



Assos
Cephalonia

‘Cephalonia’s most dramatically positioned village!’
A glorious harbour village with a more rustic and rural feel than Fiscardo. The charm of Assos lies very much in its simplicity and stunning setting. As is the case with Fiscardo, very few visitors can actually stay in the village, we are therefore delighted to provide the opportunity for our guests to sample the unique atmosphere of Assos.



Exclusive Escapes

The surviving Venetian houses mingle with more recent additions which have all been created in harmony with the surroundings and the village now consists of an attractive collection of private villas, six tavernas, a couple of shops and a few apartments for visitors.

During your stay you become part of the slow and easy way of village life. You will be made to feel particularly welcome and acknowledged for staying in Assos, rather than being one of the day trippers who visit each lunchtime.



The village is dominated by the remains of a spectacular Venetian fortress – one of the two that can be found on the island. The fortress dates to 1584 when the rocky promontory of Assos, a naturally impregnable location, was selected and 2000 metres of walls were built to follow the contours of the terrain, resulting in one of Cephalonia’s most recognizable landmarks. The remains within the fortress walls, in this place of scenic beauty, are more than worthy of exploration and provide a challenging one-hour trek to the top – the less energetic can make the journey by car!

The local marine life includes dolphins, which often actually come into the harbour, and monkseals, which hide in the sea caves and are rarely sighted.

Beaches

The clean waters of the harbour provide the closest beach, with another couple accessible only by boat, to be found around the headland. The most famous beach on Cephalonia – Myrtos – is a ten minute drive away, the picturesque pebble coves of the Erisso peninsula twenty minutes drive and many other fabulous beaches such as Petani and Trapezaki are to be found within an hours drive.

Dining

The sleepy waterside tavernas in Assos provide a magical and romantic setting. Should one wish to sample a more cosmopolitan atmosphere in the evening, Fiscardo is only twenty kilometres away either by hire car or taxi.

Assos is well located to explore the island by day. That is always assuming you can drag yourself away from the hypnotic and sleepy charms of Cephalonia’s most dramatically positioned village!

Cultural Sites

Though situated in the uncommercial north of Cephalonia, the entire island is easily explored from Assos. The following sites are readily discovered within a 90 minute journey.

MOUNT AENOS The focal point of the island, famously home to wild horses

MELISSANI LAKE A huge underground lake

DROGARATI CAVES Dramatic caves estimated to be 150 million years old

ASSOS CASTLE A dramatic Venetian fortress

THE CASTLE OF ST GEORGE Wonderful views of the island. Originally dating to the Byzantine period and rebuilt by the Venetians in the 16th century

THE NUNNERY OF AGHIOS Andreas & Byzantine Museum

KIPOURIA MONASTERY 1759

THE MONASTERY OF SAINT GERSIMOS 1579

THE ROBOLA VINEYARD & GENTILINI WINERY Cephalonia Botanica and The Focas-Cosmetatos Collection

THE ARGOSTOLI Historical and Cultural Museum

THE CORGIALENIOS History Cultural Museum (Argostoli)



What to do in the Region

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Airport Transfer

1 hour

