

## Holidays in Preveza

Preveza is a picturesque city with rich history at the mouth of Amvrakikos Gulf in Western Greece. Visitors have many alternatives to choose both in the center or in the outskirts either for quiet vacations or for something more intense at midnight.



Shops, cafeterias, bars, traditional ouzeri, taverns with freshly local seafood delights of Amvrakikos adorn the historic center and the port. In the center you will find the metropolitan church of Saint Charalambous (Patron Saint of the city) with the Venetian clock tower and the quaint, cobbled Seytan Pazar with its stylish shops and taverns.

Preveza charms every visitor with the various events that organized every year. Preveza Jazz Festival, Choral Festival, carnival parades during carnival season, the smashing of clay pots (“botia”) at Easter, Sardines Festival every year in August, concerts and theatrical plays attract the visitors making their vacation memorable.



Castles give one more choice to the visitors. Saint Andrew Castle (18<sup>th</sup> century) which is perceptible by everyone as it is located in the center of Preveza, Saint George Castle and the imposing Castle of Pantokratora which is building from the begging of 19<sup>th</sup> century just on the sea.



Certainly, vacation in Preveza means visit the archaeological site of Nikopolis, which is 10km north of Preveza and today is the largest ancient city in Greece. It was built by the Roman Octavian August in 31b.C. in honor of his victory in the naval battle of



Aktio against Antony and Queen Cleopatra. It hides a long history, that's why it's worth a visit to the museum and also to the archaeological site, where you will be enchanted by the Byzantine walls and the Roman Conservatory of Ancient Nikopolis. In fact, many theatrical plays and concerts take part in the latter every year that enchant even the last spectator.

The history of Zaloggo is well-known and its monuments at the top of the mountain is depicted in many pictures and books. In it, the Souliotisses are represented in order to convey the message of sacrifice and freedom. The visitor has access by car to the Monastery of Saint Dimitrios and then has to climb 410 steps to reach it. The sight is imposing and certainly imprinted as a vivid memory.

Just below Zaloggo, in the village of Kamarina, locates the town of Ancient Kassopi. The visitor can take a guided tour of its well-preserved ruins with a view of Amvrakikos, the Ionian Sea and Lefkas. Here it should be noted that, after 21 centuries, the ancient theater functioned again in September 2023.



About 1.5 hours from Preveza are the picturesque Ioannina with its wonderful lake. Winter holidays can be combined with a visit to them as well as to the surrounding places such as Metsovo, Zahorohoria and the beautiful SIRRAKO.

Preveza is a seaside town that resembles an island and during the summer season is an ideal destination.



Only 1.2 kilometers from the center of Preveza is the beach of Kiani Akti, the waters of which are right to the point where Amvrakikos Gulf meets Ionian Sea. In the area there are organized beaches as well as free spots for a

delightful dip in the shallow sea with a view to the airport of Aktio and the island of Lefkas which are directly opposite. It offers a wide range of activities and options such as swimming pool, tennis, basketball, beach volley or even a walk in nature with the pine trees reach the beach creating a unique image. Inflatables in the sea are ideal



activities for young and old. Also, locals gather and revive the old, traditional game of Abali.

The Amvrakikos Cruise is undoubtedly the most famous and interesting activity in the area. A sea excursion through which visitors discover the wonderful and wild world of Amvrakikos and come across with beautiful dolphins, rhino dolphins, caretta-caretta turtles and many more waterfowl. Visitors can choose to continue their excursion with the experts guiding them to the museum and archaeological site of Nikopolis, Zalogo, the ruins of ancient Kassope and Acheron river.

One of the most famous beaches is Monolithi which is located west of Preveza and is about 10km away from its center. It is characterized as a jewel beach of Preveza as it



is the 2nd longest beach in the European Union with a total length of approximately 25km. It is, therefore, an endless coast with deep crystal waters at the bottom of which is visible the Paxos island. The waters of the Monolithi extend to the coastal village of Kanali and end in Kastrosikia with its beautiful seaside taverns and cafes. The view of the sunset on the Ionian Sea is mesmerizing and fits great with a coffee or even if you are still at

the beach at that specific time.

In the suburbs of Preveza is the famous Acheron River which attracts thousands of people every year. It is located in Gliki, a village some kilometers away from Preveza. Its springs are many and it has crystal clear, frozen and in some places rapid waters combined with a green landscape. It is a mythical river since it is claimed that the gates of the Underworld were located there and Hermes delivered the souls of the dead to Charonta. The route to the banks of the river is an attractive and unique experience. In addition, during the summer season there are many activities that will entertain every visitor such as kayaking, rafting, hiking, horseback riding and crossing the canyon.



On the banks of the river Acheron dominates the Necromanteion, which is the most famous of antiquity. There are findings of human activity dating back to the 13th-14th century BC. as well as the remains of the Necromanteion from the early Hellenistic times (late 4th-early 3rd century BC).

Preveza is a nodal destination! Visitors are given the opportunity to visit surrounding places such as the cosmopolitan Parga, the green Sivota with its deep blue beaches, the wonderful Paxos and surely Lefkada. Also, there are dozens of beaches to explore all way to Parga, such as the enchanting Artolithia, Alonaki, Odysseus bay and Valanidorrachi.

The popular and amphitheater Parga is a unique sight with its magnificent view. It offers many options to the visitor since it has beautiful beaches such as Valtos and Sarakiniko, picturesque shops with local souvenirs and more, as well as taverns or café-bars which are located at its highest point and enable the visitor to enjoy his cocktail having as a view the whole Parga. Of course, it is worth a visit to the Castle



of Ali Pasha which is built high on the hill as well as to the ruins of the Ancient Fortress. Visitors can also explore the marine world with the submarines available in Parga or choose a day trip to Paxos and Antipaxos with the boats that leave from Parga. Directly opposite the parga is the Island of Panagia, which is so short that some people choose to go swimming!



The well-known Sivota with its green natural landscape and exotic beaches should not be missing from the holidays of those who come to Preveza. Bela Vraka, one of the most famous beach, Mikri and Megali Ammos and many more beaches with their crystal waters and water sports will remain in the memory of every visitor. Sivota are a relaxing destination with local

shops and taverns to increase the options but also a few beach party to entertain those looking for something more intense.

The beautiful island of Lefkas is just half an hour from Preveza giving people the option to combine it with their vacation in Preveza both in summer and winter.

The villages that belong to the county of Preveza and are very close to it such as Samsouda, Sinopi and Kamarina are ideal destinations especially in the Winter. A walk to the Monastery of Prophet Ilias built high on the hill of Iliovouni in Flamboura brings people into contact with the Monks who are there. Visitors can explore the monastery, learn about the history, buy local souvenirs and enjoy various products of the monastery. In addition, in the same village there is the Sarakatsaniki Stani which functions as an open-air museum space and every summer the Sarakatsaniko Adamoma takes place where the visitors learn about the tradition of the Sarakatsanians through the rich audio-visual material.

