

IONIAN ISLANDS

The Ionian Islands lie opposite the heel of Italy, close to the coast where Albania meets Greece. The seven main islands consist of Corfu (Kerkyra), Paxos (Paxi), Leukas (Santa Maura), Ithaca (Ithaki), Kefalonia (Kephalinia), Cerigo (Kythera), and Zante (Zakynthos).



French forces invaded the islands in the Napoleonic era, and from this time we know a few rare impressed revenues of the above type.

From 1815-1864 the Islands formed the United States of the Ionian Islands under British protection. No revenues are known from this time; perhaps the three postage stamps can be found fiscally used.

In 1864 the Islands were united with Greece.

Corfu was occupied by Italy briefly between August and September 1923 as a political reprisal during one of the numerous Balkans disputes.

Italy occupied all the Ionian Islands during their WWII expansion in the Adriatic. Revenue stamp issues date from this period.

German troops took over in the islands following the partial Italian capitulation. Despite numerous overprints on postage stamps for Kefalonia and Ithaca, no revenues have been reported from the German period.

The islands are now again part of Greece.

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IONIAN ISLANDS, WWII ITALIAN OCCUPATION



1941. Provisional. Postage stamp ovpt in red for the Italian Occupation of the Ionian Islands, further ovpt BOLLO in carmine.

1. 50c sepia (R) *25.00



c1942. Revenue stamps of Italy, ovpt ISOLE JONIE in black, or in red (R). Low values photogravure. The 5L to 10L high values have the portrait in an oval frame and are engraved.

2. 50c ultramarine (R) *10.00
3. 1L brown *10.00
4. 2L purple *15.00
5. 3L orange *15.00
- (6. 4L slate)
7. 5L slate-green *20.00
8. 10L sepia *20.00
9. 20L purple *25.00
10. 50L greyish green *50.00

