

CEPHALONIA

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The island

Cephalonia is an island located in the Ionian Sea. It is the biggest island in this Sea.

- Its Capital city is Argostoli.



Argostoli



Argostoli



Myrtos



In Poros there is a river called Vrohinas.



On Ainos mountain there is a national park on which special kinds of animals and plants, like Cephalonian Fir and unique wild horses (*Equus caballus*) are being protected.



Cephalonian Fir

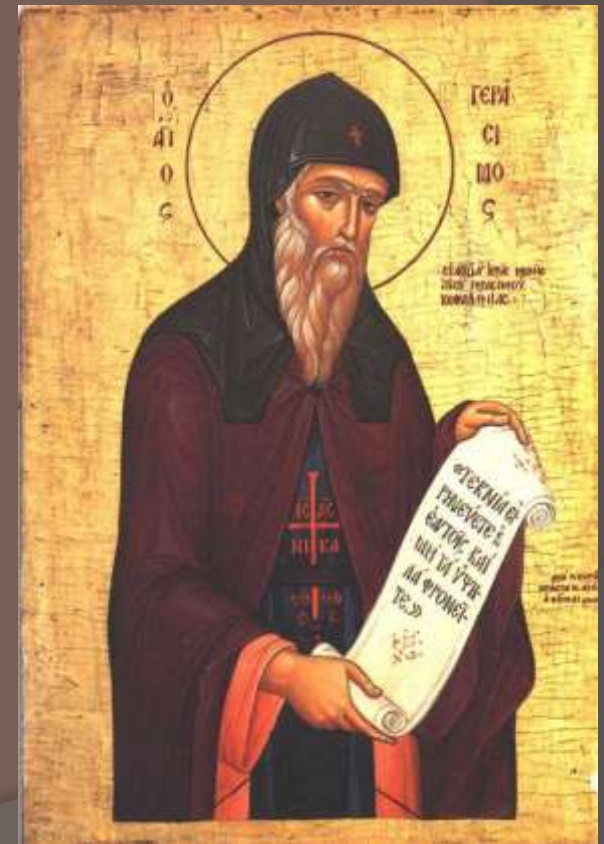


Equus caballus



Agios Gerasimos

- Agios Gerasimos is the saint who protects the island



Panagia Fidousa

➤ Panagia Fidousa:

Every summer from 6 to 14 August snakes appear in the church. They have a cross on their head. People believe that it is a miracle.



Monastery of Atros is a very old monastery. It can be reached only by foot because the street isn't so well-made and cars cannot go up the mountain. There is a wonderful scenery up there and it would be advisable to get there if you ever go to Cephalonia.



➤Exhibition of agricultural products:

It takes place in August in Poros. People exhibit their products in the local square. You can buy some of these products and learn the tradition of the island.



It takes place in a small village called Asprogerakas. This village is not inhabited anymore due to a huge fire some years ago. This is the reason why people organize this festival in 25 July. They celebrate Agia 's Paraskevis memory and at the same time the memory of their village. After the evening religious ride they eat soup and meat pie and they dance traditional dances, too.



Something similar happens in Poros. On 6 August villagers and tourists enjoy themselves in the fair. Before that, people go to church as they always do before such a big celebration.



Saint 's George Castle:

It is built in a distance of seven kilometers from Argostoli. It has been there since the twelfth century. It was damaged a lot as a result of an earthquake in 1953.



Ancient Tomb in Ganata

Outside the small village of Ganata there is an old tomb which is said to belong to Odysseus. He is the third biggest tomb in Greece.



Ancient Tomb in Ganata



Melissani is a cave-lake. It was discovered by a shepherd while he was looking for one of his sheep.



➤ In Greek mythology, Melissani was the Cave of the Nymphs.

Drogarati 's Cave is located 3 kilometers from Sami. The temperature is low inside the cave, only 18 degrees Celsius. It has a great acoustics and as a result it offers hospitality to a lot of concerts.



Stalagmites and Stalactites in Drogarati 's Cave



Dragons Cave

It is located near the river Vrohinias in a height of 70 m.
We don't know much about its history as many of the findings have been stolen.



Dragons Cave

- It is called “Dragons Cave” because its size made people believe that it belonged to a dragon family.



Traditional Food

- Kefalonia is very popular for the meat pie people make in special occasions.

