

the zante guide



Great spots to visit in an Avis car...

- Hire a car and escape the tourist trapped areas and head to the west coast coves such as **Limnionas** or **Kambi**.
- Take a drive north and northwest of Zakynthos Town for a touch of rural tranquility. Villages – some of which survived the 1953 earthquake – are scattered through the scrub and pines. Locals are welcoming and have maintained their cultures and traditions.
- Drive round to the quieter northeast coast around **Agios Nikolaos**. Known primarily as the ferry point, this tiny place has a few food and drink dwellings, with a small stretch of beach with clear water.
- One of the best places to see pre-earthquake architecture is **Kilomeno**. The village has many pretty two-storey stone and tiled roof houses and the church has a curious belltower from 1893 with Masonic symbols.

Discover Zante...

Also known as Zakynthos, Zante, on the whole, is an island of exceptional natural beauty and outstanding beaches. With a split personality reflected in its geography, the West coast of Zante is rocky and mountainous, whilst the East is mostly a fertile plain.

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Please note that some places mentioned in this guide do not appear on the map. This guide is to be used as an overview of the destination.



Dionysios Solomos was born on Zante - the poet who wrote the Greek national anthem.

Top tips for Zante

- A right hand side road system operates in Zante.
- **Speed limits:** Motorway 120km/h
Open Roads 110km/h
Towns 50km/h
- **Petrol stations** are not as common as in other European countries. Most stay open until 7pm on weekdays, but are closed on Sundays. However, by law, one must remain open in every area on Sundays and overnight.
- **Drivers must be 21 or over** to drive and hold a valid driving licence.

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Getting the most out of Zante

Top selling tips

Always introduce car hire into every booking...

Q. What do you like to do on holiday?

"I hired a car in... and it was great for seeing / doing..."

Q. Have you been to the area before?

Yes *"So you know that there's a lot to do round there. Let me get some car hire prices for you"*

No *"Well there's lots to do in that area (such as) and the best way to see them is by hiring a car"*

Q. Do you normally hire a car on holiday?

Yes or No *"Let me get some prices for you, it usually works out cheaper to pre-book"*

Places to note...

Zakynthos Town – The Church of Dionysios, the patron saint of the island, in the town's south has some amazing gilt work and notable frescoes.

Exo Hora – A small and charming hamlet with a fascinating congregation of dried wells, and what is reputed to be the oldest olive tree on the island.

Shipwreck beach - The famous Shipwreck Beach whose photos grace virtually every tourist brochure about Zante, is at the northwest tip of the island.

Savings to be made...

Do more with your holiday by hiring a car, You could save money at the same time as well! Here's an excursion cost to compare car hire against:

A one-day Island Tour by coach costs EUR 18 per person, that's EUR 72 for a family of four!

Benefits of renting a car...

- **Comfort** – choose an air conditioned car and travel in comfort.
- **Freedom** – explore those hidden treasures.
- **Value for money** – if you enjoy sightseeing, car hire can work out much better value for money than excursions.
- **Flexibility** – do what you want, when you want.
- **Reliability** – no need to wait around for buses.

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- Zante (Z1A) A1 Stravopodi Str.

Join the festivities

April/May/June

Feast of Agia Mavra - This celebration begins with a religious ceremony in the church of the same name, which is located in the village of Maherado. The feast continues with banquets and traditional dances on the village's square.

July/August/September

The Feast of Agios Dionysios - Two annual major festivals are held in honour of Agios Dionysios, Saint Patron of Zakynthos. Both festivals consist of various religious ceremonies followed by traditional dances and music accompanied by local food and wine.

Wine Feast - A wine festival is organised in the capital of Zakynthos. This wine feast takes place from the last days of August to the first days of September during which the excellent wines produced by the island can be tasted.



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