



Lighthouse, Corfu

CORFU

Architecture of hotels, villas and pensions has characteristics of neo-styles and secession. Facades and ornaments on the buildings show the Mediterranean spirit.

LOCATION AND WEATHER

Corfu is situated just off the West coast of Greece and is one of the Ionian Islands set far most to the North. Many visitors are surprised when they find out that the coast directly opposite Corfu is not Greece, but Albania. Corfu and Albania are divided by a narrow channel that is in some points less than 2km wide. Island has a mild Mediterranean climate and spectacular beaches which makes it a popular holiday destination. When compared to other Greek islands it is evident that Corfu is far greener than the others: hot and dry summers along with the winter rains create abundant vegetation

where the most dominating cultivar is olive, represented by 2 million olive trees. Cultivation of olives has a long tradition and obviously it is still an occupation of many islanders, but the majority of revenue in Corfu is generated from tourism.

Sea temperature in corfu:

| May | June | July | August | September | October |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 21°C (70 F) | 23°C (74 F) | 25°C (77 F) | 27°C (81 F) | 24 °C (75 F) | 22 °C (72 F) |



Corfu town



Old town, Corfu



Old fort, Corfu



Corfu coast



Sunset, Corfu

HISTORY AND SIGHTS

Corfu's past had been vivid. It is the place where Greek, Roman, Venetian and French influences clashed over the years, and each of the cultures has left its marks, including two well-preserved fortresses. As it is the case with many Greek sites, there are several myths and legends surrounding Corfu, which include: Hercules, Homer, Odysseus and Jason with his Argonauts. It is worth of mentioning that **Corfu town** is on the UNESCO World Heritage List and this has helped to protect and preserve the buildings and memorials on Corfu. The architecture and the layout of the town is very interesting, you can browse through its maze of narrow streets, upon which stands a 16th century fortress. Around almost every corner there is a chapel, old mansion or secret garden square.

CORFU TODAY

Corfu today represents a mixture of cosmopolitan city and Greek tradition. There are two vivid and lively resorts of Kassiope and Ipsos, the graceful Corfu town and villages treasuring the spirit of plentiful Greek tradition. On the eastern coasts the sea is calm and numerous marine sports are available. On the western coast sandy beaches and fascinating bays shaped by rocky cliffs sloping down to the sea interweave. You should not forget the essential part of any holiday on Greek islands, with Corfu being no exception - the food and wine. Tavernas (traditional Greek restaurants) in Corfu will cater to the needs of even the pickiest gourmands. Food in Greece is fresh and the splendour of its flavours will exalt you.



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HOW TO ARRIVE?

By plane

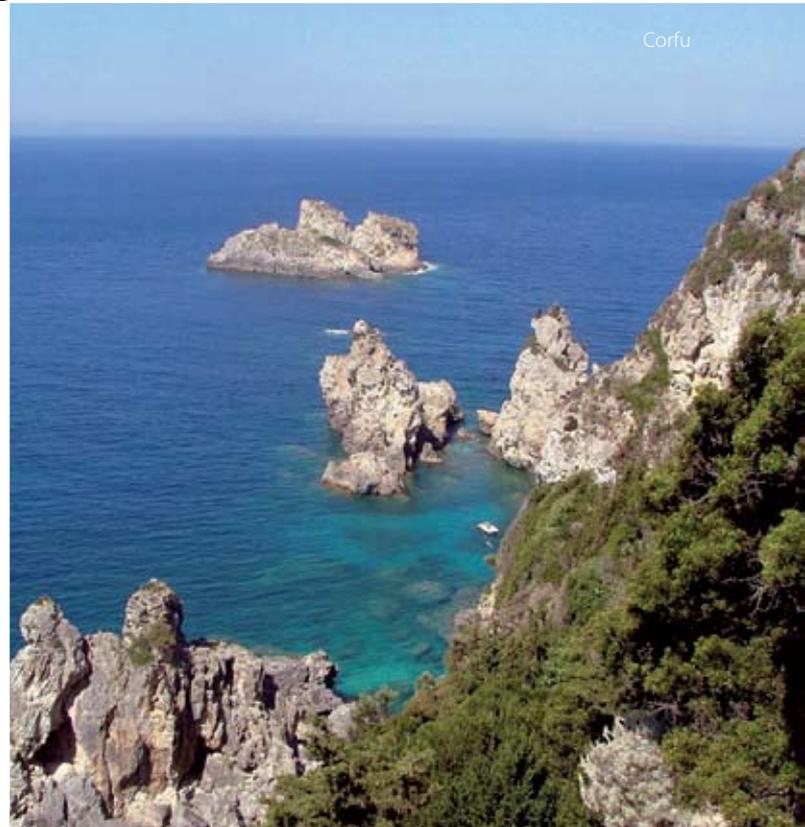
Corfu's International modern airport (Kapodistrias) is located on the edge of Corfu (Kerkyra) town. During the summer months (May to October) there are regular charter flights from most European countries to Corfu. Domestic flights (from Athens) operate all year round. (Remember when searching for flights that Corfu Airport is often called 'Kerkyra' with flight code CFU.)

By car

Many visitors simply drive to island Corfu. If you go for this option you can catch a ferry directly to Corfu from the Italian or Greek mainland. Travelling by car is not cheaper than flying, but it is definitely more interesting! If you can, do not miss the opportunity to visit many famous places.

By ship

Corfu's port is at the edge of Corfu (Kerkyra) town. Ferries from Greek mainland (Igumenitsa and Patra) operate on a regular basis as well as ferries from Italy (Venice, Ancona and Brindisi). Corfu port is also a popular stop for visiting cruise ships.



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