

# STOCKENBRIDGE

## BREAKS



### Perantzada Art Hotel, Ithaca, Greece

16th - 23rd May and 23rd - 30th May 2026

Two luxury Spring Bridge weeks with the Stockens in a stunning boutique hotel overlooking picturesque Vathy Bay

*from* £1701pp\* including: \* with 10% loyalty discount

7 nights' stay in this luxury 4-star hotel overlooking the bay

Evening dinner on 6 nights in local restaurants with unlimited wine or beer

Refreshments available during bridge play

Aperitif and mezes on the first evening

Small group size - maximum 7 bridge tables

All bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

*Very special bridge holidays*

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## Ithaca

Nestled in the Ionian Sea, Ithaca is a serene haven of natural beauty, myth, and history. Famous as the beloved homeland of Odysseus, hero of Homer's *Odyssey*, this enchanting island offers a perfect blend of ancient lore and modern tranquility from the panoramic views at Mount Neriton to the peaceful harbour of Vathy. With no airport on the island making it harder to reach, Ithaca remains unspoilt with many small, friendly family-run hotels and restaurants giving it an authentic, local feel.



## Perantzada Art Hotel

The Perantzada Hotel is a stylish hotel set in the hills that surround the picturesque village of Vathy. Once a 19th century neoclassical mansion, the property has been beautifully transformed into a boutique hotel where the views of the bay unfold at every turn. This is a scene that is particularly resplendent in the evening when the twinkling lights of the harbour reflect in the dark Ionian waters.



## Breakfast at the Perantzada

Breakfast is a generous and indulgent spread. You can treat yourself to caviar and smoked salmon or enjoy warm, freshly baked croissants and yummy cakes. There's also freshly squeezed juice, thick local yoghurt, homemade jams, and cereals to choose from, as well as hams and cheeses.

*'Ithaca is a rugged land...and I, for one, cannot think of any sweeter place on earth to live'* Homer, *Odyssey*

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## Lunch and Dinner

The hotel has no restaurant, so dinner will be at different places in Vathy (5-10 minutes walk ) offering a range of typically Greek dining experiences: the menus varying according to the restaurant chosen. Six evening meals are included in the price leaving one night free for you to choose. There will be a choice where it is possible and a vegetarian alternative on request. Dinner will be accompanied by unlimited beer, wine or soft drinks.

Lunch is not included in the holiday price: you will be spoilt for choice by the numerous tavernas, cafes and bakeries situated all over the island.



### ***Typical dishes to be found in Ithaca***

*Tzatziki, Taramasalata, spicy cheese and aubergine salad dips*

*Marinated anchovies; grilled octopus*

*Tomato and lentil salad; Greek salad*

*Grilled fresh sea bass served with freshly fried hand-cut chips (the best!)*

*Grandma's award-winning moussaka (the best!) served with green salad*

*Saganaki mussels (or prawns) cooked in fresh tomato sauce, herbs and feta cheese*

*Clay pot lamb with lemon and thyme served with fresh vegetables*

*Ithacan goat and potatoes slowly baked with red wine and garlic*

*Chargrilled aubergine, tomato, spinach and pepper ragu, olive, pine nuts and feta*

*Fresh oranges with cinnamon and honey*

*Traditional Ithacan Rovani made from rice and honey*

*Chocolate torte with raspberry puree and whipped cream*

*Homemade parfait icecream*

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## Accommodation

The 17 rooms are spread out on many levels over the original mansion and the modern wing which merge together harmoniously. Contemporary design with vibrant colours are juxtaposed with antiques and unique artwork; all contrasted against crisp white walls, the bright blue exterior and the shimmering waters of the bay beyond. All rooms have walk-in showers with luxurious bathroom products, soft cotton towels, bathrobes and slippers; as well as a coffee-making machine. Contact us or visit the hotel's website for further details on rooms.



*Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is at 11am*

<b>Classic Premium Solo</b> Original mansion, 1st floor	♣	Double bed, balcony; side view to Vathy and bay. Single occupancy only, 17m2
<b>Classic Standard room</b> Original mansion, ground floor	♦	4-poster double bed, narrow terrace; no view, 20m2
<b>Traditional Family room</b> Original mansion, street level	♦	Double bed, sofa bed in sitting room, 2 bathrooms; no view, 40m2
<b>Classic Premier room</b> Original mansion, 1st floor	♥	4-poster double bed, either with small balcony or courtyard; partial bay view, 22m2
<b>Classic Superior room</b> Original mansion, 2nd floor	♥	4-poster double bed, balcony or terrace; bay and sea view, 20m2
<b>Modern Superior Art room</b> Modern wing	♠	Double bed, large balcony; panoramic views to the bay and sea, 32m2
<b>Modern Junior Art suite</b> Modern wing	♠	Double bed, large balcony; panoramic views to the bay and sea, 45m2
<b>Classic Grand Art suite</b> Original mansion, top floor	NT	Double bed, bath, separate small bedroom; side terrace with panoramic views to the bay and sea, 55m2
<b>Modern 2-level Premium Art suite</b> Modern wing	NT	2-level with steps up to the bedroom; balcony with panoramic views to the bay and sea, 60m2

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## Bridge with Zeb & Claudia

Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive and enjoyable game adapted to your level.



Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday and Dinah, their mother, will be supervising bridge sessions as well as teaching where needed. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play, teams and duplicate – all played in a fun and friendly environment. The tuition sessions will use Compass Cards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group.



The other sessions will be supervised play or some form of duplicate or teams, with prizes at the end of the stay. All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play although we can only accommodate complete beginners if booked as a group of four. We will be playing bridge in the bright, airy dining room which is also where breakfast is served. There will be a short break between the end of breakfast and the start of morning bridge to allow us to set up the tables. The group will be small - maximum 7 bridge tables.

It is important to stress that our holidays are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate every night. Our ethos is that bridge should be a friendly and social game where you can meet like-minded people, and our holidays reflect that. Although no partner is needed, we cannot guarantee someone of the same bridge standard.

## Bridge Schedule (*may vary*)

Every Day

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Teams or duplicate

5pm - 7.15pm

After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago





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## Things to do in the area

### Local Walks

Late spring is perfect for walking, with wildflowers in full bloom and comfortably mild temperatures that make the hills manageable. Wander through charming villages with stone houses and terracotta rooftops, hike along scenic trails that wind through olive groves and cypress forests, and relax on hidden beaches with crystal-clear waters. From the panoramic views at Mount Neriton to the peaceful harbour of Vathy, every corner of Ithaca whispers tales of the past. There are easy walks from the hotel and we plan to offer guided walks with a local walking guide.



### Pool and Beaches

The hotel has a stunning infinity pool (*unheated*) overlooking the bay and is a perfect spot for watching the yachts sailing by. There are beaches within walking distance (*closest is Loutsia Beach 25 minutes*) but the best, quiet beaches are a short drive or bike-ride away.



### Boat Rental and E-bikes

Renting a boat or hiring an E-bike are excellent ways to explore the island's secluded beaches, hidden coves and pretty coastal villages. Head to picturesque Kioni or Frikes in the north for a lazy lunch while your boat waits for you or your bike is being recharged.



## Travel Details

Ithaca is situated off the western coast of Greece and can only be reached by boat. The quickest and easiest crossing is from the port of Sami in neighbouring Kefalonia to Pisaetos in Ithaca (20-30 minutes). Alternatively you can take a ferry from Patras or Astakos on mainland Greece (3-4 hours)

EasyJet fly to Kefalonia and it is a 50-minute drive from the airport across the island to the lovely port of Sami. There is usually a couple of hours to spare at Sami while waiting for the ferry. The perfect opportunity for a cold drink and gyros (delicious Greek kebab) in the sun while watching the boats go by. Once at the the port of Pisaetos on Ithaca, there is a 15-minute drive to the main town of Vathy where the hotel is situated.

Hiring a car from Kefalonia Airport is a good option and will probably work out cheaper than taxis (hire costs from 15€/day) plus having a car to explore the island is a must. Cars can easily be booked on the ferries at a reasonable price.

If you are not driving and your flights don't match the ferry timetables or you need a quick and efficient way to get between Kefalonia and Ithaca at anytime of the day, then booking a sea taxi is a possibility.







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***'If this island belonged to me, I would bury all my books here and never go away'*** Lord Byron, 1823

<b>PRICES 2026</b> (*per person, based on 2 sharing)					NT
Full Price*	n/a	£1890	£2290	£2390	£2490
With 10% loyalty discount*	n/a	£1701	£2061	£2151	£2241
Single occupancy	£1990	£2190	£2590	£2690	£2990
Single occupancy with discount	£1791	£1971	£2331	£2421	£2691

### *Please Note...*

*This holiday is unlikely to be suitable for guests with mobility difficulties. The hotel has many steps and no lift and we will be going by foot to restaurants every evening.*

### *Loyalty Discount*

*We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for guests who have already been on a StockenBridge holiday if booked before July 31st 2025. If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to Stockenbridge Breaks, the discount will apply to them too.*

### *How to Book...*

*To book your holiday, please first email Claudia (see below) to check availability. Then fill out and submit the on-line booking form - contact us for the link or see the Ithaca holiday page of our website. Alternatively we can email or send a booking form to you to print out and fill in. Please also pay the deposit of £250 per person by bank transfer.*

*Please see our website or contact us by email for payment details.*

*The full payment will be due by February 28th 2026*

*See our website for our Terms and Conditions or we can email them to you*

*Financial Protection Your money paid to us is fully protected against the insolvency of StockenBridge Breaks, in compliance with the Package Travel Regulations 1992. In this unlikely event, you will receive a full refund of your money.*

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