



Kefalonia Weddings

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Known as the Jewel of the Ionian, the Greek island of Kefalonia is famed for its beauty and many natural mysteries and wonders, with fabulous beaches, forested mountains and of course the famously friendly Kefalonian people.

Most of our beaches have European Blue Flag awards for their cleanliness, safety and hygiene. Find out more about Kefalonia by looking at our web site: www.kefalonia-weddings.co.uk.

We started Kefalonia Weddings to allow independent travellers a chance to plan their wedding exactly as they want it. With the average UK wedding now costing over £17,000, (Guardian 22/08/2005), more and more people are venturing abroad.

Whether you are with a group of family and friends or just want to escape on your own, Kefalonia Weddings are more than happy to help with your arrangements. Many couples marrying for the second time around or couples who just don't want the hassle of a big church wedding are finding Kefalonia Weddings the perfect answer. From two to two hundred people, Donna and her small, friendly company will create the perfect wedding just for you.

To make things easy for you we have put together a number of wedding plans from which you may choose, but all of them may be adapted to ensure that your wedding is personal to you, and we offer a number of options to help you in your choice.

What could be easier than getting married with Donna's Kefalonia Weddings?

You may contact us using the following e-mail addresses

For more information, and enquires:
info@kefalonia-weddings.co.uk

For sales and billing enquires:
sales@kefalonia-weddings.co.uk

Should you decide to book your wedding with us, we will of course give you a telephone number so that you may speak directly to your wedding coordinator, Donna.



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Services we Offer

In addition to organising the actual ceremony, and helping you with advice on the legal aspects in Kefalonia, we can also help with the following:

Champagne Cruises.

A choice of three skippered cruises for between 2 and 6 people on *Mala*, a 38 foot Bavaria Yacht:

- Option 1: Afternoon sailing with cold buffet and Champagne
 - Option 2: Full day sailing with cold buffet and Champagne
 - Option 3: Over night stop in Vathi, Ithaca
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Travel to your wedding in style!

As an alternative to a taxi, we are pleased to be able to offer for our 2008 programme two novel ways for the bride and groom to arrive or depart from their wedding ceremony:

- Vintage White Cadillac with light pink leather upholstery.
 - Horse-drawn carriage (available only for weddings in Skala).
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Car hire is highly recommended and, when requested, we can assist you in finding the right type of car at the right price. Delivery and collection at the airport are free. If you prefer, cars may be delivered to your accommodation, for which there may be a small charge, depending on location.

Wedding bouquet and grooms buttonholes are included in all of our wedding plans, but we can also help to arrange additional flowers (for relatives, bridesmaids, table decorations etc.) with our local florist.

Our hairdresser will arrange with you the style you require for the day and appointments will be made for the bride and any other family members or friends on request.

Of course, you will want to look your best on your special day, so we can arrange for a highly qualified beautician to visit you at your accommodation to create that special look.

Our photographer will capture the day and present the finished shots in an album before the end of the honeymoon. Wedding videos can also be arranged by request.

As in the U.K., the wedding banns must be published in advance of the wedding, and we will arrange this with a local newspaper on your behalf.

Depending on the size of the wedding party a suitable wedding cake will be ordered for the day.

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Wedding Plans

All Greek civil weddings have to be on a normal working day, i.e. Monday to Friday, and between the hours of 11.00 and 14.00. Legally, you are required to be "resident" on the island for at least eight days (inclusive of weekends and the arrival day) prior to the wedding.

The ceremony is a short, informal service lasting about ten minutes, and will be read in Greek and translated into English. We arrange weddings all over Kefalonia and Ithaca, but usually, for your convenience, we will use the nearest town hall to your accommodation. If this is too small for your group, an alternative building, authorised by the local council committee, will be used.

Regardless of the claims by some companies that you can get married anywhere you choose, this is simply not legal at the moment, but if the law changes, we at Kefalonia Weddings will notify you immediately.



Photographs will be taken during the ceremony, which takes about 15 minutes, and afterwards more photographs of your choice. If you are booking your reception with Kefalonia Weddings, we will arrange for our photographer to take pictures of the cutting of the cake and a champagne toast. A selection of photographs will be printed in a stylish album for you to take home, plus in addition to this, you will receive a CD of all the pictures taken for further prints.

We can also arrange religious weddings - both Catholic and Greek Orthodox. Catholic wedding services are conducted in The Church of Saint Nicholas and Orthodox weddings at Saint Spiridonas Orthodox Church. Both of these churches are in Argostoli.

Cruise Ship Wedding Plans are available for ships coming into Argostoli harbour. Telephone or e-mail us for more details.

In addition to our standard photography package, we are now pleased to offer additional wedding albums – which are superb gifts for parents and/or guests. If you would like our photographer to take extra pictures: maybe of the bride getting ready or the couple at different venues, we will be delighted to arrange it for you.

After all the excitement it's a good idea to go back to your accommodation to relax and change ready for a reception meal in the evening.

Your wedding should be a very special occasion: don't let the stress and worries of the organisation spoil it for you. Let us do the worrying while you just relax, enjoy yourself, and be spoiled for a little while. Unwind with a trip to the hairdressers, get pampered with a cleansing facial and a make-up session, a manicure and/or pedicure and generally feel calm, refreshed and ready for your big day.

We have designed several wedding plans to help make your decision a little easier, but remember, all of these may be customised to ensure that your wedding is exactly as you would like it. Choose from one of the plans below.



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Wedding Documentation and Assistance Only

Our service will include:

- Cordial welcome for marriage couple and prenuptial consultation
- Wedding coordinator throughout the day *
- All handling and administration fees
- Town hall registry fees
- Mayor's fees
- Wedding banns
- Wedding licenses
- Marriage certificates
- All government taxes and VAT
- Assistance at town hall and completion of documents

Price 900.00 Euros*

* A small "out-of-town" surcharge is applied for weddings at locations other than Argostoli and Keramies.
If paying in another currency, the price you pay will depend on the exchange rate at the time you make the payment.



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The Simplicity Wedding (for unaccompanied couples only)

Your Simplicity Wedding will include:

- Cordial welcome for marriage couple and pre-nuptial consultation
- Wedding coordinator throughout the day *
- All handling and administration fees
- Town hall registry fees
- Mayor's fees
- Wedding banns
- Wedding licenses
- Marriage certificates
- All government taxes and VAT
- Assistance at town hall and completion of documents
- Bridal bouquet – hand-tied roses with natural stems
- Grooms boutonniere – matching rose
- Two witnesses
- One bottle of champagne
- Greek style wedding cake
- Fresh flowers to decorate cake
- Wedding photographer *
- 24 photographs in stylish wedding album
- CD negatives for further prints
- Wedding taxi with white ribbon

Plus, the following complimentary items exclusively for clients of Kefalonia Weddings

- Dressed wedding table for marriage service
- Basket of fresh flower petals and rice
- Music for wedding ceremony

Prices from 1,400.00 Euros*

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You may of course, customise this wedding to suit your own requirements.



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The Sophistication Wedding

Your Sophistication Wedding will include:

- Cordial welcome for marriage couple and pre-nuptial consultation
- Wedding coordinator throughout the day *
- All handling and administration fees
- Town hall registry fees
- Mayor's fees
- Wedding banns
- Wedding licenses
- Marriage certificates
- All government taxes and VAT
- Assistance at town hall and completion of documents
- Bridal bouquet – hand-tied roses with natural stems
- Grooms boutonniere – matching rose
- Two additional boutonnieres – matching roses
- Two bottles of champagne
- Greek style wedding cake – for up to ten guests
- Fresh flowers to decorate cake
- Wedding photographer *
- 36 photographs in stylish wedding album
- CD negatives for further prints
- Wedding taxi with white ribbon

Plus, the following complimentary items exclusively for clients of Kefalonia Weddings

- Dressed wedding table for marriage service
- Basket of fresh flower petals and rice
- Order of Service booklet
- Music for wedding ceremony

This wedding plan is suggested for smaller groups of up to 10 guests

Prices from £1,900.00 Euros*

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You may of course, customise this wedding to suit your own requirements.

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The Eternal Wedding

Your Eternal Wedding will include:

- Cordial welcome for marriage couple and prenuptial consultation
- Wedding coordinator throughout the day *
- All handling and administration fees
- Town hall registry fees
- Mayor's fees
- Wedding banns
- Wedding licenses
- Marriage certificates
- All government taxes and VAT
- Assistance at town hall and completion of documents
- Bridal bouquet – hand-tied roses with natural stems
- Grooms boutonniere – matching rose
- Ladies wrist corsage – matching rose
- Two additional boutonnieres – matching roses
- Floral arrangement for wedding table
- Four bottles of champagne
- Greek style wedding cake – for up to twenty-five guests
- Fresh flowers to decorate cake
- Wedding photographer *
- 36 photographs in stylish wedding album
- CD negatives for further prints
- Wedding taxi with white ribbon

Plus, the following complimentary items exclusively for clients of Kefalonia Weddings

- Dressed wedding table for marriage service
- Basket of fresh flower petals and rice
- Order of Service booklet
- Music for wedding ceremony

This wedding plan is suggested for groups of up to 25 guests

Prices from 2,500.00 Euros*

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The Gentilini Wedding

Your Eternal Wedding will include:

- Cordial welcome for marriage couple and prenuptial consultation
- Wedding coordinator throughout the day *
- All handling and administration fees
- Town hall registry fees
- Mayor's fees
- Wedding banns
- Wedding licenses
- Marriage certificates
- All government taxes and VAT
- Assistance at town hall and completion of documents
- Bridal bouquet – hand-tied roses with natural stems
- Grooms boutonniere – matching rose
- Ladies wrist corsage – matching rose
- Two additional boutonnieres – matching roses
- Floral arrangement for wedding table
- Four bottles of champagne
- Greek style wedding cake – for up to twenty-five guests
- Fresh flowers to decorate cake
- Wedding photographer *
- 36 photographs in stylish wedding album
- CD negatives for further prints
- Wedding taxi with white ribbon Wedding taxi with white ribbon – brides arrival
- Wedding taxi with white ribbon – couples departure
- Bridal bouquet – hand-tied roses with natural stems
- Grooms boutonniere – matching rose
- Two additional boutonnieres – matching roses
- Wedding photographer
- 36 photographs in stylish wedding album
- CD negatives for further prints
- 4 bottles of Gentilini Aspro wine – organic Kefalonian white wine
- Greek style wedding cake – enough for twenty guests
- Fresh flowers to decorate cake

Plus, the following complimentary items exclusively for clients of Kefalonia Weddings

- Dressed wedding table for marriage service
- Basket of fresh flower petals and rice
- Order of Service booklet
- Music for wedding ceremony
- Glasses for wine

Prices from 2,600.00 Euros*

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You may of course, customise this wedding to suit your own requirements.



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The Elegance Wedding

Your Elegance Wedding will include:

- Cordial welcome for marriage couple and prenuptial consultation
- Wedding coordinator throughout the day *
- All handling and administration fees
- Town hall registry fees
- Mayor's fees
- Wedding banns
- Wedding licenses
- Marriage certificates
- All government taxes and VAT
- Assistance at town hall and completion of documents
- Bridal bouquet – brides choice of design and bloom
- Grooms boutonniere – Grooms choice of design and bloom
- Bridesmaid posy – hand-tied roses – colour coordinated to match
- Best Man's boutonniere – rose – colour coordinated to match
- Two additional boutonnieres – roses – colour coordinated to match
- Floral archway for wedding couple- fresh greenery and flowers
- Eight bottles of champagne
- Greek style wedding cake – for up to fifty guests
- Fresh flowers to decorate cake
- Wedding photographer *
- 36 photographs in stylish wedding album
- CD negatives for further prints

Plus, the following complimentary items exclusively for clients of Kefalonia Weddings

- Dressed wedding table for marriage service
- Basket of fresh flower petals and rice
- Order of Service booklet
- Music for wedding ceremony

This wedding plan is suggested for groups of up to 50 guests

Prices from 3,500.00 Euros*

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Cruise Ship Weddings

Civil weddings take place Monday – Friday at 13:00Hrs

Included in the wedding plan:

- Help and preparation of documentation on Kefalonia
- Booking of wedding location for a civil wedding
- Mayors fee for conduct of service
- Wedding coordination service
- Decorated car for bride and groom
- Mini bus hire for 20 passengers
- Wedding photographer and 50 photographs on CD
- Video coverage on DVD with digital editing
- Bridal bouquet – 12 hand-tied roses natural stems
- Groom's buttonhole – matching rose
- Fresh sponge cake for twenty
- Fresh flowers for top of cake
- Flower decoration for ceremony
- Taped music for ceremony
- All taxes and VAT

Private reception venue for after ceremony includes:

- Bucks Fizz welcome drinks for wedding party
- Meze Greek style finger foods buffet for twenty guests
- Greek bombonieres (favours) for total wedding party
- Decorative balloons and "Just Married" gift bag for bride and groom filled with Kefalonian delicacies and memories.

Please telephone or e-mail us for details and pricing



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The Wedding Reception

Several tavernas have been selected and have offered to arrange wedding receptions with a choice of menus – depending on how many in your party and the amount you wish to spend.

- **The Aloni** in Kokolata, seats 30-35 outside, 60-70 inside.
- **Drossia Taverna** in Minies, seats 250 outside, 250 inside
- **Portside Restaurant** in Argostoli, seats 100 outside, 35 – 40 inside.
- **Penelope Restaurant** in Skala, is in the form of a 'boat' and seats 45-50.
- **Princess Hotel** in Lassi has a banquet suite which will easily accommodate 200.
- **Thalassomilos** on the Western outskirts of Argostoli and ideal for intimate lunch buffets or receptions under the stars and beside the sea.
- **Capitol Events** in Fanari (on the coast road between Argostoli and Lassi) is perfect for larger groups.
- **Preview Restaurant** at Avithos Beach, Svoronata, seats over 100 people in a covered outdoor area.
- **Andromeda Centre** in Lourdas, seats 140 on the terrace and 140 inside with ample parking.
- **Bonnie and Clyde** in Skala, seats 50 outside and 40 in the indoor bar
- **Liberatos Resort** in Lassi, seats 400 outside and 60 in the Top Bar
- **Symposium in Skala**, seats 40 outside and 80 inside

A small **wedding cake** is included with each of the plans. You may select either a circular or a heart-shaped design, with colour and decoration of your choice. We can also arrange for a fresh posy, or a bride and groom on top - just let us know! Or, why not really push the boat out and go for a custom designed cake.

We can also offer you the *extra special alternative* choice of a traditional Greek-style wedding reception in **The Aloni** (a traditional old threshing floor) that has been renovated by hand using the original stones. The food will be decided on after booking and a Greek band will entertain you throughout the reception.

Our Greek bouzouki band can make your evening a very special one with traditional Greek songs that will leave you with so many warm memories to look back on in years to come. The band will entertain you for two hours, playing popular Greek tunes and you can also choose to follow this with a Disco playing a selection of more familiar tunes from the 60's through to today.

Have you always fancied being able to learn Greek dancing? Then why not take your first lesson at your wedding reception! Our costume dancers will entertain you with their great display of dances and beautiful variety of costumes, then you get the chance to join them on the dance floor and learn a few of their fancy steps.

Balloons and especially fireworks are also traditional, and will help to make your Greek reception a night never to forget. Please ask about our selection of styles and designs.



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Flowers for your Wedding

Flowers can help to set the style for the entire wedding and bring a sense of charm or drama to the whole occasion. The trick is to choose the right ones to make your dreams come true - without blowing your budget!

In all our wedding plans we include a bridal bouquet and a groom's buttonhole, but if you fancy something a little bit more special or if your wedding has a theme, maybe exotic, tropical, elegant or charming, then you might want to consider some of our other choices of flowers, colour coordinated to suit your theme. Below are just a few suggestions:

For the Bride

A Shower Bouquet - A posy top trailing down to a single stem, made up of roses, freesias, orchids and trailing ivy

A Teardrop Bouquet – A posy top trailing to a point, made up from miniature roses, freesias, orchids and trailing ivy.

A Semi-crescent Bouquet – A posy top with stems trailing out to each side, made up of freesias, miniature roses, ivy, ferns.

For the Chief Bridesmaid

Lilies and Roses, Hand Tied with Natural Stems - something simple but elegant, modern and not too much to hold.

For Younger Bridesmaids

A Small Posy in a Holder - Daisies, lilies and roses – or perhaps

A Small Wicker Basket to Hold - with daisies, lilies, roses and trailing ivy.

For Mothers

(who may prefer to keep their hands free)

A Stylish Corsage - Roses and Orchids.



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Flowers for your Wedding (Continued)

If you would like fresh flowers in your hair, this can be easily arranged with the florist to suit your requirements.

Whether you go for a traditional or contemporary theme, the colour scheme is always very important. The seasons are usually a good 'natural' guide as to what colours to choose:

- Spring – pastel pink and white / lemon yellow and white / gold and green
 - Summer – yellow and mint green / crisp white / blue and silver
 - Autumn – orange and russet / lilac and lime green / gold and cream
 - Winter – white / silver and white / red and rich green
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You might like flowers in the church or town hall:

Greek labadthes can be used at the wedding ceremony and dismantled afterwards to use as a table decoration at the reception. Large white candles stand on a wrought iron pedestal surrounded by a cascade of fresh flowers, such as lilies, gerberas, buttonhole chrysanthemums, gypsophila and trailing ivy.

A simple vase of flowers is a charming way to add a touch of 'Greece' to your wedding too and turning up in your wedding taxi is made extra special if there is a fresh floral arrangement on the bonnet next to the crisp white ribbon.

Greek Wedding Rings

To keep within your Greek wedding theme, very special features are your rings exchanged at the ceremony. Greek gold is traditionally 14 carat, but as they are handmade if you prefer 18 carat, white gold or platinum then this can easily be organised with our jeweller.

Once made, your wedding rings will be engraved with each other's names and the date of your wedding – making them individual and extremely special to you both.

Each ring is personally made to your requirements, if you see a feature on one of the rings you like but another feature on another ring you also like then please let us know and we will try to come up with an appropriate design.



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Legal Stuff

Comprehensive Documentation Service

We are pleased to be able to offer this fantastic new service for all our clients. It includes the preparation all legal documentation required for your dream wedding in Kefalonia, if you don't want to do undertake this task yourselves.

Androulla Veliotou, is an approved Foreign and Commonwealth Office Interpreter, a member of the Linguists Institute and a member of the Translations and Interpreting Institute. Based in the UK, she is able to arrange your wedding documentation, translations and can check that all your documents are in order. Just let us know that you require this service when you book your wedding and will arrange for Androulla to contact you.

Universal documents required by the bride and groom:

- Valid 10 year passports.
- Full birth certificates showing their parents; names. If you do not have the original or do not want to bring the original with you, you can obtain one from the Registrar holding the Register where your birth was recorded.
- Certificate Of No Impediment to Marriage - this has a 90 day expiry date and is only obtainable 90 days before your wedding date.

Documents where applicable:

- Decree absolute bearing court seal,
- Adoption certificate if you are entered into the registry of adopted children.
- Deed poll of change of name.
- Death certificate of deceased spouse.

All documents need to be legalised at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office so that an apostille can be applied. Androulla can undertake this on your behalf, and your documents will now be recognised as legal public documents in Greece.

All your documents, except your passports, need to be translated, which Androulla, as an approved Greek Consulate translator can do.

Finally, all your documents are ready to go the Greek Consulate for verification, where Androulla can act on your behalf.

Although Kefalonia Weddings is offering this excellent service, you may prefer to arrange your documents yourself, please allow time for this as your wedding will not be able to take place if your documents are delayed or incorrect.

When you return to the UK with your Greek marriage certificate, send it to Androulla for translation in to English.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT THE MARRIAGE IS NOT REGISTERED VIA THE REGISTRY OFFICE IN UK BUT VIA THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.



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Legal Stuff (continued)

Useful addresses and telephone numbers:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The Legalisation Office
Norfolk House (West)
437 Silbury Boulevard
Milton Keynes
MK9 2AH

Tel: 01908 295 111

Offices are open Monday to Friday 10 AM - 12 PM and 2 PM - 3 PM

e-mail: legalisationoffice@fco.gov.uk

Consulate General of Greece

Epikyrosi Metafraseon
1a Holland Park
London
W11 3TP

Tel: 0207 221 6467

Offices are open Monday to Friday 9.30 AM - 12.30 PM.

Helpful Tips and Advice

When sending your documents to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office AND Greek Embassy it is advisable to enclose a letter clearly stating in BOLD LETTERS:

1. Full names of bride and groom
2. Your address
3. Your telephone number or contact number in case required
4. A stamped addressed envelope with correct registered or recorded postage fee
5. Both the original and translated/legalised copies of ALL documents must be taken to Greece with you
6. After the wedding, in some town halls your original documents and translations may be kept
7. Your Greek marriage certificate will needed to be translated into your native language on return home
8. When you return to the UK you should inform your local registry office that you were married abroad

The embassies and offices mentioned are for British citizens residing in the UK. If you are NOT British you will need to contact the appropriate department or embassy in your own country.