It is the southernmost and third largest of the Ionian islands. During the era of Homer and the Trojan War, the island of Zakynthos was a part of the kingdom of Odysseus, king of Ithaca. Zakynthos over the centuries have been ruled by Venetians, Franks, Ottomans all of which have left their mark on the island. And of course the numerous beaches of the island are among the best in Greece!