



Paxoi island

Paxi or Paxoi is the smallest group of Ionian Islands. The largest islands are Paxos and nearby Antipaxos.

Antipaxos is famous for its wine and two of the finest sand beaches in the Ionian Sea. The main town of Paxoi, and the seat of the municipality, is Gaios. In Greek mythology, Poseidon created the island by striking Corfu with his trident, so that he and wife Amphitrite could have some peace and quiet.





Gaïos



Gaïos, the island's main town, hardly needs to try for the 'picturesque' label. Pink, cream and whitewashed buildings line the edge of an emerald bay on either side of the Venetian square. The village is protected by the wooded islet of Agios Nikolaos, named after its monastery. Gaïos has the liveliest nightlife on the island, and cafes and tavernas line the waterfront.



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Exquisite Loggos sits 5km northwest of Gaïos and is a gem of a place with a dainty waterfront curled round a small bay. Bars and restaurants overlook the water and wooded slopes climb steeply above. Explore coves and pebble beaches nearby.



Antipaxoi



The stunning and diminutive island of Antipaxi, 2km south of Paxi, is covered with vineyards and olive groves with the occasional hamlet here and there. Caïques and tourist boats run daily, in high season, from Gaïos and Lakka, and go to two beach coves – the small, sandy Vrika Beach and the pebbly Voutoumi Beach. Floating in the water here, with its dazzling clarity, is a sensational experience.



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