

Kefalonia

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Kefalonia (and Kephallonia or Cephalonia) is a [Greek](#) island in the [Ionian Sea](#). It is the largest of the Ionian islands and the sixth largest Greek island after Crete, Euboea, Lesbos, Rhodes and Chios. Its area is 781 square kilometres^[1] and its population is 36,404 according to a 2001 Greek census.

Geography

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Kefalonia is home to the highest mountain in the Ionian islands. The mountain is named [Ainos](#) and its altitude is 1,628 metres. The biggest town on the island is [Argostoli](#) which is the capital of the Kefalonia prefecture. The second biggest town is [Lixouri](#) which is located opposite Argostoli. Beside Kefalonia is the island [Ithaca](#), the place of birth of ancient hero [Odysseus](#). Some archaeologists believe that Kefalonia is the place of birth of Odysseus.

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Kefalonia has many beautiful beaches and it is one of the most popular tourist destinations. The most popular beach on the island is Myrtos which is located in the north-west of the island.^[2] Kefalonia hosts a truly beautiful natural environment with many forests mainly on Ainos mountain. Also in Kefalonia there is a famous cave-lake which is named Melissani and is located in the east of the island ^[3]

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