

## Museums and Galleries, in Lefkada

**The Lefkada Archaeological Museum:** is housed in the cultural center of the borough. The findings exhibited cover a period of time, beginning in the middle of the Paleolithic times (200.000 - 35.000 π.X.) and reaching the later Roman times. In a separate room in the museum, the findings of German archaeologist Willhelm Dairpfeld are exhibited. He is the one who developed the theory that Lefkada is Homer's Ithaca. The museum exhibits tools, ceramic and copper jewellery and gems of ancient tombs, mostly from the Ancient city of Nirikos, Nydri, Hoirospilia, Evgiros and the cave in Fryni.

Open: Daily except for Mondays, 08:30-14:30. Admission: General € 2, student € 1.  
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**The Folkloric Museum “Pantazis Kontomihis” of the Music and Literature Group “Orpheus”:** was founded in 1937, and includes many significant and rare exhibits, a rich collection of objects from the everyday life and business of the Lefkadite people.

Open: Monday - Friday, 11:00-13:00 and 19:00-22:00.

Admission: General € 2, free for seniors & young children.

**The Ecclesiastic Museum of the Faneromeni Convent:** at the convent of Faneromeni, outside the village of Fryni, 4 kilometers from the city of Lefkada, the museum of Ecclesiastic Art is about to open, exhibiting objects from temples and convents of the island, covering a period of time since the second Turkish occupation (1479-1684) up to the incorporation of the island to the Greek State in 1864. In newly constructed two story building located in the grounds of the Holy Convent, specially designed rooms are going to host a variety of objects of ecclesiastic art. The main bulk of the exhibits comprise of paintings of Eptanese and Lefkadite artists, mainly post Byzantine portable icons and parts of chancel screens (magisterial icons, epistyles, door panels). Of great interest are the different ecclesiastical manuscripts and old prints from the convents library, with rare publications by Greek and foreign printers of the pro revolution and revolution years. Significant are the silver works exhibited, mainly crosses, grails, candelabra, trays and icon frames and gospel covers. Finally a variety of canonicals and elements of pontifical uniforms dated from the 18th and 19th century.

Open: April-September, Monday-Saturday 09:00-13:00 and 18:00-20:00. Admission: Free.

**The Folklorik Museum of the Sfakiotes,** in Kavalos. It was created and is open to the public since the summer of 2004. It is housed in the old building of the Kavalos elementary school, in a place full of pine trees. The museum refers to tools and equipment, their use and meaning to the social evolution during the time they were created and the social and economic framework in which the Lefkadite people worked during the pro industrial times.

The museum's exhibits are:

- Variety of tools used in different crafts, such as shoemaker, farmer, carpenter, barber, builder, screen maker and woodcutter.
- Recreation of areas within the Lefkadite home (kitchen, oven)
- Collection of old photographs
- Collection of woven material and traditional dress

Open: Monday – Friday 8:30 – 21:30, Saturday 9:00 – 14:00 & 16:00 – 21:00.

Admission: Free.

**The Folkloric Museum of Lefkadite Canvas Works “Maria Koutsohero”:** In this small private museum and among the traditional exhibit, the visitor may discover the life and character, the persistence, patience and genius of the Lefkadite mountain people who lived under rough conditions and managed to create a folkloric culture.  
Open: April-November, daily 09:00-21:00. Admission: General € 2,5.

**Lefkadian Municipal Gallery:** Open since 2010 and located on the ground floor of the Cultural Center at the junction Ang.Sikelinou and Nikos Svoronos str. on the coastal highway in the western part of town. It is divided into ground and upper part (140m<sup>2</sup>) and houses works by Lefkadian, Greek and foreign artists. Open: daily 9:00-14:00

**Exhibition Hall ‘Theodoros Stamos’** It operates continuously since 1984 and it is in a key position in the Old Town . It is 85m<sup>2</sup> and it is dedicated to the great Lefkadian expressionist painter Theodoros Stamos ( Address: Skiadaresi 1 str , 31100 Lefkada, tel: 2645021465). It hosts painting-sculpture-engraving prints and photo-cartoon-etc gravure solo and group exhibitions in collaboration with individuals and organizations ( national or not).

**Fritz Berger’s photography exhibition:** Lefkada’s and Lefkadians’ pictures of the ’60s and ’70s. It is housed at the headquarters of the island, Tzeveleki str. in the town of Lefkada. Open: Monday - Friday 8:00-14:30. Admission: Free.

**Collection of Post Byzantine Icons of the Public Library Lefkas:** The public library and the post Byzantine museum are housed in one of the most important classical buildings of Lefkada. The building dates from 1880 and housed for a long time the National Bank of Greece. Since 1953 the public library of Lefkas is located on the second floor. The collection of post-Byzantine icons of the “Eptanisian” (seven Ionian islands) is located on the main level. Many of these icons come from churches and monasteries of Lefkas (eg.st.Demetrios) or from private collections. They have been painted by iconographers from Ionian islands such as Tzes, Doxaras, Patsaras, Roussos, Ventouras and others.

There are even some icons from Russia and a series of sacred vestments that Katherine the Great has given in 1769 to bishop Arakliotis. Finally you can admire a collection of religious books and other artifacts of Orthodoxy which goes back until the 16<sup>th</sup> century.  
Open: Tuesday 11:00 – 19:00, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 – 14:30, Saturday 8:30 – 13:30. Admission: Free.

**The Phonograph Museum:** near the old city a small private museum exists, exhibiting phonographs, records, rare objects of use, decorative instruments, boxes, seals, currency and post cards of the time.

Open: March-October, daily 10:00-14:00 and 19:00-00:00. Admission: Free.

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