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Its charm is inescapable and its sleepy way of life endearing. Whatever you do, wherever you go, everything about this magical island is laid back and relaxed, and Ithaca's friendly people will do their best to make you feel welcome – it's no coincidence that many visitors return year after year.

The scenery is breathtaking – with beautiful remote mountain villages, olive groves beneath rocky mountains, fertile green valleys, and crystal-clear waters that lap the pebble coves on the coast. There are also stunning views out to sea and the surrounding islands, including Cephalonia, as well as to the distant mainland beyond.

Ithaca really is a magical place. So, if you're looking for spectacular views and excellent walking, a gentle boat trip or a secluded beach, the buzz of experiencing an Ithacan festival, or the peace and quiet of a sleepy village square, then look no further.

#### Places of Interest

This exquisite island awaits your exploration with a surprise around every corner!

Places of interest	Distance	Drive
Exoghi	20km	40-minutes
Platrithias	20km	40-minutes
Anoghi	16km	30-minutes
Frikes	20km	40-minutes
Kioni	25km	45-minutes
Perachori	3km	7-minutes
Bay of Aetos	6km	12-minutes
Lefki	12km	20-minutes

**EXOghi** Translates as 'Out of this world' – and is a remote mountain village that affords beautiful views across the north of the island to Lefkas and the mainland beyond.

**PLATRITHIAS** A beautiful village and region to explore.

**ANOghi** The highest, most remote village on Ithaca. In the square stands a beautiful Byzantine church. Definitely worth visiting, if for nothing other than the views – which are out of this world!

**FRIKES** An attractive, small fishing village

**KIONI** The most picturesque harbour on the north of the island, with beautiful waterside tavernas.

**PERACHORI** Traditional village high above Vathy, known locally as 'the balcony of Ithaka'. Well renowned for its wine which is celebrated in a traditional festival on the last Saturday of July.

**BAY OF AETOS** An ancient site – thought of as possibly the palace of Odysseus. Piso Aetos is the small port where the ferry docks in from Kefalonia.

**LEFKI** The last spot on the island from which to witness the sunset – extraordinarily beautiful and peaceful.



#### Beaches

Ithaca has a plethora of gorgeous bays, the majority of which are smooth white pebbled crescents with aquamarine waters, backed by pine-clad mountains. Some are accessible only by mountain tracks, others from the sea and many easily by road. No matter what the time of year, it is almost always possible to discover a beach that you can enjoy alone!

Beach	Distance	Drive
Dexa Bay	2km	5-minutes
Sarakaniko Bay	5km	10-minutes
Ag Ioannis	9km	15-minutes
Polis Bay	19km	35-minutes

**DEXA** A 'blue flag' beach close to Vathy

**SARAKINIKO BAY** Gorgeous scenery, close to Vathy

**AG IOANNIS** Beautiful, fine golden pebbles, on the West Coast of the Island.

**POLIS BAY** A pebble beach below the pretty local village of Stavros. Sun beds and a 'cantina' offering refreshments are available in the height of the summer. Boat hire is available from here.

#### Sporting Activities

##### TREKKING

In line with the uncommercial nature of the region organised sports are not easily found, however Ithaca is a trekker's paradise. The perfect way to explore the island is on foot, following the vast array of marked (& unmarked) trails. Trails lead directly from Loutsas Villas across to some stunning bays, accessible only on foot or by the sea. Detailed information on treks will be available in your villa.

##### MOTOR BOAT HIRE IN ITHACA

In our opinion the use of a motorboat completes the whole Ithaca experience, offering a unique and unusual opportunity to explore the island from a different vantage point – discovering its many bays and inlets which are often completely deserted. In addition, they can even be used to visit Cephalonia.

Boats are available to hire locally in Vathy & Polis Bay and information will be made available in your villa.