

Unspoilt Greece: holidays off the beaten track



Yialos, Lefkada

Nowhere can rival the western coasts of the Ionian archipelago for milky turquoise waters merging into deeper azure, and brilliant foam crashing on to cliff-backed beaches. One such strand is Yialos on the island of Lefkada, largely deserted except in high summer. There are only a couple of seasonal shacks for light refreshments and you will need a vehicle or stout pair of legs to negotiate the steep 4km from the mountainside village of Athani. Quiet, traditional Athani is the closest the bus will get you from **Lefkada** town, some 36km away, and also offers the nearest accommodation.

The ultra-friendly Panorama taverna in **Athani** (+30 26 4503 3291, €40 for a double) has simple rooms and serves delicious home cooking on the lofty patio, while 500m above the village, **Serenity** (+30 69 8185 3064, [serenity-th.com](#), B&B doubles from €120) is a classy new retreat and health spa, complete with infinity pool.

• **Lefkada is joined to the mainland by a causeway and Preveza airport is only 20 minutes away.** Thomson Airways ([thomson.co.uk](#)) flies direct to Preveza, from around £240 return

