

16th Annual



*Information  
& Rules 2020*



# Introduction

The Zante Flair Open is one of the longest running flair competitions in the world, with 2020 being its 16th year anniversary! The competition is held on the stunning Greek Island of Zakynthos, also known as Zante. Competitors come from all over the world to be a part of this incredible competition. This is your opportunity to take part in a unique flair competition where we give you a fantastic experience, warm hospitality, the chance to experience Greek traditions, amazing beaches and enjoy one of Europe's hottest nightlife destinations!





# Organisers

Bar Flair School organise the Zante Flair Open, under the travel agent X-Isle Travel & Events Company. Bar Flair School is run by Dennis Kalogierias, former Greek flair champion. He works passionately to ensure every competitor has an awesome experience in Zante, with competitors leaving as friends and a desire to return to the island and the competition.



**DENNIS KALOGIERIAS**



# About Zante



ZAKYNTHOS

Zante, also known as Zakynthos, is a Greek Island in the Ionian Sea. It enjoys a Mediterranean climate with lots of sunshine. There are plenty of things to do and see for all ages. There are lots of beautiful beaches to visit, a range of different water sports to try, water parks, turtle spotting, visit the famous Shipwreck Beach and the spectacular Blue Caves, explore the old town and try the famous Greek food and wine.

## Weather

The weather in June in Zante is usually hot and sunny. The average high in Zante in June is 28°C, and you can expect 12 long hours of sunshine from the 15 hours of daylight each day. The sun is intense with a very high UV level, so make sure you take lots of sun cream and top up through the day. Temperatures cool in the evenings to a comfortable 18°C. The sea temperature's 22°C, while humidity's moderate. There's just 7mm of rain over two days. Sunset is around 9pm.





# Travel - How to get to Zante

## BY AIR

Zakynthos (Zante) can be reached from Athens (capital of Greece) from the Eleftherios Venizelos Airport every day, with daily flights that are 45 minutes long. Many international airlines fly to Athens. And there are connecting flights direct from Athens to Zante.

Zante has direct charter flights to many European cities during the tourist season (April to October). London is only 3.5 hours. The airport of Zakynthos is 6 km from Laganas (less than a 10 minute drive).

**USEFUL LINKS:** <https://www.skyscanner.net>

**ATHENS TO ZANTE:** <https://www.olympicair.com/en/Travel/Destinations/Zakynthos>  
<https://flights.aegeanair.com/en/flights-from-athens-to-zakynthos>

## BY ROAD

There are daily trips from Athens (5 hours), Patras (2 hours) and Thessaloniki (9 hours) to Zante by bus with the company KTEL.

**USEFUL LINK:** [Ktel-zakynthos.gr](http://ktel-zakynthos.gr)

## BY FERRY

Zante has a ferry connection to Kyllini (on the mainland) that takes only 1 hour and goes every hour in the summer months. You can buy a joint ferry and bus ticket to take you from Athens to Zante and vice versa. Zante is also connected with Kefallonia daily and Italy during the summer months.

**USEFUL LINKS:** <http://zanteferries.gr>  
<https://www.levanteferries.com/en/>  
[www.kefalonianlines.com](http://www.kefalonianlines.com)

# Zante Flair Open History

The island of Zante has had a strong flair bartending scene for many years. It was a place where many bartenders would come to spend their summer time working in the bars and clubs on the island as a way of progressing and improving their skills, whilst having the summer of a lifetime! The connection with Roadhouse in London, the UK's best-known flair bar, was made when many of their bartenders would take a summer break and choose to work a season in Zante as a bartender. The resort of Lagana was, and still is, one of Europe's hottest nightlife destinations. The bartenders with flair skills, showmanship and knowledge were the most sought after and employable. They would work night after night on the front outside bars enticing the tourists from the street into their venues with their impressive flair shows, bar tricks, fire shows and extraordinary cocktail making skills. It was an amazing place for them to further their abilities whilst having an amazing experience at the same time!

In 2005 the first flair competition was held in Zante on the beach under the name the "Lagana Flair Competition". An American called Drake organized the event as a friendly competition between the local bartenders and bars. It was a very basic, but fun first time experience for the competition. Drake continued to run the competition through until 2007 with it getting better and bigger each year.

George Kaponis then took over, who was at the time the Greek Flair Bartending Champion and competing internationally. He took the competition in a whole new direction as it then started collaborating with "Roadhouse" in London. The top three competitors in the "Lagana Flair Competition" would win a place in Roadhouse's October World Open. This night in October was also a reunion for all the Zante workers to get together which meant the Zante Bartenders had a lot of support in the crowds as they competed on the big stage! From then on, professional competition rules were put in place and professional judges took over the judging panel. The use of official competition bar set up became standard ever since, and it all got a bit more serious, yet still remained fun at the same time!

# Zante Flair Open History

After five years running the show, Dennis Kalogierias took over in 2012. Dennis had also competed internationally and represented Greece in flair bartending at the International Bartending Competition three times. He changed the name of the competition to the “Zante Flair Open”, instantly giving it a more global status. The competition began attracting more and more big names from the world of flair bartending- as the number of competitors increased...with the prize money increasing too!

Competitors now come to Zante for the complete holiday package. Not only do they get to compete in a world-class competition. But they also have an organized itinerary to enjoy with many activities such as boat trips, enjoying traditional Greek nights to spending time on the beach or enjoying the local nightlife in the famous bars and nightclubs.

A range of different brands have sponsored the competition with the Zante Flair Open being a great marketing event and way of capturing audiences with the uniqueness that this competition has to offer. Sponsoring the competition is a fantastic opportunity for any brand and brings them huge exposure to audiences.

In 2017, 2018 and 2019 the competition finals was held at the world famous Navagio Shipwreck Beach. This was the first time an event has ever been held at this location, thanks to the special permission received from the local Municipality in Zante. Despite the logistics behind organizing an event in such a remote and inaccessible location- it was pulled off and exceeded all expectations of being a hugely successful Flair competition final. It even saw the judges and VIPs arrive by helicopter on to the beach. It was an experience like no other for any flair bartender to compete on Shipwreck Beach.










# Zante Flair Open History

## Z F O INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

2005	OLIVER PLUCK	
2006	GEORGE KAPONIS	
2007	KEVIN DANARE	
2008	DENNIS KALOGERIAS	
2009	CHRIS KELLET	
2010	DENNIS KALOGERIAS	
2011	ADAM INGRAM	
2012	ADAM INGRAM	
2013	MITSU KANESHIRO	
2014	MITSU KANESHIRO	
2015	MITSU KANESHIRO	
2016	KOTARO MABUCHI	
2017	DANILO ORIBE	
2018	EDGAR SUVARIAN	
2019	DENISS TRIFANOV	



## ZANTE BEST BARTENDERS

2013	WARREN PARSONAGE	
2014	GEORGE CAVEMAN	
2015	CHRIS CALLOW	
2016	ALEX BOUAS	
2017	VITO FLAIR	
2018	JULIANO TAF AJ	
2019	ALEX BOUAS	



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The Zante Flair Open now works closely with the Municipality and Tourism association of Zakynthos, the British Embassy, the Hellenic Barmen Association, Rythmos Radio and many other local businesses.

The competition's main sponsors for the previous five years have been the global drinks brand Stolichnaya Greece. We are also proud to be sponsored and working closely with 'The Bars Italian Manufacturing'. The competition also raises money for the charity 'Zante Strays', which rescues local animals, caring and rehoming them.

The event continues to grow and expand year by year. The experience the competitors take away from competing in the Zante Flair Open is invaluable providing them with lasting memories.

# General Rules & Info

- All competing bartenders must be at least 18 years of age.
- Spaces will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Therefore please ensure you register as soon as possible. The last entry date is WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2020.
- Competitors must register and pay the registration fee in full in advance through Eventbrite & ensure you have read all of the competition info, rules and terms and conditions before registering. No refunds are permitted.
- Competitors must complete the 'Travel Information' form & 'Drinks Recipe' form online by Saturday 1st June in order for us to arrange transfers and ingredients.
- All rules, guidelines and drink recipes are subject to change at the discretion of the competition organisers. Any violation of the following rules may result in disqualification from the competition.
- We recommend you take out travel insurance before you travel & that you are fully covered for the activities you will undertake as part of your travel to Zakynthos for the Zante Flair Open.
- Airport/ferry-port pick-up is included in the entry price. Competitors are responsible for their return transport to airport/ferry port however.
- Accommodation is only included if purchased with the entry + accommodation package. Otherwise please arrange your own accommodation.
- You must adhere to pick up times given & if you are not there at the arranged place/time please make your own transport arrangements. You will be informed of the pick up times closer to the time.
- Competition start and end times are subject to change.
- Competing bartenders will not be allowed to wear logos of any companies conflicting with the sponsors of the event.
- You will be given a t-shirt for the qualification round & another t-shirt to wear in the final, & shorts, which you must wear during your routines. Sizes will be requested on the entry form.
- By entering the Zante Flair Open you agree for us to use photos and videos for promotional and marketing purposes.

# General Rules & Info

- Music: Must be provided at the briefing meeting on a USB stick as an MP3 format and properly labeled with your name. We will not play music given to us on mobile phones, iPads, mp3 players or any other devices. It is highly recommended that you bring more than one copy of your music with you in case it is damaged or unreadable. Organisers and event staff are not responsible for damaged or unreadable music. Please use music that is tasteful and does not contain offensive lyrics.

- Behaviour: We expect all competitors to treat all other competitors, judges, and event staff with respect and behave in an appropriate manner. Rudeness and disrespect will not be tolerated and can result in disqualification from the competition. No competitor is allowed to be drunk during the competition, and no drinks are allowed on stage, other than the drinks the competitor has made.

Weather: In the case of bad weather, due to both venues being outside, the competition will be moved to indoor venues. Our main priority is the safety of our competitors & guests. The weather situation can only be determined the day before the competition and you will be kept informed as to if there are any changes. The competition format will be unchanged.

- Results: Will be announced after the last competitor has been on stage; the judges' decision is final. If you have any complaints please speak to the organiser on the day. Score sheets are available to view at the end, but not taken away.

- Briefing meeting at Mansion Pool Bar, Laganas, at 19:00, Friday 19TH June 2020.

All bartenders must attend this. Failure to do so or lateness may result in disqualification from the competition. If you have not arrived in resort by this time you must let us know beforehand.





# Competition Schedule

## June 2020

18	19	20	21	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrival day</li><li>• Welcomes: Airport/Ferry port pick up</li><li>• Traditional Greek Night with meal</li><li>• Evening group bar crawl in Laganas Resort</li><li>• + 1 hour open bar</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flair practice &amp; relax time at swimming pool/beach</li><li>• Turtle spotting trip</li><li>• Briefing Meeting for all competitors @ The Mansion Pool Club</li></ul>	<b>Competition Day</b>	<b>Results Cruise</b>  After-Party @ Fishbowl Bar with VIP table & drinks	Departure Day (Although feel free to spend more time in Zante!)

Further details of the schedule will be confirmed close to the competition

# Competition Details

QUALIFICATION ROUNDS – SATURDAY JUNE 20TH 2020

LOCATION: TO BE CONFIRMED  
START TIME: 10:00AM  
ROUTINE TIME: 5 MINUTES

DRINK 1:  
Working Flair  
Stolichnaya Vodka  
Energy Drink  
Lime  
Collins Glass & Straw

DRINK 2:  
Exhibition Flair  
Your own cocktail creation:  
▪ Must have a Stolichnaya Vodka base  
▪ Must use a Puree sponsor- TBC

(See here for more details: <http://en.cocktail.fabbri1905.com/Products/Mixfruit>)

Complete & print cocktail creation form

(Competitors will be judged on the taste of this cocktail)



# Competition Details

FINALS – SATURDAY JUNE 20TH, 2020

LOCATION: TO BE CONFIRMED  
START TIME: 3:00 PM  
ROUTINE TIME: 5 MINUTES

DRINK 1:  
Working Flair  
Stolichnaya Vodka  
Energy Drink  
Lime  
Collins Glass & Straw

DRINK 2:  
Exhibition Flair  
Your own cocktail creation:  
Your own cocktail creation as above the same used  
in the Qualifiers

(Competitors will be judged on the taste of this cocktail)

## DRINK RULES

- The second drink in the qualification round using exhibition flair is your own creation, details as above. It must be served using cocktail basics, a garnish & the correct bar etiquette, such as serviettes etc.
- A DRINKS RECIPE form must be completed with all ingredients you use, name etc. by 1st May 2020. It can be found at [www.barflairschool.com](http://www.barflairschool.com)





# Routine Requirements & Flair Rules

- Competitors in the final do not have their scores carried over from the qualifiers to the finals.
- Competitors will have 5 minutes to perform their routine in the qualifiers and 5 minutes in the finals. Two drinks must be made in each round, details as above.
- Competitors will have 3 minutes to set up before their routine.
- Competitors will use a portable bar.
- The main sponsors of the event are Stolichnaya Vodka Greece. During the working flair during both rounds, competitors must use the sponsor's products for at least 10% of their routine.
- The first drink in both rounds must be made using working flair (minimum half full bottle of Stolichnaya Vodka).
- All bottles used in the exhibition flair must be set in at least 15ml (1/2oz) of liquid.
- All bottles used must be clear of brand labels and we will provide stickers for bottles. No empty/dry bottles can be included in the competition bar set up.
- A metal pour spout is required on the working flair bottles. Any free flowing pour spout can be used on all exhibition flair bottles. Pour spouts can be taped in place (using electrical/plastic tape), as long as flow of liquid is not restricted.
- Bartenders can set up the competition bar any way they choose, but it is highly recommended that nothing starts on the upper bar surface to help with visibility for both the audience and the judges.
- No fire tricks or flames of any kind or use of flammable liquids will be allowed. If this rule is broken it will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any acts that display low integrity, poor taste or disrespect for the competition, sponsors or the host as assessed by Bar Flair School or competition judges, are subject to disqualification from the competition.
- Two bar backs will be provided for every competitor.
- Details of which brand of puree will be used will be announced soon
- Please email beforehand if you have any questions regarding ingredients & requirements.

# Competition Tools & Ingredients Provided

## **Bar Tools**

Bar spoon, elbow juicer, Hawthorne strainer, fine strainer, full bar caddy, muddler, bar mats

## **Bottles**

The organiser will supply empty Stoli bottles for the working and exhibition flair. The competitor must provide any other bottles.

## **Ingredients**

These include cranberry juice, orange juice, apple juice, sugar, lime wedges, lemon slices, orange slices and cubed ice. Competitors must provide garnishes.

## **Glassware**

We will provide a selection of 5 ½ oz Collins' and 11 ¾ oz Collins'. The competitors must provide any other glassware.

**PLEASE NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO  
BRING ANY OTHER BAR EQUIPMENT YOU MAY NEED.**



# *Competition Prize Money*

1st Place - 1500€

2nd Place - 600€

3rd Place - 300€

4th Place - 150€

5th Place - 100€

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# More Prizes

## **100€ PRIZE - Best Cocktail**

Based on taste, smell, and appearance. Tasted by the judges + professional mixologist. This will take place during the qualifiers and the winner announced at the finals.

## **50€ (non-finalists) / 50€ (finalists) PRIZE - Best MEGA Flair Move Challenge**

This is a fun challenge! All the non-finalists will compete against each other and the finalists will compete against each other. The non-finalists best mega flair move challenge will take place during the finals, and the finalist's challenge will take place once all competitors have completed their routines.

Each competitor has 3 goes at landing their biggest and most impressive flair move on stage. There is prize money for both categories.

## **200€ PRIZE - Best Female**

The winner of this will be the female that received the most points.

## **100€ PRIZE - Speed Opening**

Challenge This round tests how fast the competitors can open 10 bottles of local beer. The neck of the bottle must not be touched. The competitors are timed, with the fastest time winning.

## **Annual Trophy - Zante's Best Bartender**

This award will be given to a working bartender in Zante, who has the highest scoring points out of all the Zante bartenders.



# Competitor Entry Package

£99

## Option 1

- Zante Flair Open 2020 Competition Entry
  - Pick up from Airport or Ferry port
  - Transfer to and from competition venues on both days (Coach)\*
  - Lunch provided at the Finals
  - 2 Official Competition t-shirts
  - Official Competition shorts
  - Official Competitor Medal & Certificate
  - Bar Flair School Wristband
  - Water & soft drinks on competition days
  - After-party with VIP table & drinks + Guest DJ
  - Use of Bar Flair School training venue before competition days + swimming pool
  - Sponsor goodies
  - Traditional Greek Night including meal + live music & dancing
  - Turtle Spotting Boat Trip
  - Evening Group Bar Crawl in resort with 1-hour open bar
  - Discount at selected bars & restaurants in resort
  - Medical Assistance 24 hours
- \*Competition day pickup/drop-off will be from Zante Bay Studios or Fishbowl Bar only*







Option 2

**£199**

++ Everything included from the Competitor Entry package ++

### PLUS

4 nights accommodation with breakfast  
Thursday 18th June-Monday 22nd June

- Full English Breakfast each morning with coffee/orange juice
- Pick-up/Drop-off from accommodation on competition days
- Early check in at any time Thursday June 18th
- Late check out 12:00pm Monday June 22nd
- Baggage Storage
- Wi-Fi Internet + Fridge
- Air-Conditioning + Safety Deposit Box + Towels
- Practice Flair Area

**Competitor Entry Package**  
+ B & B ACCOMMODATION

# Guest Entry Package

(FOR FRIENDS/PARTNERS-GIRLFRIENDS, BOYFRIENDS)

Option 1

£65

Entry to both competition days

- Pick up from Airport or Ferry Port
- Transfer to and from competition venues on both days (Coach)\*
- Lunch provided at the Finals
- Bar Flair School wristband
- After-party with VIP table & drinks + Guest DJ
- Use of Bar Flair School training venue's swimming pool
- Traditional Greek Night including meal + live music & dancing
- Turtle Spotting Boat Trip
- Evening Group Bar Crawl in resort with 1-hour open bar
- Discount at selected bars & restaurants in resort
- Medical Assistance 24 hours

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# Guest Entry Package

+ B & B ACCOMMODATION Option 2

£165

++ Everything included from the Competitor Entry package ++

## PLUS

4 nights accommodation with breakfast  
Thursday 18th June-Monday 22nd June

- Full English Breakfast each morning with coffee/orange juice
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# Accommodation Details

Accommodation is based on 3 or 4 competitors/guests sharing a room. If you would like to share a room with a particular competitor/friend/guest, please inform us of their name in the additional notes box at the time of booking to guarantee you are together.

If you wish to have a private/single room please inform us, this will incur an additional charge however.

If you require additional nights before 18/06 or after 22/06, please email us directly **info@barflairschool.com**.

Please see below for accommodation details



ZANTE BAY  
STUDIOS

## **ACCOMMODATION PARTNER - Zante Bay Studios**

Zante Bay Studios, located in the resort of Laganas is our accommodation partner. They are located only a few minutes walk from a main road with restaurants and shops, as well as the main street in the resort of Laganas. Guests have free use of the pool at Mansion Pool Club a few minutes walk down the road. Laganas beach is also only a 10-minute walk. Included in your rooms are Wifi Internet, air conditioning, fridge, balconies and a safety deposit box.

A full English breakfast is also included every morning.

Rooms are limited so if you require accommodation please book quickly. There will be a practice flair area for the duration of competitors stay there. Competitors will be picked up and dropped off at this accommodation on competition days.

[www.zantebaystudios.com](http://www.zantebaystudios.com)

*Can't wait to see you all.*

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INFORMATION OR RULES,  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

TO BOOK PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK ON THE BAR FLAIR SCHOOL WEBSITE  
TO PURCHASE YOUR ENTRY ON EVENTBRITE.



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## SCORING SYSTEM

There is a total of 400 points available

### FLAIR- 200 points

<b>Variety</b>	<b>50</b>	The judges want to see a variety of moves, throws, rolls, bumps and catches. We want to see you mix it up to impress. Putting on a display using a range of objects and combinations.
<b>Creativity</b>	<b>50</b>	We want to see creativity in the form of new ideas. This can be shown through your own style of flair, which is unique to you. Along with the way you put your own spin on your routine, sequences and moves. Try and be different in what you do.
<b>Difficulty</b>	<b>50</b>	The more complex your moves and routine the more points you will score. The judges will be looking at the complexity of what you do.
<b>Smoothness</b>	<b>50</b>	Give us performance techniques that make your routine smooth, not choppy, and with good transitions based on your own style. Do your best to do a clean and good flowing routine so that smoothness is maintained throughout.

### ENTERTAINMENT- 100 points

<b>Balance</b>	<b>25</b>	Give us a diverse and high-energy performance that utilizes a range of techniques to keep it balanced. Balance your performance and diversity of your routine.
<b>Showmanship</b>	<b>25</b>	Show us your showmanship! Entertain the crowd and judges and make us feel a part of your time on stage. Incorporate creative, effective and simple showmanship techniques. Ensure you have good presence, demeanor, and confidence and show us you are in command of your performance.
<b>Music</b>	<b>25</b>	Music is a huge part of your routine that can impact how the audience and guests perceive your routine. It sets the tone for you and is the first and last thing the audience will remember. Ensure the music balances out the style and moves of your routine so as not to distract the audience from your performance.
<b>Composure</b>	<b>25</b>	Maintaining your composure and staying confident is key. If you are having a good time, then it will show through, and that is what we want to see. Try and manage those nerves and keep calm, try to not let it affect you.

## COCKTAIL- 100 points

<b>Taste</b>	<b>25</b>	How does it taste? What flavours has it got and how do the ingredients blend together? We want to taste the perfect balanced cocktail.
<b>Appearance</b>	<b>25</b>	Give us a visually stunning cocktail. Make use of a garnish, glassware etc.
<b>Aroma</b>	<b>20</b>	Does the cocktail give a strong aroma or not. Do the ingredients create an aroma to match?
<b>Creativeness</b>	<b>20</b>	We want you to be unique and create something new and different showing off your ideas and creativity.
<b>Name</b>	<b>10</b>	Give your cocktail a name to remember and one that would stand out in the cocktail menu in a bar.

## DEDUCTIONS & PENALTIES

<b>Spill</b>	<b>-2</b>	Spills count during a flair move, when pouring into a glass, if liquid splashes out of the glass, when item isn't caught and liquid is inside, or when finished the drink and spinning item after liquid comes out.
<b>Drop</b>	<b>-3</b>	One drop is for each item dropped. Unless it is a bottle in a shaker or on top, or shakers together it counts as one, unless it splits and comes apart. If an item is knocked off the bar it is a drop.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>-5</b>	This could be for anything you do that is not in the norm of bartender etiquette. As well as any missed items when making the drinks, such as a missing garnish, straw, ingredient or napkin.
<b>Break</b>	<b>-10</b>	If a bottle or glass is broken during the routine or breaks after over the station or rolling off the stage, it is counted as a break.
<b>Missing Drink</b>	<b>-40</b>	Drinks must be made and finished in the required time. You will lose points if you fail to produce your drink, as well as missing ingredients.