet who penned the Greek national anthem along with other notable islanders. The museum houses 18th and 19th century paintings as well as ancient instruments and local artworks.

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Address: Μουσείο Σολωμού και Επιφανών Ζακυνθίων, Plateia Agiou Markou 15, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 28982
Internet: zakynthos-museumsolomos.gr
Email: info@zakynthos-museumsolomos.gr
More Info: The full name of the museum is Museum of D. Solomos and Other Eminent People of Zakynthos.

Monastery of Panagia Skopiotissa



For a walk on the wilder side, tackle the scenic four-kilometre climb from Argassi village to the remains of Panagía Skopiótissa. The trail weaves through unspoiled nature, rewarding the effort with pine-scented breezes and ever-expanding views. Perched on the summit of Mount Skopós, the monastery has held its vigil since 1624, and its beautiful, fading murals feel like a secret waiting to be discovered.

The site was once sacred to the Olympian goddess Artemis, and the monks had a pragmatic streak: they used marble fragments from her ancient temple to build their entrance gate and decorate the church interior.

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Address: Ιερά Μονή Παναγίας Σκοπιώτισσας, Mount Skopós,

Zakynthos

Internet: www.greeka.com/ionian/zakynthos/sightseeing/skopiotissa-monastery

Tsilivi Water Park



The ultimate water-park experience is in Tsilivi, among beautiful landscapes and lush vegetation. The Water Park has colourful slides and themed swimming pools, in a family friendly environment that both adults and kids will love.

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Address: Tsilivi, Planos, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 45256

Internet: www.tsilivewaterpark.com

Email: info@tsilivewaterpark.gr

Formula Zante Go Kart



Formula Zante Go Kart is the biggest and certainly the most-loved karting circuit on Zakynthos. Its 610-metre track features fast straight, tricky corners and hairpin bends designed to create an exciting go-kart experience.

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Address: Kalamaki, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 24892

Internet: www.zantegokart.gr/en

More Info: Formula Zante Go Kart is located on the main road from Laganas to Kalamaki.

Scuba Diving



With a dozen dive sites to explore, scuba diving ranks among the top activities in Zakynthos. The underwater landscape offers a varied

selection, including nine reef dives, eight wall dives, and a single beach dive. For those looking to get started, Zante Diving Dive Center in Laganas provides equipment rental and instruction, with the added convenience of a pick-up service from Tsilivi.

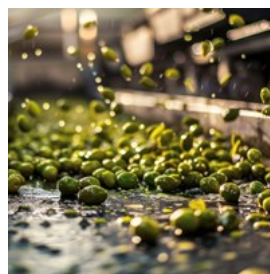
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Address: Zante Diving Dive Center, Laganas, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 699 672 4217

Internet: www.zantediving.gr

Olive Press Museum Zante



Delve into the story of one of Greece's essential products at the Aristeon Olive Press Museum. This family-run operation in Lithakia traces its roots back to 1850, when the process was powered by draft animals. A section of the original press is still on display. The tour charts the industry's evolution from those early methods through to metal and hydraulic presses, right up to today's eco-conscious production. Best of all, visits are free, offering the chance to sample local olives and pick up a bottle of truly authentic olive oil.

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Address: Lithakia, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 52888

Internet: www.aristeon.gr

Keri Lighthouse



Keri lighthouse is located about 20 kilometres from the town of Zakynthos. It is built on the edge of a steep cliff at Cape Marathia, a perfect place to enjoy stunning views at any time of day, but particularly at sunset.

The lighthouse is a military installation and tourist access is not guaranteed. Stop by the eponymous restaurant while you're in the area, which offers great dining and unparalleled views of the Mizithra cliffs.

Photo: Nick N A/shutterstock

Address: Φάρος κεριού, Keri, Zakynthos

Internet: www.zanteisland.com/en/keri-zakynthos.php

More Info: κερι (keri) means candle in Greek

Venetian Castle of Bóchali



The Venetian Castle in Bóchali sits atop a forested hill just two kilometres inland from Zakynthos Town. The ascent involves a steep climb, but your effort is repaid with commanding views of the town and the Ionian Sea beyond. Completed by the Venetians in 1646, the fortress served as the seat of power for the island's governor. The Winged Lion of Saint Mark remains visible above the main entrance, a stone testament to its past rulers. While now largely in ruins, the site offers a tangible connection to the era when Bóchali functioned as the island's capital.

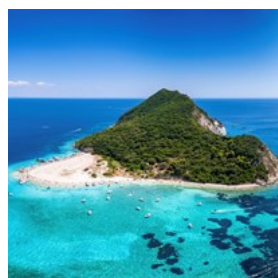
Photo: Pit Stock/shutterstock

Address: Bochali Castle, Bochali, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 48099

Internet: www.greeka.com/ionian/zakynthos/sightseeing/zakynthos-venetian-castle

Marathonisi Island



The only known residents of this island are the loggerhead sea turtles, making this secluded paradise a marine sanctuary and home to some of Greece's best beaches and most

stunning caves. Several tours of the island take place every day and, though no restaurants or bars are located in Marathonisi, a picnic boat cruises around, offering snacks and drinks.

The island has two distinct beaches. The main draw is the northern beach, a perfect triangle of white sand that juts out from a thicket of lush vegetation. For a more adventurous vibe, seek out the beach on the opposite coast. Here, hidden behind two caves and framed by cliffs, lies a secluded strip of sand and white pebbles. The real magic? You can make your way through a natural passageway to explore one of the caves from within.

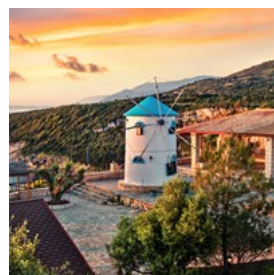
Photo: Sven Hansche/shutterstock

Address: Marathonisi, Zakynthos

Internet: www.welcometozante.com/en/how-to-get-marathonisi-island-zakynthos

More Info: Also known as Marathon or Turtle Island.

Potamitis Windmills



The Potamitis Windmills are a striking pair of stone windmills perched on the cliffs near Cape Skinari on the northern tip of Zante. While their original purpose was grinding grain, the Potamitis family has transformed them into a unique destination. One windmill now houses a sought-after snack bar and restaurant, known for its seaside dining with panoramic views, while the other offers self-catering accommodation. The family also operates popular boat trips from the base of the cliffs to the Blue Caves and Shipwreck Beach, making the windmills a picturesque and practical starting point for exploring the island's northern coastline.

Photo: Andrew Mayovsky/shutterstock

Address: The Windmill Restaurant, Coastal Road, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 31241
Internet: www.windmillzante.gr

Cameo Island



Cameo Island, officially Agios Sostis, is a tiny, picturesque islet separated from the Zakynthos mainland by a 17th-century earthquake.

You can reach it via a charming wooden footbridge from Agios Sostis Harbor. The island is part of the National Marine Park and is a known habitat for the endangered *Caretta-Caretta* sea turtles, making its clear, shallow waters excellent for snorkelling.

Today, the privately owned island is home to the Cameo Beach Club, a popular bar recognised by the white cloths draped above its seating area. It serves refreshments by day and transforms into a scenic spot for weddings and evening drinks.

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Internet: www.instagram.com/cameo_island_zakynthos

Mizithres Sea Stacks



The Mizithres Sea Stacks are a pair of dramatic limestone islets rising from the sea beneath Zante's towering Keri Cliffs. A postcard symbol

of the island, they mark the spot of a small, boat-access-only beach formed by a past cliff collapse. The best land-based viewpoints are from the Mizithres Summer Vibes bar, the Keri Lighthouse Restaurant, or the dedicated Mizithres viewpoint. To get your toes wet, you'll need to hire a boat.

Photo: [Igor Tichonow/shutterstock](#)
Address: Mizithres Viewpoint, Keri, Zakynthos

DINING



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The Greeks understand good food, and they truly take their time to appreciate it. You could say eating is a national pastime here, with a hearty array of traditional dishes made of the healthiest ingredients. On a Greek table, you will easily find some tzatziki, fresh catch seafood, meat and, of course, olives and cheese.

Zakynthos is certainly not short of cheerful, affordable and family-run dining options, especially in the most-coveted holiday resorts such as Zakynthos Town, Laganas or Tsivili, where you can sample traditional delicacies or opt for an international eatery.

BJ's



A legendary stop in the heart of Laganas, BJ's is the go-to for high-quality, around-the-clock fast food. Founded by Bobby and John, its menu is a crowd-pleasing mix of hand-made pizzas, gourmet burgers, and build-your-own burritos, all offering notable value. The "weird and wonderful" milkshakes are a signature, perfectly complementing the lively soundtrack of house

and pop music. While it excels as a speedy takeaway, it's the friendly staff and inclusive options — including several vegan and healthier choices — that keep visitors coming back day after day during the summer season.

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Address: Laganas Main Road, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 53375
Internet: www.bjszante.gr

Votsalo



Perched on a hillside overlooking Laganas Bay and the turtle-shaped Marathonisi islet, Votsalo Taverna has been a Zakynthian staple for nearly four decades. Recently renovated, it retains its distinctive pebble-decorated charm while offering a menu that refines traditional recipes with a contemporary touch. Diners can expect robust flavours in dishes like herb-rich homemade beef patties and freshly grilled calamari, all served with warm, homemade bread.

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Address: Marathias, Keri, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 48044
Internet: www.votsalotaverna.gr

Halfway House



The Halfway House sits just a short walk from the beach in the centre of Tsilivi, serving a menu that thoughtfully blends Greek, British, and Italian influences. This fusion approach extends to the bar, which offers a selection of premium cocktails alongside its dishes.

Photo: Marina Litvinova/shutterstock
Address: Tsilivi, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 26950 24558
Internet: www.halfwayhousezante.com

Calypso



Calypso, taking pride in preparing delicious Greek cuisine from the freshest ingredients, is one of Tsilivi's most-loved and well-established restaurants. Featuring a spacious outside terrace, the eatery has a vibrant atmosphere and outstanding service.

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Address: Tsilivi Main Road, Zakynthos
Phone: +30 697 691 5190
Internet: www.calypsozakynthos.com
Email: info@calypsozakynthos.com

Waves Bar



Waves Bar sits right on the seafront, offering direct access to the beach. It's a relaxed spot for a buffet breakfast or a lunch of Greek specialties and snacks, with prices that won't make a splash. As evening approaches, it transitions smoothly into a casual pub, ideal for a chilled drink with your toes practically in the water.

Photo: Studiovd/shutterstock
Address: Argassi, Zakynthos

Panos



Panos offers pizza, mixed grill, pasta, seafood, Greek specialties and enormous portions, blending the best of the Mediterranean cuisine

into a menu that is flavourful and comprehensive. The restaurant is located in the lively Kalamaki Road in Laganas.

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Address: Laganas, Kalamaki Road, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 52685

Internet: www.panosrestaurant.gr

Olive Tree



Olive Tree is a picturesque restaurant located in Kalamaki. Its shadowy terrace covered by exotic vegetation, wooden tables and furniture and rustic interiors contribute in creating the perfect ambiance. The cuisine is Mexican-inspired, though it is strongly influenced by traditional Greek flavours.

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Address: Kalamaki Main Road, Kalamaki, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 49253

Internet: www.olivetreezante.com

Horizon



For over two decades, the Arvanitaki family has run Horizon, a relaxed restaurant and bar perched directly on Laganas beach. Its roof

garden offers uninterrupted sea views, complementing a menu of modern Mediterranean dishes crafted from local fish and

meat. By day it's a spot for a leisurely lunch. At sunset, the restaurant transforms into a lively venue for cocktails and desserts, often showing live sport. Known for its friendly service and calmer atmosphere, it's a reliable choice for both dining and evening drinks.

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Address: Laganas Beach, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 52791

Internet: www.horizonzante.gr

Mantalena



A go-to of Alykanas since 1978, Mantalena is a family-run taverna celebrated for its deep roots in Zakynthian tradition. The Pylarinos

family cultivates its own vineyards, producing a robust house wine that perfectly complements a menu of classic Greek dishes. Specialities emerge from the charcoal grill, including succulent souvlaki and perfectly seasoned steaks, alongside daily catch of fresh local fish. Diners eat beneath a trellis heavy with grapevines in the shaded outdoor area, adding to the authentic, rustic atmosphere.

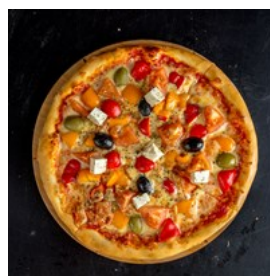
Photo: Oksana Mizina/shutterstock

Address: Eparchiaki Odos Zakynthos-Alikes, Alikanas, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 83487

Internet: www.mantalena.com.gr/restaurant

Paradise Taverna & Pizzeria



A local fixture since 1986, Paradise Taverna & Pizzeria has successfully combined its Italian roots with hearty Greek classics. Housed in a repurposed building in Alykes, its speciality

remains thin-crust pizzas from a wood-fired oven, a legacy of its founding. The menu has since expanded to include robust Greek dishes like slow-cooked kleftiko (slow-cooked lamb) and rich moussaka, earning a loyal following. With a well-chosen list of Greek and international wines and views overlooking the salt lakes, the taverna maintains a consistently vibrant atmosphere, often accompanied by traditional music.

Photo: Medolka/shutterstock

Address: Alykes, Katastari, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 83664

Internet: www.paradisetavernapizzeria.gr

Email: paradisetaverna@gmail.com

Fidelio



Fidelio has been a cornerstone of Alykes' dining scene since 2010, offering a taste of authentic Zakynthian hospitality just steps from

the beach. The restaurant takes pride in its farm-to-table ethos, with much of the produce sourced directly from the owners' farm. The menu spans traditional Greek dishes, fresh seafood supplied by local fishermen, and even handmade pizzas, with thoughtful options for gluten-free and vegetarian diners.

The recent addition of the Sea Breeze Cocktail Bar on the terrace provides a perfect setting for pre- or post-dinner drinks with panoramic views.

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Address: Alykes, Katastari, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 83765

Internet: www.fidelio.com.gr/fidelio-restaurant

CAFÉS



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When summer arrives, the café culture in Zakynthos leans decisively towards the chilled: think frosty iced coffees and generous scoops of ice cream. Yet, the classic tradition of a strong, black espresso still holds its ground. Come morning, a wave of breakfast spots appears across the island. Alongside classic Greek delicacies, they cater generously to those seeking a more familiar, international start to the day.

Base Cafe & Roof Bar



Base Cafe & Roof Bar is a popular hotspot in Zakynthos Town. Its unique atmosphere is ideal for you to drink a freddo cappuccino or savour one of their amazing pancakes. Visit also its roof bar at night, enjoying the view of the town's historical centre while sipping a fruity cocktail.

Photo: View Apart/shutterstock

Address: Ziva Lamprou 3, Zakynthos Town

Phone: +30 693 813 8818

Internet: www.baserestobar.com

Flocas Cafe



A favourite in Argassi, Flocas Cafe is a welcoming, family-run spot renowned for its hearty full English breakfast, often cited as one of the best on the island. The friendly owner adds to the convivial atmosphere, making it a cheerful place to start the day. Beyond the classic fry-up, the menu features generous sweet offerings like loaded waffles with strawberries and ice cream.

Photo: Natalia Lisovskaya/shutterstock

Address: Eparchiaki Odos Zakynthou-Vasilikou, Argassi, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 24848

Internet: www.restaurantguru.com/Flocas-Cafe-Planos

Kokkinos Vrachos (Red Rock Cafe)



Kokkinos Vrachos (Red Rock Cafe) takes its name from a famous Greek novel, establishing a tone of nostalgic, neoclassical charm. A Zakynthos Town institution, it overlooks the historic Solomos Square and the sea. The cafe's two terraces and elegant interior, complete with a grand piano, provide a refined setting for coffee, milkshakes, or a drink from its extensive menu, which also includes rare cognacs.

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Address: Κόκκινος Βράχος, Plateía Dionysios Solomos, Zakynthos Town

Phone: +30 26950 25820

Uni4 Specialty Coffee



Uni4 Specialty Coffee is Zante's first specialty coffee shop. The café is located on the quiet south side of the Agios Charalambos stream.

Naturally, the expertly prepared drinks are the main draw here. Try the ultimate summer drink — the espresso tonic, a refreshing blend of sweet, sour and bitter notes. For those on the go, the canned cold brew is perfect for stocking a beach picnic or a hike. Alongside high-quality coffee, the menu includes tasty pastries and sandwiches, making it a genuine hub for quality and taste.

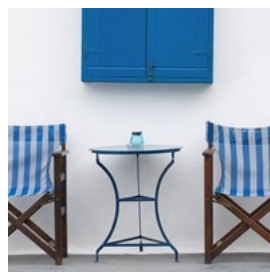
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Address: Mousourgou Spyrou Kapsaski 13, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 24400

Internet: www.instagram.com/uni4coffee

Grandpa's Yard (Η Αυλή του Πάππου)



Grandpa's Yard (Η Αυλή του Πάππου) is a charming, authentic café on the main road of Alikanas. Its cosy, partially covered terrace

offers a relaxed setting for everything from a morning coffee to evening drinks, away from the more touristy parts of the town. The menu features tasty, homestyle food, with Grandpa's breakfast and affogato being particular favourites. What truly defines the place, however, is its exceptionally friendly service and warm, family-friendly atmosphere, making it feel like a genuine local hangout.

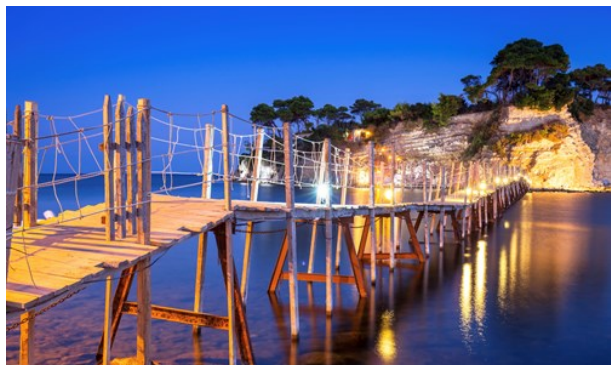
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Address: Eparchiaki Odos Zakynthou-Alikon, Alikanas, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 83666

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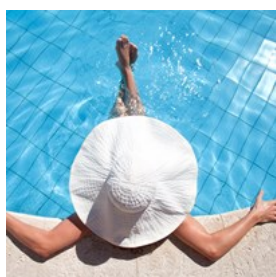
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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For nightlife that rocks until dawn, Laganas is the undisputed hub, with over 50 clubs, music bars and pubs fuelling the action from May to September. But the party doesn't stop at the shoreline: boat parties shuttle revellers to coastal beats, while resorts like Argassi buzz with their own well-established scenes. Whether your ideal evening is a colourful cocktail by the water or dancing until sunrise, Zakynthos delivers a comprehensive party scene tailored for the nocturnal holidaymaker.

Pure Zante



Pure Zante is an upscale nightclub equipped with a swimming pool and private cabanas, welcoming a great variety of international DJs. The events hosted range from champagne parties to deep house sessions, making Pure one of the trendiest nightclubs in Zakynthos.

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Address: Laganas, Zakynthos
Phone: +44 7487 608865
Internet: www.purezante.com

Zante Boat Party



The Zante Boat Party bills itself as the island's largest floating festival, held on a three-tiered vessel that operates several days a week during summer. The experience centres on a high-energy party atmosphere with a lineup of DJs and hosts, complemented by an hour-long all-inclusive bar serving premium drinks. A mid-cruise stop at a private cove allows for a swim in the Mediterranean. For an upgraded experience, a VIP option provides access to a dedicated deck with table service. This is a quintessential, large-scale party cruise aimed squarely at those seeking a non-stop, festive atmosphere.

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Phone: +44 7846 009 180

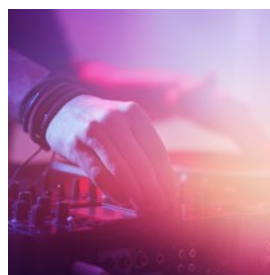
Internet:

www.boatpartytickets.com/boat-parties/boat-party-zante

Email: info@boatpartytickets.com

More Info: The boat departs from Laganas. Uncharted Boat Party Zante provides an air conditioned coach transfer to and from the Port of Zakynthos.

Rescue Club



Rescue Club is a cornerstone of the Laganas party street, a high-energy venue known for drawing a young, international crowd with free entry and a packed events calendar. It regularly hosts major events, featuring Radio 1 DJs and well-known acts. The music is a varied mix of commercial and dance hits, with a bustling main floor and a slightly less crowded upper level offering some respite.

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Address: 1015 Laganas Main Road, Laganas, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 51612

Internet: www.rescueclub.net

Planet Pub



The Planet Pub in Tsilivi is a day-to-night destination. Its spacious bar, adjacent dance floor, and large sports screens draw a crowd from

morning until late. Start the day with a hearty breakfast, return for a lunchtime burger and a pint, or settle in for an evening of cocktails and music from the resident DJ. The energy builds throughout the day, culminating in a packed, lively atmosphere after dark.

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Address: Tsilivi, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 697 337 1985

Internet: www.planettsilivi.com

Buca Lounge Bar



Buca Lounge Bar is a lively venue playing the latest hits and offering an array of exotic cocktails. Sip on a cooling drink and just enjoy the

atmosphere, or opt for one of their homemade ice-cream while sitting at the outside patio that overlooks the beach.

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Address: Alykes Beach, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 694 800 2870

Internet: www.instagram.com/buca_lounge_bar

Zeros Club



Zeros is famous for professional flair bartenders, fire breathers, exciting events and crazy bar games. The club has some excellent

DJs kicking up the party mood to another notch, taking Laganas club scene to a whole new level.

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Address: Main Road, Laganas, Zakynthos

Phone: +44 7562 990246

Internet: www.zerosclubzante.com

SHOPPING



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Shops and roadside stalls offer you plenty of opportunities to buy affordable and colourful beachwear, designer knockoffs and conventional souvenirs, as well as local produce.

The main shopping street in Zakynthos Town is Odos Alexandras Roma, two blocks back from the harbour esplanade, which has a great abundance of shops selling leatherware and gold and silver jewellery, all of which are handmade and well designed.

Elsewhere, the shopping streets in the resorts concentrate on souvenirs and beachwear or toys and other essential holiday equipment such as sunscreen, dive masks or snorkels. Ceramic

workshops are also very popular among tourists, offering numerous gift ideas and fine pottery.

Zante Pleasure



If you want to buy traditional pastry of Zakynthos, Zante Pleasure (Zakynthini Apolafsi) is the ideal destination for that. It is a family-run business which produces Mantolato (nougat), Pasteli (Sesame seed candy), Loukoumi (Turkish delight) and Mantoles (Caramelised roasted almonds).

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Address: Ζακυνθινή Απόλαυση, Panagoulas, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 28317

Internet: www.mantolato.gr

Email: info@mantolato.gr

More Info: You can find Zante Pleasure in other shops on the island.

Roma Street

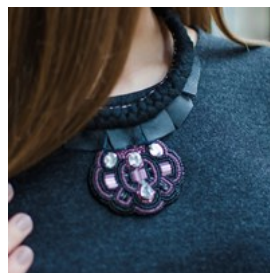


The Alexander Roma Street in Zakynthos Town is by far one of the most popular streets in town for its numerous shopping options. As well as clothing shops, handmade jewels and sweet treats, you will find a great assortment of souvenir shops, boasting folk art, gift ideas and unique handcrafts.

Photo: Grabowski Foto/shutterstock

Address: Alexander Roma Street, Zakynthos Town

Blue Handmade Natural Jewels



Bracelets, earrings, necklaces or rings — Blue Handmade Natural Jewels has what you need whether you are looking for a handmade souvenir

or you just want to treat yourself with trendy accessories and in-fashion jewels.

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Address: 21is Maiou 18, Zakynthos Town

Phone: +30 26950 24720

Internet: www.blue-jewels.com

Razi Aroma



Razi Aroma is a unique family-run perfumery, crafting original fragrances on Zakynthos since 1963. Founded by cosmetologist Angela

Flamouraki-Razi, the business was born from her discovery of the island's rich aromatic flora. Their very first scent, the "Cologne of Zakynthos", was inspired by the island's historic nickname, "The Flower of the East". Today, you can experience this legacy through a range of original perfumes that capture the essence of the Mediterranean, with notes of local jasmine, lily and orange blossom.

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Address: 17 Alexandrou Roma, Zakynthos Town

Phone: +30 26950 42477

Internet: www.raziaroma.com/en

Email: info@raziaroma.com

Adamieion Ceramic Art Studio



Tucked away in the village of Marineika, just next to Tsilivii, the Adamieion Ceramic Art Studio is surrounded by a landscape of lemon groves, vineyards and ancient olive trees. Here, you can browse a collection of handmade pottery and artworks, or take a class to try your own hand at the ceramic-making process.

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Address: 177 Marineika, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 697 703 7626

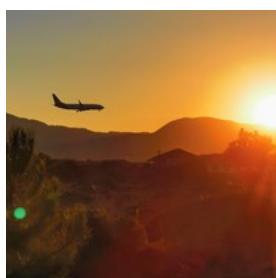
Internet: www.adamieion.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Zakynthos International Airport "Dionysios Solomos" (ZTH)



Zakynthos Airport is situated midway between Kalamaki and Laganas, approximately 4 kilometres from major resorts like Tsilivi. A

public bus service, operated by KTEL Zakynthos, runs directly to Zakynthos Town. The bus stop is located outside the terminal building in the arrivals area. This service runs frequently during

the high season, but its schedule is subject to change, particularly on Sundays and during the quieter months. For a direct transfer, a taxi stand is also available directly in front of the terminal building.

The approach for landing offers a dramatic view for passengers, as aircraft typically fly over Laganas Bay before making a 180-degree turn above Kalamaki Beach. This beach forms part of the National Marine Park, a key nesting site for endangered loggerhead sea turtles. To protect them, a night-time flight curfew is in effect between 10pm and 5am.

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Phone: +30 26950 29500

Internet: www.zth-airport.gr/en

Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Greece, only a valid ID. Many other

countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

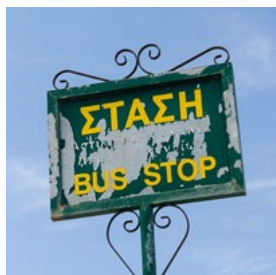
For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their

passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

Public Transport



Public transportation on Zante is operated by KTEL Zakynthos. Regular bus services connect the main resorts with Zakynthos Town

throughout the day, though schedules and frequency can vary by season. Tickets can be purchased directly from the driver or in advance via the KTEL website.

Note that buses may not stop at less frequently used halts. If your destination is a smaller stop rather than a terminal or major resort, communicate your destination to the driver in advance.

Beyond the island, KTEL buses can take you between Zakynthos and Athens (5 hours, daily), Patras (2 hours) and Thessaloniki (9 hours).

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Address: KTEL Zakynthos Intercity Bus Transport S.A., Iatrou Mothonaiou Street, Zakynthos Town, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 22255

Internet: www.ktel-zakynthos.gr/en

Taxi



Taxis are plentiful, cheap and professional. Most taxi drivers speak English and taxis carry up to four passengers. The main taxi station is in the central

square of Zakynthos Town. Taxis can be booked

for a whole day for a tour of the island.

You can either go to the main taxi station or book a ride online.

Photo: balipadma/shutterstock

Phone: +30 26950 48400

Internet: www.zantetaxi.gr

Post



The main post office of the island is located on Georgiou Tertseti street in Zakynthos Town. Here, you can buy postcards, stamps and send letters.

The post offices are run by the Greek company Elta and are marked with a blue sign on the outside.

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Address: EATA - ΖΑΚΥΝΘΟΥ, 11A Georgiou Tertseti, Zakynthos

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-2:45pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +30 2695 044875

Internet: www.elta.gr/en

Pharmacy



There are several pharmacies in Zakynthos Town and at least one in most resorts. If you require medicine after midnight, a doctor must

contact the pharmacy first. For the location of the nearest pharmacy, you should ask at your hotel.

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Address: Pharmacy Theodossi Paraskevi, Filita 28, Zakynthos

Phone: +30 26950 26912

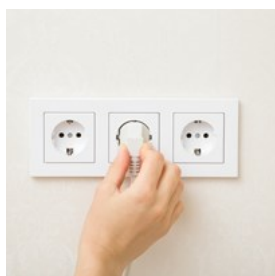
Telephone



Country code: 30 Area
code for the island: 26950

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Electricity



Greece uses the Type F
electrical plug with two
round pins, same as in
many countries in
Continental Europe. The
standard voltage is 230

volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110
or 120-volt shavers.

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Population

40,508 (2025)

Currency

Euro (€, EUR)

Internet

www.zanteisland.com/en

Newspapers

Athens News (in English): www.athensnews.com

Athens News Agency (in Greek and English):

www.amna.gr/en

Ekathimerini (in English): www.ekathimerini.com

Emergency numbers

100 General Emergencies

199 Fire

166 Health emergencies

