



Corfu Challenge 2017



## USEFUL TIPS

**Electricity:** Corfu has 220 volt as most continental European countries. You will need an adapter to use a UK plug.

**Emergency Services:** 112 for the police, fire brigade and ambulance; 171 for the tourist police, 108 coast guard.

**Food & Drinks:** Gastronomy plays a very important role in Corfu. On an island full of olive trees, and surrounded by the Ionian Sea, the local treats are olive oil based, include at least some seafood or fresh fish for starter and the Mediterranean influences are obvious. The restaurants in Corfu cater for both Greek and international cuisine. You may find beside the Greek- Italian, English, Chinese and Indian restaurants.

In the Greek and Corfiot restaurants, traditionally you start with “mezedes”, starters that are often accompanied by a glass of ouzo, local wine (of the Kakotrygis variety) or a very nice local “Corfu beer” (the 4<sup>th</sup> Corfu Beer festival will take place in October). For the non-alcohol drinkers “tsitsibyra” (locally produced ginger-beer) is a really refreshing treat. After the “mezedes”, a selection of food and salads is ordered per table and shared. Eating in a tavern it is unusual to order a starter and a main meal. Corfiot specialties are Sofrito (veal in wine sauce, garlic and white pepper), Pastitsada (cock or veal meat cooked with tomatoes, wine, onions and spices, served with pasta), and Bourdetto (scorpion fish cooked in spicy tomato sauce).

Just feel for something small and fast; Pita Gyros is the most complete snack, it consist of a pita with roasted pork meat, fried potatoes, fresh tomatoes onions and tzatziki. For those with a sweet tooth: Kum-Quat sweets or liqueur (small orange-like fruit), mandoles or mandolato (almond and honey based sweets)

**Hospital:** Corfu General Hospital meets all the medical and nursing needs of the area, providing the best possible health care services. The clinical features of the hospital are as follows: Intensive Care Unit - Gynaecology - Paediatrics - A' Pathology Clinic - B' Pathology Clinic - Cardiology - Surgery - Orthopaedics - Neurological Clinic - Nephrology  
Tel: +030 2661360400 Address: Kontokali, 49100 Corfu

**Local Busses:** Corfu has a regular bus service operated by KTEL, to and from Corfu Town to several villages around the island. The green buses run north and south of the island and also connect Corfu with Athens, Thessaloniki and other cities on the Greek mainland. The blue buses offer routes close to Corfu town, up to Benitses- south- and Dassia, Ipsos -north.

Green Bus Station Tel: 26610 37186, 39985, 30627

Blue Bus Station (San Rocco Sq) Tel: 26610 39859

**Local Time:** Greece is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

**Opening Times of Shops:** Shops are open from 8.30am to 2pm from Monday to Saturday and additionally from 6pm to 9pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Most supermarkets and souvenir shops are open from 8.30am to 11pm.

**Police:** Corfu 2661 0 39509-30188 • Benitses 2661 0 72222 • Traffic Police 2661 0 39294 • Tourist Police Corfu 2661 0 39503-30265

**Taxi:** There are many taxis in Corfu. You can stop them on the street, get in at the taxi ranks or order one by phone. The prices are set by the government and are comparatively low. Within the town limits the taxi driver normally uses a meter. Outside the town, you pay a set price for a specific distance. Tel. 26610 33811  
<http://www.corfutaxi.gr>

## VILLAGES

**Agios Stefanos:** Saint (or Agios) Stephanos is a small fishing village, located on the North East coast of Corfu. This picturesque village has a small harbour with local shops, cafes and taverns all overlooking the Ionian Sea and across the water to Albania. A visit to this village can be easily combined with a swim in the clear waters of Kerasia Beach, this pebble beach has a tavern and bar and there are plenty of sun beds and umbrellas for rent.

**Boukari:** Boukari is a traditional tiny fishing village on the south east coast close to Messonghi. It's a quiet village with a small harbour with fishing boats and fish taverns next to the sea. For those who want to make a refreshing dive, Boukari has tiny beach with calm and clear waters.

**Chlomos:** Chlomos is a traditional 13<sup>th</sup> century village in the south east part of Corfu located at an altitude around 250m in the hills close to Boukari. Chlomos has been built around a square and most houses are of Venetian architecture. From the village you have an amazing view to the east and the west coastline, to the west you can see as far as Lake Korission. The village has hardly been influenced by the many years of tourism and is still one of the typical traditional Corfiot villages.

**Kassiopi:** is a lively and charming town situated on the north-east corner of the island of Corfu, 36 km north of Corfu Town and Corfu airport. The resort is the largest village in the northeast of the island and is offering a combination of a lovely setting and a fair amount of history. The harbour of Kassiopi gives a graphic character in the charming seaside village and gives you the possibility to rent boats. You can make a nice walk through the village, have a meal in one of the many taverns, shop for gifts and souvenirs or just have a look at the tourist shops. Whilst being in Kassiopi, a visit to the Byzantine castle of Kassiopi should not be forgotten. It dates from the 7th century, created as a fortress against sea attacks to protect the village.

**Palea Perithia:** is a 14<sup>th</sup> century village, invisible from the sea, set at an altitude of approximately 480 m at the slopes of Mount Pantokrator, 13.5 km from Kassiopi. The abandoned village of Venetian architecture is located in a beautiful area with unspoiled nature and officially recognized as a historic settlement. Most of the 130 houses are ruins; some of them are restored and are used today as taverns. There is a beekeeper, having his hives behind one of the traditional houses; here you can buy organic honey. The village is surrounded by 8 churches and the village and surrounding are suitable for beautiful walks.

**Paleokastritsa:** (Greek: Παλαιοκαστρίτσα meaning *Old Castle place*, referring to nearby Angelokastro) is a village in the North West of Corfu. Corfu has been suggested to be the mythical island of the Phaeacians, and the bay of Palaiokastritsa to be the place where Odysseus disembarked and met Nausicaa for the first time. Palaiokastritsa has many separate bays with small picturesque beaches, some beaches are sandy and others with pebbles. Its characteristics are the cold clear waters that flow into caves. In Paleokastritsa you have the possibility for water activities such as renting a pedalo, scuba diving, boating in the blue caves, make an excursion with a glass bottom boat, taking a water-taxi to get to a quiet beach or visit a sea aquarium. Furthermore you can visit the monastery in Palaiokastritsa that dates from 1225. There is a museum inside.

**Pelekas:** A fabulous inland village, located on the top of a hill. Famous for its sunsets and known for the "Kaiser's Throne". Kaiser Wilhelm II was frequently visiting this point during his stays in the Achilleon Palace, he even built a telescope tower to enjoy the view.

## ATTRACTIONS:

**Achilleon:** The Achillion Palace comprises one of the most famous royal mansions in Europe and it is located about 10 kilometres from Corfu Town, at Gastouri. It was built in 1890 by the Italian architects Raffaele Caritto and Antonio Landi on the order of Elisabeth, the Empress of Austria, better known as Sissy. It is one of the most significant architectural and historical buildings on the island of Corfu. The palace is dedicated to Achilles, after whom it was named, and among other statues inspired by Greek mythology that decorate the mansion's leafy gardens, there is the striking Marble statue of Dying Achilles. The statue depicts the last moments of the Greek hero of the Trojan War after being struck by an arrow on the heel of his foot, his famous weak spot. In the interior neoclassical halls of the mansion there are numerous important paintings and artistic decorations from the 19th century adding to the elegant atmosphere of the palace. Its densely wooded grounds and elevated position offer the visitor charming views of the sea and the surrounding hills and valleys. A relaxing stroll in the well-tended gardens reveals colourful exotic flowers, palm trees and aromatic bougainvilleas. +30 26610 56245 <http://www.achillion-corfu.gr> Gastouri, Corfu

**Angelokastro:** Or the Castle of the Angel is a Byzantine castle, located at the top of the highest peak of the island's shoreline in the northwest coast near Paleokastritsa and built on rocky terrain. It stands 305m on a steep cliff above the sea and surveys Corfu town and the mountains of mainland Greece to the southeast and a wide area of Corfu toward the northeast and northwest. Angelokastro is one of the most important fortified complexes of Corfu. It was an acropolis which surveyed the region all the way to the southern Adriatic and presented a formidable strategic vantage point to the occupant of the castle. Angelokastro is considered one of the most imposing architectural remains in the Ionian Islands along with Kassiopi Castle, Gardiki Castle and the two Venetian Fortresses of Corfu City, the Citadel and the New Fort.

**Corfu Art Gallery:** Corfu Gallery is the first private institution exhibiting corfiot art. It was established in order to house and exhibit the private collection of the corfiot engineer and collector, Michail Aggelos Vradis, with paintings from the 19th, 20th and 21st century. Corfiot painters and artists who lived in Corfu and have been inspired by its beauty have found their new, permanent place. The gallery offers the possibility to accommodate permanent and periodical art exhibitions and cultural events. Working in accordance with the Municipal Art gallery of Corfu, which has a collection of works dating from the 16th century up to, and the 20th, we hope to give and provide a full scope of art in Corfu. <http://www.corfuartgallery.com/collection/kallitexnes/>

**Corfu Town:** The cosmopolitan town of Corfu is the capital of the island, as well as of the whole periphery of the Ionian Islands. Significantly influenced by the Venetians who kept the island under their governance for a long period during the past centuries, Corfu met numerous civilizations over the years (the French, the English and five unsuccessful attempts by the Ottomans) and it is divided into the Old and the New town. While the New town of Corfu is structured in urban and modern way with large squares and shops, the Old Town, which is a Unesco world heritage site, constitutes one of the most picturesque and beautiful places in Greece. The transpiring class of the past piles in this part of the town where hundreds of tourists strolling around the famous "kantounia" (narrow roads), and visit the historic monuments within stunning natural surroundings. The most important sightseeings inside the town are the enormous Spianada square, the largest square in the Balkans, the Liston with numerous cafes and restaurants under the architectural arcades and arches, the two Fortresses and the Museums of Byzantine and post-Byzantine history. There are many significant and unique places to visit around the town of Corfu such as the famous Pontikonissi and the Achilleion.

**Isle of Vidos:** is a small island (less than a kilometre in diameter) at the mouth of the port of Corfu town. The island can be visited during summer for a very reasonable price with a "kaiki" from the port of Corfu. Leaving opposite the BP station, the little ferry runs on the whole hour and returns every half from the island. Once you arrive on the Island you can choose to have a refreshment or coffee at the terrace next to the little port or start with a 45minute walk, following a trail bordered by pine trees, mainly next to the sea, passing from the Serbian mausoleum. During your stay on the island you will see wild rabbits and pheasants. Two isolated beaches and a tavern from where you can enjoy a beautiful view over the old town of Corfu make this excursion complete.

**Mon Repos and Palaeopolis, Corfu Town:** The Palace of Mon Repos, surrounded by extensive gardens lies south of Corfu town in the forest of Palaiopolis. The villa was built as a summer residence for the British Lord High Commissioner of the United States of the Ionian Islands, Frederick Adam and his wife in 1828–1831. In 1833, it housed a school of fine arts, while in 1834, the park was opened to the public. Empress Elisabeth of Austria stayed there in 1863. Here she fell in love with the island, where she later built the Achilleion Palace.

After the union with Greece in 1864, the villa was granted to King George I of the Hellenes as a summer residence; he renamed it Mon Repos. The royal family used it as a summer residence up until King Constantine II fled the country in 1967. The villa subsequently became derelict, but was restored in the 1990s. The villa and its gardens are the property of the Corfu municipality, and are now being used as a museum. The Mon Repos Museum contains a large variety of exhibits including archaeological finds, Byzantine remains, furniture and dresses from the period of British rule, paintings and other mementoes of Corfu's history. Close by are the excavated remains of Palaeopolis, the ancient city of Corfu. The first antiquities on the site were discovered during the British Protectorate. Excavations carried out between 1936–1955 brought to light sections of the ancient Agora and the early Christian basilica. Recent excavations revealed the Roman baths, the dockyards of the harbour of Alkinoos and a large section of the stone pavement in the Agora.

**Municipal Gallery of Corfu:** The Municipal Gallery of Corfu has been in operation since 1978 in a building which is a legacy of the Dalietos family. When the gallery became a legally-recognized public institution in 1991, an effort was made to make its collection, mainly constituted by donated works, more widely known. Among the most important collections are those of the Samartzis collection (42 works), the Aglaia Papa (23 works) and Philippos Makotsis (12 works) collections; while there are also two works donated by Nikolaos Ventouras.

The greater part of the collection of the Municipal Gallery of Corfu consists of works by 19th-century Corfiot painters (Haralambos Pachis, Pavlos Prossalendis the younger, Angelos Giallinas, Vicentios Boccaciampis, S. Skarvelis, Lyk. Koyevinas, G. Samartxis); this is the period which produces some of the most representative painters of the Ionian Islands. <http://www.artcorfu.com/el/>

**Pontikonissi:** The iconic rock of Corfu comprises a natural museum of virgin vegetation and it is one of the most popular and recognised monuments of the island. Pontikonissi, which means the Mouse Island, is situated at the Chalikiopoulos lagoon, across the international airport of Corfu, and it can be reached only by boats leaving from Kanoni and the monastery of Vlacherna, as well as from Perama. Its name refers to its tiny size and the only building that stands within this leafy islet is the Byzantine Church of Pantokrator. With only exception the 6th of August, when is the celebration of the monastery, people are not allowed to reach the islet as it is strictly protected in order to maintain its unique natural landscape. During the rest days of the year, people can arrange a short visit at the rock of Pontikonissi, but they are permitted to explore only specific parts of it. According to Homer, Poseidon turned the islet into stone during the great storm that led the legendary Odysseus to the Emerald Island, Corfu; his last destination before his final return to Ithaka. After this, Poseidon transformed the stoned islet into a green-covered paradise.

**Ruins of the Venetian Shipyard (Gouvia):** The Venetian arsenal at Gouvia: is a shipyard built by the Venetians during their rule of Corfu on the west side of what used to be called Govino Bay, the current location of the modern village of Gouvia. The remains of the old arsenal still exist at the Bay of Gouvia and are located approximately 8 km from Corfu town. The ruins are behind the modern Marina of the port of Gouvia and are separated from it by an iron fence.

The Venetians used the bay as a port and their arsenal was built near the water. The Venetian shipyard features three arched docks which were used to service their two fleets which were stationed in Corfu. The columns, walls and arches of the arsenal survive almost intact but the roof is missing. The arches with Gouvia Bay in the background. The use of the arsenal was officially discontinued when the Treaty of Campo Formio, which was signed on 18 October 1798, signaled the end of the Venetian Republic.

**Venetian Fortresses:** The old and the new fortress both at one side of the old centre of Corfu town, once connected via a wall, were built by the Venetians during the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century to defend the town from the Turks. Today you can visit both fortresses; it's worth climbing to the top for amazing views over the town and across the sea to the Greek mainland and Albania. The old fortress has a museum and there is a wonderful located café where you can enjoy the quiet atmosphere overlooking the Garitsa Bay.

## BEACHES:

Glyfada • Barbati • Paleokastritsa • Issos Beach • Agios Giorgios • Santa Barbara • Rovinia • Miritotissa • Avlaki

## CHURCH:

**Iasonas and Sosipatros:** The Church of Iasonas and Sosipatros, located at the Anemomylos suburb, is one of the oldest and best preserved examples of a two-pillared cruciform church with an octagonal dome of the Middle Byzantine period. It dates back to the 11th century and has a number of invaluable icons of the Cretan School painted by Michail Damaskinos and Emmanouil Mpouniali-Tzane.

**Paleokastritsa Theotokos Monastery:** is a 13<sup>th</sup> century monastery built on the ruins of old fortifications and offer home to a few monks. The monastery is beautifully located on the top of a hill overlooking the turquoise crystal clear waters of Paleokastritsa. The monastery consists of a small church with beautiful roof paintings and lots of Icons, well-kept gardens, an old olive press, a small museum of Byzantine and post-Byzantine icons and a collection of vestments, holy books, religious items and utensils.

**Saint Jacob – Duomo:** Since 1632 it has been the Catholic Cathedral. It was restored after the bombing of 1943. It is an elegant building with a typical 17th century baroque curve in its gable, a laced Gothic tower and a tall bell tower.

**Saint Spyridon Church:** The Saint Spyridon Church is a Greek Orthodox Church located in the old town of Corfu. It was built in the 1580s. It houses the relics of Saint Spyridon, the patron of the Island, the holiest and most famous church of all. It is a single-nave basilica and its bell tower is the highest in the Ionian Islands. According to traditional accounts, in 1489, after the fall of the Byzantine Empire, the relics of St. Spyridon and St. Theodora Augusta, were brought to Corfu from Constantinople by Greek monk Georgios Kalochairetis.

**The Synagogue:** (the only one who survived the Allied bombing during the World War II), is one of the finest in Greece. It is called the Scuola Greca (or Tempio Greco) and can be dated to the 17th century. It is built in the Venetian manner with the main (ground) floor reserved for community offices, common rooms, and, behind them facilities for a communal Sukkah, as well as a room for preparing bodies for burial. The synagogue proper is on the first floor. Location: 4, Velissarianou St., in the old quarter of Corfu

**Vlacherna:** The monastery, which dominates the small piece of land under Kanoni, is devoted to Virgin Mary Vlachernon and dates back to the 17th century. Vlacherna is the most famous landmark of Corfu.

## MUSEUMS:

**Archeological Museum:** In the Garitsa quarter, a pleasant 15 minute walk from the Old Town, this museum displays some of the archaeological finds unearthed on the island. Pride of place goes to the fabulous Gorgon Pediment, a 5th Century BC carving which once adorned the Temple of Artemis at Kanoni. This is one of the best preserved Archaic sculptures in Greece. The 56 foot long frieze depicts the snake-haired gorgon, Medusa, flanked by giant lion-like figures and her children, Chrysaor, and (almost invisible) Pegasus, the flying horse. Other important exhibits include three funerary monuments from the cemetery of the ancient town of Corfu dating from the 6th century BC. One of the most beautiful exhibits in the museum is the archaic lion which was found near Menecrates' tomb and which dates from the 7th century BC. There are also finds from the temple of Hera and the temple of Apollo which were found on the Mon Repos estate. There is also a large collection of Corcyrans coins.

**Byzantium Museum:** The Byzantine Museum is housed in the Panagia Antivouniotissa church. It is a museum of post-Byzantine religious art of the Cretan and early Heptanese schools in Corfu, Greece. It is located in the former church of the Holy Mother of God Antivouniotissa (Greek for facing the mountain) The collection includes early Christian sculptures, parts of Byzantine frescoes and a collection of icons, significant works by both well-known and anonymous artists, dating from the 15th to the 20th century, which fully represent six centuries of artistic religious expression and creation in **Corfu** and the **Ionian Islands**. Open from Tuesday – Sunday 08.30 – 15.00 hours.

**Casa Parlante:** "Welcome! Please, come in! The Count will be with you presently. He hopes you will join him and the Countess in the drawing room for tea." This is what you would hear at Casa Parlante, the most alive historical museum in

Corfu. A 19th century noble mansion comes to life with stories to tell. In the unique architectural setting of a classical mansion in the historic Old town of Corfu, the everyday life of the island's 19th century nobility is recreated. Through animated figures, using robotic technology, and the perfect reproduction of décor and furnishing, Casa Parlante promises to deliver you a true insight into bygone Corfu. Awakening all your senses, the traditions of the island unfold in front of you, depicting family life in an authentic experience of sights, sounds and smells. Before your eyes the house will come to life. Listen to the children of the family playing music, smell the aromas of the cook's virtuosic cuisine, read the headlines of the Count's newspaper... Casa Parlante is a unique museum: it brings history to life and lets the visitor breathe it in... <http://casaparlante.gr/>

**Corfu Shell Museum in Benitses:** The beautiful world of the deep. The Museum contains many thousands of impressive and rare species from most seas of the planet and possesses one of the biggest and most complete shell collections in Europe. It contains shells, fossils, sponges, corals, stuffed fish, sharks and shark teeth, lobsters, crabs, sea urchins, snakes and more from the Indian and Pacific Ocean, and also from the Mediterranean Sea. The exhibits are mainly from the personal collection of Mr Sagias, which is enriched constantly, but also from donations made to the museum. Benitses, 49084 Corfu. Contact numbers (+30) 26610 72227, 6977629829, 6936851678, 2661042900

**Museum of Asian Art:** This museum, unique in Greece, is housed in the Palace of St. Michael and St. George. It contains a collection of thousands of pieces dating from the Neolithic Age to the 19th century. The major part of the museum's exhibits come from the private collection of the Greek diplomat Grigorios Manos, consisting of 10,000 pieces which he donated to the Greek state in 1928. As well as artefacts from China and Japan there are interesting items from Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, Tibet and Korea. Of special interest is the unique Helleno-Buddhist collection with sculptures from Gandhara in Pakistan dating from the 1st to the 5th centuries AD showing the Hellenistic influence on Buddhism in the region and beyond

**Solomos Museum:** The restored house of the National Poet of Greece Dionysios Solomos (writer of the National Hymn of Greece). The museum contains his writing-table, personal items and a collection of photographs connected to his life and work. There is a rich library dedicated to Solomos and portraits of the poet and other representative of the "Solomos School".

## TRANSPORTATION:

**Airport:** Corfu airport is connected via direct flights with many European airports, operated by both domestic and international airlines. More information about direct flights to Athens available at the following sites: [www.olympicair.com](http://www.olympicair.com) & [www.aegeanair.com](http://www.aegeanair.com)

**Port:** From the port of Corfu you can take approximately every one and a half hour a ferry boat to Igoumenitsa at the Greek mainland. The timetable is available at the following telephone number: 0030 26613 65200. Hydrofoil and ferry boat to the island of Paxos are available less frequently. For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.paxos-thalassatravel.com/web/index.php/art/0/0/633/Boat-Timetables-for-Paxos.html>

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## ATMs:

**ATM: (Kontokali Bay Resort & Spa):** The closest ATM to the hotel is at 1 km at the main road at the supermarket AB.

**ATM: (Aeolos Beach Resort):** The closest ATM to the hotel is at the entrance of the hotel at the main road.

## WHERE TO SWIM:

### ASA COSMOPOLITAN

**Barbati:** This beautiful long stretched pebble beach is located 17 north of Corfu at the east coastline. The beach is organized and provides umbrellas and sun beds for rent, several restaurants, cafes and snack bars are available. You can do water sports or rent a motor boat to explore the calm waters at the east coast.

**Glyfada:** Glyfada is a sandy beach in the western part of the island. The beach, one of the most famous beaches of the island, stretches about 2.5 km and is awarded by the blue flag. Sun beds and umbrellas are offered for rent and several restaurants and cosmopolitan bars are located directly at the beach. Water sports are offered and the beach is easy accessible by car or local bus from Corfu town. Lifeguards on duty.

**Paleokastritsa:** The long stretched village offers beautiful scenery along the coastline with 6 bays and superb beaches. Paleokastritsa is known for its cool turquoise waters and ideal for swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving and other water sports. On most of the beaches there are taxi boats, sun beds, umbrellas, pedalos and motor boats for rent. It is worth to visit the blue caves.

**Pelekas Kontogialos:** South east of Glyfada is Pelekas, a long sandy organized beach, accessible by car down a narrow winding road. The beach has 4 taverns and is gently sloping into the sea. As at Glyfada the beach is monitored by lifeguards and a warning flag system is in operation.

#### **WITHOUT BEING SEEN**

**Avlaki:** Beach is located at the north east coast of Corfu just before Kassiopi. Avlaki is nice pebbly beach with very clear waters. The beach is organized and has a few taverns. Even on the hottest days it's pleasantly as a refreshing sea breeze keeps the heat away. Several water sports are offered and motor boats can be rent. The beach is quiet, easy to be reached and suitable for families.

**Issos Beach:** long stretched sandy beach bordered by dunes, making it the widest beach of Corfu. Issos beach has clear, shallow and therefore calm water, is organized and provides umbrellas and sun beds for rent.

**Mirtiotissa:** as one of the most beautiful beaches in Europe. Downright cliffs covered with bushes and trees drop directly to the sand creating a sense of wonderful isolation. At both ends of the long beach rocky capes offering snorkelling opportunities in crystal blue water. Mirtiotissa is unofficially recognized as the nudist beach.

**Rovinia:** A pebble beach with exceptional natural beauty, close to the village of Liapades, this beach can be reach from the area close to Liapades beach via a hiking path. The beach is unorganized and no bars or restaurants are available.

**Santa Barbara:** Beautiful sandy beach in the south west of Corfu, the beach is organized and sun beds and umbrellas are for rent.

**Vitalades – Gardeno:** The long, gently sloping sandy beach of Gardenos, one of the most beautiful beaches of Corfu, relatively unknown to most of Corfu's visitors and there is plenty of space for everybody. There is a free parking, some taverns, showers and umbrellas.

#### **FOR SPORTS:**

**Agios Georgios Pagi:** The beach of Agios Georgios, is organized and has plenty of sun beds and umbrellas. The combined golden sand and pebbles shore extends over five kilometres, its waters are emerald and crystal clear and the whole beach is surrounded by verdant hills with olive and pine trees. Water sport facilities are available, windsurf boards and small sailing boats are for rent. Among the beach is a big variety of bars, snack bars and restaurants.

**Krouzeri beach:** This combined pebble shingle beach is located at the east coast close to Nissaki. The beach offers water sport and has a diving school on the beach. From both sides of the beach you can take a path, walking to the next village along the coast. The beach has taverns and sun beds & umbrellas are for rent.

**Messonghi beach:** is a sandy beach, suitable for couples and families. Sun beds & umbrellas are available for hire. The beach is mostly sand with a small amount of shingle. There are wonderful views across the sea to the Greek Mainland coast and to Albania in the North. Other beach facilities include showers and changing huts. Along the beach you will find a number of Taverns and Bars for your refreshments. The sea is clean and calm, perfect for snorkelling, pedaloes, paragliding and other water activities.

#### **WHERE TO EAT:**

##### **ASA LOCAL**

**Aegli:** Enjoy your meal at Liston, a unique place in Corfu town. The elegant colonnaded Liston was built by the French in 1812. Our restaurant has been offering Greek and international cuisine, prepared with the flair and skill of 40 years of experience.

**Avli:** Avli is a Greek Traditional Restaurant. Choosing among the small variety of dishes will allow us to bring you the secrets of Greek taste. A garden of tastes awaits you at the parkland of Garitsa bay, in Corfu town, to introduce you to tasteful pleasures that satisfy all your senses. A new scenery of indulgence has been set with plenty of zeal and fervour in one of the most beautiful spots of Corfu town in order to treat you to its culinary secrets and quality food amidst a pleasant and friendly environment.

**Bacchus Restaurant:** In the south part of Corfu you can have an unforgettable experience with a dinner in Bacchus, one of the best traditional Greek restaurants on the island. Bacchus restaurant is placed right on the gorgeous sandy beach of Messonghi. We wish to suggest you this restaurant for the great variety and excellent quality of the starters, the main dishes and especially the fish you can taste. Dimitris, the owner of Bacchus restaurant has a 30 years of experience as

Chef of cuisine in Greece. Every summer from the beginning of May till the end of October he gives the opportunity to taste authentic Greek food both for lunch and dinner to all the tourists who will visit Corfu Island.

**Bakalogatos:** Everything in this brand-new wine and raki eating house reminds us of its favourite Greek film, while K. Chatzichristos has the leading role, not only in the black and white posters on the walls where he appears, but also in the movie which is screened during the whole day! Old pictures, retro objects, as well as the grocer's shop dressed with classic style, like we used to know it back in the day, form the imaginative setting that arouses forgotten images of the past. The emphasis, though, apart from the decoration, is given to the food. Creative appetizers all made in here, come to overflow a table with a scent of... Greece.

**Klimataria Restaurant:** The Klimataria fish restaurant is a small family business, founded by Nikos and Lilly Bellos. It opened in February 1997 in the quaint fishing village of Benitses, Corfu, and is open from February to November. Since Klimataria only has eleven tables (six on its porch and five in its beautiful interior), we recommend you book early on 26610-71201, to give us an opportunity to best serve you.

**Olympia Mare:** Weather permitting, you may have a seat at one of the outside tables. Having the marina in front of us and the blue sky as a background we get ready for a delightful tour. Our menu is a gastronomic treasure by itself, including almost the whole Mediterranean vocabulary of flavors. The cuisine is basically traditional Greek with notes from the gastronomic gamut of Italy and France. It is noteworthy that the place has a separated coffee room and a roof garden. The relaxing music and the cool drinks with the panoramic marina view are the ideal epilogue after a generous meal.

**Paxinos:** Paxinos Restaurant is a family run business in the heart of Benitses. It specialises in local Corfiot cuisine, fresh fish and fresh meat on the grill. This family run restaurant serves their own home made wine and vegetables come from their own land. +30 26610 72339.

**Rex:** Restaurant R E X was founded in 1932. It is situated in Kapodistriou Street, one of the most important streets of the town across the historic buildings of Liston. It is famous for the quality and the variety of its flavours! It is important for us to enjoy your food in a tasteful environment.

**Roula Fish Tavern:** Our traditional recipes are based on fresh and local ingredients and we always use fine olive oil. We also provide a variety of sea food dishes, which you will find satisfactory. All ingredients are chosen carefully as you will find out by tasting all these different dishes.

**Spiros Karidis Fish Tavern:** This traditional Greek fish tavern is located along the coast of the village Boukari. Friendly service and a big variety of fresh fish and sea food, this in combination with an amazing view over the sea towards the Greek mainland makes it a "must-live" experience.

**Mr. Tripas:** Since 1936, Mr. Tripa – Spyros Anyfantis, – have been presiding over the tavern in picturesque village of **Kinopiastes**, 7 km South-West of Corfu-town. The atmosphere is friendly and the service is fast and attentive. You will be offered a selection from Tripa's unique and varied hors d'oeuvres to start and platters of juicy spit-roasted lamb to follow. Lastly comes a variety of seasonal fruits. All is washed down by unlimited quantities of the famous house wine. Nightly live entertainment begins with traditional songs and concludes with an exuberant display of dances from all over Greece, in which the guests may later join on. Mr. Tripa's renowned hospitality, luscious menu and lively entertainment will make your evening a very special one.

## ASA COSMOPOLITAN

**Corfu Sailing Restaurant:** The restaurant of the Corfu Sailing Club is located inside the old fortress and has been operating since 2004. Over these years, it has established itself among the top choices of both locals and visitors to the island. Mediterranean and Greek dishes, seafood and fresh fish combined with an amazing location indisputably constitute an exceptional proposal for a meal.

**Etrusco:** Chosen "Best restaurant in Greece 2014" and "Best Greek cuisine award 2014" The restaurant is run by the famous Greek Chef Ettore Botrini and his wife and located in a beautiful courtyard in a quiet part of the village Kato Korakiana. Traditional is the base but evolution took over...

**Kukutsi Sushi Bar:** Kukutsi Sushi Bar in Corfu is located in a magical place inside the Corfu Holiday Palace Hotel, with a great view to Pontikonissi and the Monastery of Mary of Vlachernes, where you can enjoy genuine Japanese flavors and dished with the care of our specialized sushiya (sushi chef).

The sushi master fillets and prepares in an open kitchen the rolls (maki) and the fish fillets (nigiri and sashimi) using the traditional method and under the strict condition of excellent quality of the raw materials.

Kukutsi Sushi Bar Corfu is open daily (except Monday) from 19:00 to 23:00 for the months April to October.

**La Cucina:** This restaurant is located at a crossing in a part of the old town behind the Spianada square. The restaurant offers International and Italian kitchen of a high standard, this in combination with a cosy atmosphere and an excellent wine cellar.

**La Famiglia:** Hidden away in a narrow street of Campiello a part of the old town, this restaurant has a cosy atmosphere and serves delicious Italian plates.

**Ristorante Del Sole:** In Del Sole restaurant, our main purpose is to lead our customers on the true Italian taste, respecting not only the ingredients we use, but the great tradition of an exquisite cuisine as well.

**Salto Wine Bar:** This wine bar bistro is located at the old port of Corfu town. A new, familiar, modern and sophisticated wine bar where you can explore new tastes in food and wine enjoying music from all over the world.

**The Venetian Well:** Bistro Wine Restaurant It's a new era for one of the most romantic restaurants in Corfu. The "Venetian Well" has been renovated and opened its doors under a new management, ready to dawn a new successful path! Atmospheric, romantic, with open tasty horizons, overlooking the beautiful Kremasti Square, in front of the historical Venetian well. It's cozy and carefully decorated interior combines good aesthetics with the building's history and promises unique moments in cold winter nights, while in the summertime the seating area in Kremasti Square, one of the most picturesque squares of Corfu, will definitely offer you a delicious journey in time!  
The "Venetian Well" re-enters the gastronomic map of Corfu and will be open all year long!

**To Mike:** Founder and owner Mike Kardakis has been a professional chef for more than twenty years. After studying in two world renowned cooking schools in Switzerland and London and after working around the world in high end hotels and Michelin starred restaurants, Mike decided to return to his home town of Corfu and open his own restaurant. Reflecting Mike's global experience, the restaurant offers a diverse menu incorporating Mediterranean, Asian, Italian, Corfiot and international dishes. There is also a superb international wine list selected to complement Mike's cuisine.

**Toula's Restaurant:** is located at the beach of Agni, at the north-east Corfu coast. The restaurant offers high quality and strict standards, with mainly fresh and local products, everything is prepared in the restaurant and nothing is bought ready. The friendly personnel is always at your service

#### MORE RESTAURANTS:

**Navigator** (just outside the Marina Gouvia): A quick bite and cold beer can be well had here.  
<https://www.facebook.com/navigator.acharavi?fref=ts>

**Tavernaki tis Marinas** (Marinas Tavern in Corfu town): Spectacular, easy relaxed local food.  
<https://www.facebook.com/%CE%A4%CE%BF%CE%A4%CE%B1%CE%B2%CE%B5%CF%81%CE%BD%CE%AC%CE%BA%CE%B9-%CF%84%CE%B7%CF%82-%CE%9C%CE%B1%CF%81%CE%AF%CE%BD%CE%B1%CF%82-164965236890036/>

**Venetian Well:** upscale, splendor, in an eye-watering setting in Corfu Town. <http://www.venetianwell.gr/>

**Nolita:** Newly opened Italian restaurant in Corfu town's beautiful main square.  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nolita/1947704762128655>

**Etrusco:** If you are looking for Michelin starred cuisine you have no other choice. <http://etrusco.gr/el/>

**Pomodoro:** Offers an interesting take on food tucked away in Corfu town. <https://www.facebook.com/pomodoroCorfu/>

#### WHERE TO DRINK:

**Bristol Café Bar:** A centrally located cafe-bar in the old town opposite the Town Hall square and a few steps away from the Spianada.

**Corfu Old fortress Cafe:** You can take a nice coffee, overlooking the Old Fortress of Corfu and the Garitsa Bay. The modern café offers a big variety of coffees, drinks and snacks. A perfect location to see the moon rise.

**Nuevo:** Lounge and cocktail bar, day and night, wine selections and tapas. Located at the Spianada square.

#### BEACH BARS

**Akron Beach Bar:** Akron is a restaurant beach bar on the beach of "Agia Triada" in Paleokastritsa. With unique view to the sea and the marina of "Alypa" exactly opposite. At Akron the lunch menu includes a wide variety of delicious dishes, fresh seafood, salads and light snacks. Throughout the day you will enjoy refreshing drinks and cocktails. Dinner is served every day after 20:00 except for Mondays, surrounded by a romantic atmosphere with a gourmet cuisine curated by Chef Kostas Soueref. On Fridays Akron hosts jazz evenings with Dimos Dimitriadis's quartet (we recommend you book a table). (For dinner reservations or any other enquiries call us on 2663041226).

**Edem:** Since 1988, Edem Club has been offering the best music in a fantastic atmosphere. We've been voted into the top ten beach bars/clubs in the whole of Greece. In a nutshell, our overall package of amazing drinks served in a stunning location, with top name international DJs pumping out the latest sounds, in the coolest atmosphere will have you coming back for more and more. Be there or be nowhere. Free entry. Open daily 11am – dawn.

**La Grotta:** Grotta was founded in the late 60's when the Rizos Hotelier family had the inspiration to develop a cave in the beautiful craggy bay underneath the hotel into a bar, blending perfectly into the natural beauty of the surrounding area. Down 142 steps, today this famous Corfu beauty spot is open right through the day for drinks, snacks and a swim in the crystal clear natural blue lagoon. In the evening, enjoy a cocktail next to the sea, listening to chill-out music...the ultimate romantic bar.



**Pazuzu:** Located about 16 km west of Corfu Town at Glyfada beach, one of Corfu's prettiest stretches of soft-sanded beaches. Capped with a geometric perforated roof that lets in striated light while offering relief from the worst of Corfu's summer heat, Pazuzu's airy interiors give out to views of the dappled blue sea, tree-covered cliffs and looming rocks. A perforated metal curtain divides the space neatly into restaurant and club. By day, Chef Panagiotis Tsigiotis serves up lobster linguini and Black Angus mini-burgers. Come sunset, the evening begins with mai-tais at the 12m-long bar and then segues into deep and tech house spins.

**Piedra del Mar:** Located at the beach of Barbati. Draped with summer aura, a peaceful heaven with culinary delights and wonderful musical sounds. In 3 different levels, gathers people who know how to hold up the atmosphere.

**Seventh Heaven:** Café-bar located at the north-east point of Corfu in the village of Perouladas high at the top of Logas beach, offering the best sunset of Corfu.

**Imabari:** By the water chilling in Corfu town. <https://www.facebook.com/Imabari-Corfu-547038098740022/>

**NAOK AZUR:** By the water as well, a standby in Corfu town. <http://naokazur.com/>

**Bristol Bar and environs:** Bristol is your first choice before spreading out into tens of Bars in town. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Caf%C3%A9-Bristol/115282928535559>

## GREEK MUSIC:

**Club 54 Dreamy Nights:** Night club just outside Corfu town, with Greek and international music like mainstream, hip hop and deep house. An impressive club of high standard with events, live performances, professional dancers and famous DJs.

**The Bar:** A beautifully decorated place, located at the old port of Corfu, providing an impeccable service, music events and DJ sessions.

**VIP Club:** Bar just outside Corfu town with only Greek music.

## THINGS TO DO:

**Aqualand:** Located in the heart of Corfu Island and situated on the main road, makes Aqualand easily accessible from all parts of the Island. Aqualand is equipped with all kinds of water attractions and has many facilities to make your day exciting until the last moment. Surrounded by green forests a total area of 75.000 square meters this water oasis will make your visit a truly pleasant and enjoyable even in the hottest days of the summer. Relax under our beautiful maple trees or enjoy the thrill of our multi slides. We cater for all your needs and that is why Aqualand is acknowledged to be one of the best water parks in Europe. Free sun beds and umbrellas, changing rooms and showers, high quality food, shops and free parking space are available in our waterpark. Our qualified lifeguards will take care of safety and security of Aqualand visitors and will provide services for people with special needs. Children can play all day long in our pools as the water is filtered and cleaned daily. We are here to provide you with the best services possible to make your stay as much comfortable we can.

**Corfu Golf Club:** The golf course of Corfu is located around 14km away from Corfu town, in the beautiful green Ropa Valley close to the beach of Ermones. The course is suitable for both advanced and beginner players. It is a magical place with lots of trees a small river and several lakes and the golf course is surrounded by green hills. The attractive looking clubhouse built of local stone is not only impressive outside, it is comfortable inside. There is a bar, a lounge area offering wifi and a restaurant where appetizing meals are served at reasonable prices. Golf bags and golf clubs can be hired. The practice ground is particularly large and In front of the clubhouse there is a putting green. The professional staff is on hand at all times to give lessons and to make all visitors feel very welcome making sure they thoroughly enjoy their time at the Corfu Golf Club. The course is open daily.

**Hiking:** Corfu offers many footpaths and trails. The island is a real paradise for those who love walking. For more information contact the guest relations/concierge of the hotel. He/she will be pleased to give you more information. <http://www.corfuwalks.com/>

**Horse Riding Tours:** Trail riders is a horse riding centre and riding stables, located 2 km south of the village of Ano Korakiana in the north central area of the island. Nestled in the foothills of the Pantokrator mountain range, with miles of tracks, the area is a haven for horseback tracking. One morning and one afternoon ride are taking place from Monday to Saturday, reservation is required.

**Squash (In Action):** If you want to be really active during your holidays and improve you mental and physical condition, you might like to play squash. The health studio "In Action" just north of Corfu town is the place to work out, they have a nice wooden court with glass walls and all necessary equipment are provided by the gym.

### Gyms:

<https://m.facebook.com/fitlabcorfu> • <http://www.inactioncorfu.com>

**Bikes and Scooters:**

<http://www.corfubikerental.com>

## **LAST MINUTE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS**

We have had some enquiries regarding sending of last minute parcels - sails etc - to Corfu. If you need to do this, all parcels should be clearly marked with the name of the team member (addressee ) who will be eventually receiving them, and the name of the participating yacht.

These should be sent c/o Christopher Peacock of A 1 who is also managing the Corfu end for the shipping of yachts and containers etc for Complete Marine Freight.

The address therefore is:

**Name of team member (addressee) , Yacht name**  
**c/o Christopher Peacock, Reception**  
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