

WILDWIND



Wildwind holidays 2009



Sailing | Windsurfing | Mountain biking | Scuba diving | Waterskiing | Healthy Options programme | Exploring | Kids' Club

A unique holiday

experience

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There is nothing quite like a Wildwind holiday – it's a unique combination of action, relaxation and fun.

Over the past twenty years Wildwind has achieved an extraordinary reputation.

Our sailing centre has long been recognised as one of the most professional in Europe boasting unbeatable conditions, a fantastic range of equipment and top class instruction and coaching.

Our location right in the middle of Vassiliki beach with stunning views over to the nearby islands of Cephalonia and Ithaca could hardly be improved upon.

But what makes us truly special is the unique atmosphere and friendly feel at Wildwind.

The unspoilt island of Lefkas itself is a jewel in the Ionian sea, well known for its unforgettable beaches, stunning scenery and the friendliness of the local Greek population.

We are a small independent company and our relaxed informal approach is designed to make sure you get the most out of your holiday both on and off the water.

Much more than a sailing holiday

From mild to wild, Wildwind have something for everyone. Whether you are an experienced sailor, a beginner or someone wanting a holiday with a difference, Wildwind has the perfect mix.

From your first drink and welcome meal in Vassiliki you'll find that it's an easy place to meet people and make friends.

Our beach and pool bars have a very relaxed feel, and you are welcome to join in any of our casual social events. These include the infamous Wildwind barbecue with its eclectic mix of live music at the beach bar and our cocktail nights at the pool bar with long drinks and tall stories.

Our accommodations are in two small family run hotels. Our en-suite rooms are simple and comfortable – set in beautiful landscaped gardens just yards from the beach and sailing centre.

The village of Vassiliki is a five minute walk along the beach where a good number of typical Greek tavernas and bars are waiting for you. Vassiliki's harbour is an ideal place to slow down and enjoy the leisurely Greek pace of life. The locals are well known for their hospitality – the bars will only close when you are ready to go home!

If you want to get away from it all it's easy too. Taking a walk or a cycle ride through the luxurious orange and olive groves is an opportunity to explore Greece off the beaten track.

Wildwind is equally suitable for families, couples and singles and for experienced sailors or complete novices.

Our Healthy Options programme including daily yoga and pilates classes, aqua-safaris and herbal walks, cycling, massage and much more is a perfect alternative for non sailing partners, or simply relaxing after a day on the water.

Over the school holidays our kids sailing programme ensures they are fully supervised for several hours a day, so you can enjoy your holiday to the full.

Whatever your taste you'll find Wildwind has something to offer you.

The perfect holiday, active or relaxed

“A fantastic week!

I've sailed, windsurfed, cycled, been scuba diving and been pampered – great time!”





Wildwind



*A sailor's
Paradise*



You'll not find better conditions than these! Light morning winds perfect for beginners, fresh afternoon winds for the more experienced.

Waiting for you on the beach is an impressive line up of boats all tuned and ready to go – high performance dinghies and catamarans for experienced sailors and a great selection of less demanding craft for beginners and youngsters. Our 2009 fleet also includes Laser's amazing SB3 3 man sportboat.

Our team of instructors are highly professional, experienced and approachable – and many have competed at National and International Level. We are an RYA recognised teaching school and we offer courses that cover the full range of the syllabus from beginners through to advanced techniques and racing skills. Unlike most holiday companies all RYA courses are on offer at no extra charge, and, of course, the RYA qualification means that your safety is never compromised.

Whether you're a total novice or you've been sailing boats since you were a kid there's no better place to learn and have fun on and off the water at Wildwind.



Beginners – Never sailed before?



Learning how to sail in Vassiliki's warm waters is stress-free and easy going – you can do as much or as little as you want.

Our unique approach to helping novice sailors take their first steps on a boat is based on one overriding principle – that learning to sail should be FUN.

Light on-shore winds in the mornings are absolutely perfect for learning the basics and putting them into practice – first with an instructor and then on your own as your confidence grows.

If you want you can join in classes that lead to the RYA Level 1 & 2 qualifications... 'Start Sailing' and 'Basic Skills' at no extra cost.

The afternoon winds are generally stronger and though you might not yet be capable of taking a boat out on your own you are encouraged to join one of our experienced instructors who will soon

have you trapezing at high speeds across the bay - we *guarantee* you'll have a grin on your face by the time you make it back to the beach.

And, as a crew, you will not only be in demand but there is no better place to learn than at the 'sharp end' of a well sailed boat.

By the end of the week you'll be itching to try out your new skills in our informal regatta and 'Sail Away' to Cape Lefkada and nearby beaches.

The perfect holiday, active or relaxed

Shape your day

At Wildwind, we want you to do as much or as little as you like! So we have put together some of our favourites activities for the perfect Wildwind day.



9.00 am

Join in one of our gentle yoga classes to stretch and prepare yourself for the day



11.00 am

Light on shore winds - perfect for learning the basics with our experienced team of instructors.



2.00pm

Lunch at the beach bar. Enjoy delicious home-cooked Mediterranean lunches.



4.00pm

Take a Wildwind 'joy ride' and come home grinning from ear to ear.



*You're never
too old or too
young to learn
how to sail*



Intermediates and advanced



Vassiliki's fleet includes over 40 of the latest dinghies and catamarans covering the full spectrum from beginner to Olympic classes.

Unlike many sailing centres we don't offer a 'regimented' approach at all – if you want to join in any of the free RYA courses you will be made most welcome but if you just want to take a boat out for a blast by yourself or with friends we will simply offer you any assistance you might need.

Apart from our Monday morning safety briefing you are free to come and go as you choose.

The sailing centre is open from 10.30 am (when the morning on-shore breeze appears) until evening when the cross-shore afternoon wind is dying. There is no set time off the water for lunch or tea...

we know how frustrating it is to be told to come in when the conditions are ideal!

For many years club sailors have come to our base in Vassiliki for its excellent equipment, top class coaching, racing programme and, of course, the legendary conditions in the bay. Many of our guests who come back year after year see Wildwind as their friendly sailing club away from home – only better!

Our coaching programme covers all aspects of the RYA syllabus, though it is very much down to you how much or little you take... you are on holiday after all!

For those who want them, the practical and theoretical sessions encompass every aspect of sailing, including asymmetric spinnaker handling, race starts, advanced catamaran and skiff techniques and our speciality – high wind boat handling.

Special events, like the Sail Away around Cape Lefkada and our Regatta Day, will be posted on boards everywhere.

It's easy to join in if you want to, fine if you don't.

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Catamarans:

Hobie Fox	International Formula 20 racing catamaran suitable for advanced sailors
Hobie Tiger	Advanced ISAF internationally recognised Formula 18 catamaran
Hobie Pacific	18 foot beach catamaran, ideal for cruising or as a stepping stone to the Tiger
Hobie FX One	High performance 17 foot single-hander racing catamaran
Hobie 16 LE Race wind.	The classic beach cat that you can take out in just about any wind. The RYA's preferred training catamaran
Hobie 15 Turbo	A great learning boat with lots of volume making it very forgiving
Hobie 14 LE Turbo	The original Hobie – don't be fooled by its simple looks!
Hobie Dragon	13 foot friendly single-hander/kids boat that is a great introduction to cat sailing
Hobie Teddy	Simple and great fun 13 foot boat.

Dinghies:

49er	Very advanced Olympic class racing skiff – experience needed even as a crew
RS 400	Intermediate 'hiking only' monohull, great all-round boat
RS Tera	The next step up from the Optimist - perfect for 1 or 2 kids.
Laser SB3	Lasers incredible high performance 3 man sports(keel) boat. Voted Boat of The Year.
Laser 5000	Twin wire performance skiff
Laser 4000	Very popular single trapeze monohull
Laser 3000	Ideal beginner and youth skiff, easy to handle
Laser 2000	Stable and fun teaching dinghy, a great introduction to spinnaker handling
Laser VAGO	Laser's excellent trapeze skiff – quite a handful
Laser 1	The classic Olympic single-hander dinghy, available with standard or radial rig
Laser Pico	The perfect single-hander to learn on and a great boat for kids.
Laser Bug	The newest addition to the Laser family is a single handed boat aimed at young sailors. The BUG can take up to 2 children or 1 adult – without compromise!



*Wildwind – you'll be
blown away!*



Wildwind kids

While doing your own thing - be it sailing or just taking a relaxing walk, be assured... your kids are having fun.



*Fun for kids -
leaving you
to enjoy your
holiday!*

Wildwind has long prided itself in its approach to getting young people into sailing - whether on the beach in Vassiliki or through its sponsorship and support of the Hobie and RYA youth schemes.

All kids on our sailing courses are comprehensively taught and thoroughly looked after by dedicated members of sailing staff in both morning and afternoon sessions.

We offer instruction for youngsters who have never sailed before in simple Laser dinghies and Hobie Cats and coaching for those who have some experience in the RYA youth classes. It goes without saying that a keen eye is always on them for safety. Not only will we teach them to sail, they will have FUN learning. With your mind at rest, this leaves you free to go sailing yourself ...or simply relax and enjoy the leisurely pace of Vassiliki.

During the session time, if they want a break from the sailing we will make sure that they are occupying their time – either with some fun theory sessions or one of the many other activities available on-site.

We teach kids and youths from 7 to 17 years – we're happy to take younger ones as long as you feel they are able to cope with learning to sail as we can't provide supervision unless they are booked on our sailing programmes.

*“A great atmosphere
kids are well looked after”*



On site and around Wildwind

Our flagship operation in Vassiliki boasts excellent wind and weather conditions in a stunningly beautiful Greek island environment.



Many of our guests come year after year not just for the sailing but for the flavour of Wildwind life on and off the water – the relaxed and vibrant atmosphere makes for easy friendships – and the antics of our staff pretty much guarantee you'll be kept entertained...

Our simple but comfortable family run accommodations are right on the beach and offer separate bar and restaurants. Choose from a range of appetizing dishes either by the poolside or watching the action on the water at the beach bar.

The island is well worth exploring too. Lefkas is an island of extraordinary beauty and variety of landscape featuring award winning beaches and picturesque mountain villages on its west coast and waterfalls and dense forests in its interior.

From Vassiliki harbour trips leave every day on caiques to visit the nearby islands of Cephalonia and Ithaca, stopping on the way at secluded beaches for snorkelling and swimming.

Shape your day

At Wildwind we want you to do as much or as little as you like! Here are some further suggestions for the perfect Vassiliki day.



9.00 am
Head off on your aqua safari searching for dolphins.



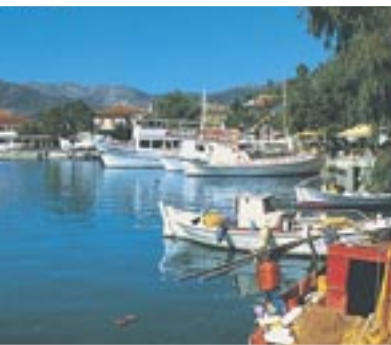
12.00 pm
Chill out by the pool.



2.00pm
Treat yourself to a relaxing massage.



8.00pm
Let your hair down at the Wildwind beach barbecue.



Healthy Options at Wildwind

Our innovative 'Healthy Options' programme is ideal for partners who don't sail, or for anyone wanting to relax after a hard day's action on the water.



*Our programme
is designed
to be relaxed,
sociable and fun*

Yoga and Pilates

Yoga and Pilates Classes are held daily just yards from the beach. If you've never tried a class why not join in – we have classes for beginners and intermediates, perfect for improving your flexibility and core muscles whether you sail or not.

Herbal Walk

Learn about the abundant herbs of Lefkas and their properties for cooking and healing on a walk in the interior of the island before a scrumptious lunch in Maria's hillside taverna.

Cycling and Walking

Join us for a gentle guided bike ride into the lush valley behind Vassiliki or go for a more challenging walk (or ride) all the way up to Mount Stavrota (1157m).

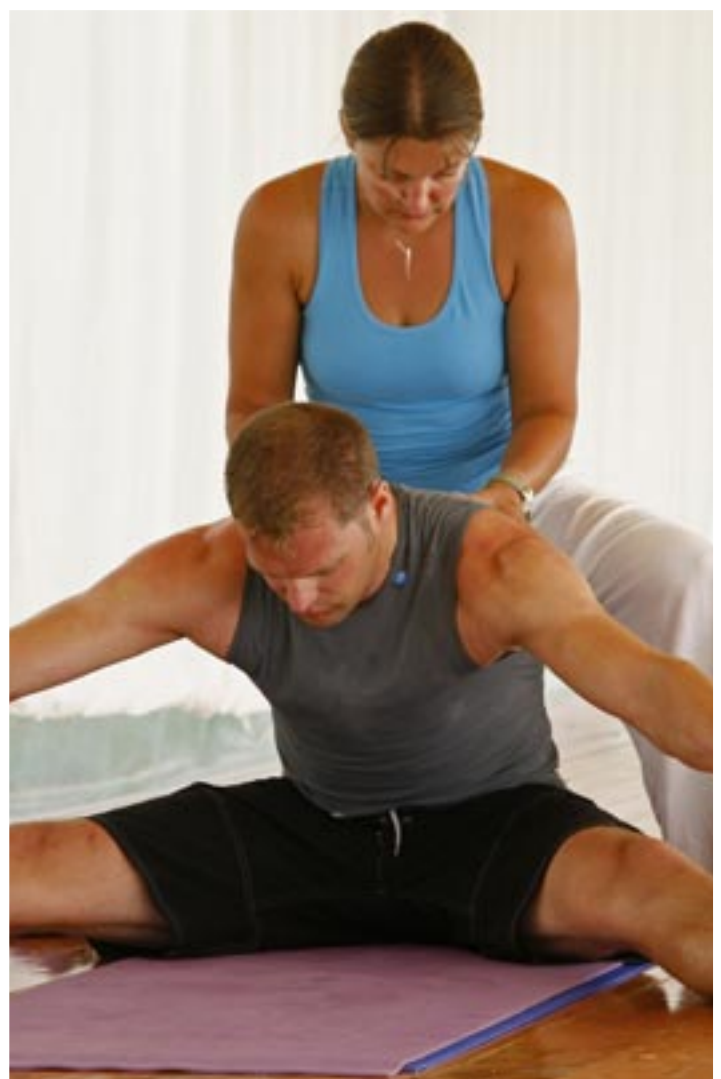
Massage

Whether you need to unwind from your stressed out job on your arrival or ease away muscle strain at the end of your weeks' activities there's always someone at hand.

Sign up for the whole week's programme or come and go as you choose... it's up to you.

Our Healthy Options programme has proved so popular that we have had to produce an additional brochure just to cover the range of activities and classes on offer. If you'd like a copy please call our UK office or sign up online at www.healthy-option.co.uk

*“Extremely impressed
with the yoga and pilates classes,
truly relaxing”*



Other activities

Vassiliki is a mecca for watersports and much much more...

Windsurfing

Combining windsurfing with your sailing holiday is what we call our 'Free As The Wind' package. Windsurfing is arranged with Club Vassiliki, the world's leading windsurfing centre, just 50 metres from Wildwind. Club Vass are also an RYA teaching establishment with over 250 boards and sails. Teaching is available 4 days a week in concentrated 2 hour sessions.

Scuba-Diving

Take a free taster session in our swimming pool or progress – George our friend and qualified instructor offers PADI courses from 'Discover Scuba Diving' up to the Pro level of 'Dive master'.

Kayaking and Aqua-safaris

National Geographic Traveller recognised Trekking Hellas's excursion in Lefkas as one of the 20 best sea-kayaking destinations in the world. Do ask our office for more information.

Waterskiing and wakeboarding

There is a fully equipped watersports operation professionally run by the cousin of one of our local families. Simply ask at the Wildwind reception and Panos will pick you up in his boat from outside Wildwind. Panos also has a wide selection of 'bananas' and 'ringos' as well as parascending equipment.

Cycling and Walking

Choose from simple easy routes in the orange and olive groves behind the Wildwind centre – or for more of a challenge take a climb to the top of Mount Stravrota (1157m).

Exploring the Island

Lefkas is extraordinarily beautiful and boasts award winning beaches and stunning mountainside villages on its west coast – while on the east coast the landscape is mellower and greener – and even features waterfalls. Hiring a car is inexpensive and probably the best way to explore the island.

Excursion

Ferry and tour boats leave Vassiliki every day for a variety of destinations including the nearby islands of Ithaca and Cephalonia as well as Meganisi with its underwater caves and Cape Lefkada where Sappho is supposed to have jumped from its white cliffs.

Further afield

If you are feeling adventurous the world's deepest canyon is the Vikos canyon, only 140 km from Lefkas and on the way to the amazing monasteries at Meteora – one of Greece's wonders. Delphi can be also be reached on a (long) days' outing.

Shape your day

At Wildwind we want you to do as much or as little as you like ! More suggestions for a fun filled day!



9.00 am

The water is absolutely flat calm and ideal for waterskiing or wakeboarding.



11.00 am

Set sail for Cape Lefkada on our 'Sail-Away' day.



3.00pm

The wind kicks in – time to try some windsurfing tricks.



7.30pm

Cocktails and live music by the pool .



*Much more
than just
a sailing
holiday*





A unique holiday *experience*

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To make a reservation from the UK, please call +44 (0)844 499 2898. For further information, sailing resources, video clips & independent reviews that have appeared in the sailing press visit our website www.wildwind.co.uk

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