

# Corfu, Paxos: Trip in the Ionian Sea

Corfu

Trip code: IONLP0012

Self-guided hike

• Hiking • 10 days



Corfu and Paxos, are the most northern of the Ionian Islands. They are an opportunity for wonderful and very scenic walks in a remarkably tree-covered nature full of olive trees, some of which reach enormous sizes. The best known, Corfu, is also the largest. From the village of Liapades, located on the west coast, two hikes help us to feel the unique atmosphere of the island and the beautifully rugged landscapes of the coast, in the area of Palaiokastritsa where is located the most famous m...

## Highlights

1. The contrast between three islands: breathtaking olive groves and rugged coastlines for **Corfu**; **Paxos**, endowed with an irresistible charm, offers unique landscapes; **Antipaxos**, the smallest, looks like an island at the end of the world
2. Visit of the wonderful **city of Corfu**, whose old center is classified by **UNESCO**.
3. Landscapes of olive trees and spectacular coastal views

# PROGRAMME



## D1 Corfu - Liapades

Arrive at Corfu airport. Transfer (included) to the west coast, in the bay of Liapades, and installation in hotel or guest house for 4 nights, above the bays of **Gefyra** and **Rovinia**: a few minutes on foot, and you are on the beach, facing the **Ionian Sea**.

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

## D2 Liapades

Discovery of the amazing olive forest overlooking the village of Liapades. Some trees reach a remarkable size. We understand why the harvest of olives that takes place from winter to spring requires the use of nets: the olives are collected as they fall in the nets, then collected, before being brought to the mill. You return to your accommodation through the streets of the beautiful village of Liapades.

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

*About 3h30 walk, + 300 m, - 300 m, about 10km. : 10km, 3h30, +300, -300*

## D3 Palaiokastritsa - Agios Simeon

From **Palaiokastritsa** (possible visit of the monastery, swimming ...), you climb a small road and a traditional paved path to the perched village of **Lakones** which offers a splendid view of the bays of Palaiokastritsa. After going up a pretty olive wooded valley you follow traditional farming roads before reaching the chapel of **Agios Symeon**, splendidly perched above the void on a rocky outcrop, offering a spectacular panorama over the plain of Ropa, the western relief of the island, and the city of Corfu. Nice descent on the beautiful village of **Doukades** and its taverns ... After a brief ascent to the preserved village of Gardelades, you find Liapades and your accommodation.

About 4:30 walk, + 500 m, - 400 m, about 14 km.

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

*Main Itinerary : 14km, 4h 30, +500m, -400m*

## D4 Kerkyra (Corfu town)

Transfer by bus (at your expense) to the city of Corfu (or Kerkyra), the bustling capital of Corfu Island. It is undoubtedly the most Italian of the Greek cities. Its old center is inscribed on the World Heritage List by Unesco. You will not have too much of a day to enjoy the city and visit its monuments: the old and the new fortress both dating from the 16th century; the church dedicated to Saint Spyridon, protector of the island; the Antivouniotissa Church, which houses a Byzantine art museum; the archaeological museum and the Asian art museum; Mon Repos Park and the Kanoni Peninsula; the Liston, and its French-inspired arcades; the maze of alleys of the old center ...

If the shuttles are in place (2 € go/return trip per person in 2018, at your expense), you have the opportunity to cross to the small island of Vidos that faces the city. Walk by the sea and swim on this adorable and preserved island where rabbits and pheasants frolic freely in a beautiful pine forest ... From Corfu, transfer back to Liapades late afternoon (at your expense)

About 1 hour of walking on Vidos, in addition to the visit of the city which can take 2 good hours without taking into account the visits of museums. Negligible height difference.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

## D5 Corfu - Gaios - Mongonissi

Transfer (included) to the port of Corfu with your luggage. Crossing (1h15 to 2h depending on the boat) for the island of Paxos, greeks call it Paxoi (plural of Paxos, as it is Paxos and Antipaxos). You settle for 4 nights in your rooms or studios. Visit of the small town of Gaios and quiet walk on a small coastal road to the peninsula of Mongonissi and above dream coves.

Approx. 2 hrs walk, +150 m, -150 m, about 8 km.

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

*Main Itinerary : 8km, 2h, +150m, -150m*

## D6 Tripitos - Greek Cistern - Gaios

It is a superb hike that awaits you today: you take the direction of the heart of the island, before a scenic coastal walk that passes by the extraordinary sites of the **Ark of Tripitos** and the **Greek Cistern**, which dominate the sea. The viewpoints on the coast are constantly renewed, while **Antipaxos** is visible 2 km to the south. Return to Gaios by small roads and paths. Swimming possible in a rocky cove or in Gaios.

About 4 hours walk, + 400 m, - 400 m, about 13 km.

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

*Main Itinerary : 13km, 4h, +400m, -400m*

## D7 Gaios - Loggos

You climb above Gaios enjoying beautiful views of the entrance channel of the port. You continue to Platanos, near the highest point of the island (248 m). Following a nice descent to the wonderful beaches of the north-east coast (Kipiadi, Kipos, Marmari ...), where bathing opportunities are not lacking! It is a beautiful route, between coves and olive groves, to Loggos: perhaps the most beautiful village of the island, nestled in the hollow of a cove, facing the coast of mainland Greece. Return to Gaios by bus or taxi (at your expense)

Approx. 3h 45m, + 300m, - 300m, approx. 11km.

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

*Main Itinerary : 11km, 3h 45, +300m, -300m*

## D8 Antipaxos

Intimately linked to its neighbor Paxos, the island of Antipaxos was famous for its wines in the past. Today it is especially Vrika - its beach of fine sand, in front of a sea with the reflections of the Great South - which makes the fame. Crossing (at your expense - 20 minutes). Possibility to hike beach to beach to the port and return to Vrika beach by the small roads and tracks of the center of the island. Crossing back to Paxos

About 2 hours of walking if you hike, +150 m, -150 m

Night in guest house or hotel.

*Accommodation : Hotel / Studio*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D9 Gaios - Lakka - Corfu

Transfer to Magazia by bus or taxi (at your expense) for a ride on small roads through olive groves and paths lined with low walls to Lakka, nestled in a beautiful bay near closed, at the north end from the island. You will pass by the remarkable church of Ypapandi and its steeple with a wide view, then by the Venetian house. You enjoy magnificent views of the western coast of Paxos and the south of Corfu. Return to Gaios by bus or taxi (at your expense) then boat to Corfu. Night in Kerkyra; in the evening, you can still stroll in the beautiful streets of the old center ...

About 3 hours walk, + 300 m, - 300 m, about 9 km.

Night in hotel in Corfu town.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary : 9km, 3h, +300m, -300m*

## D10 End of Stay

End of the stay after breakfast. Transfer to the airport at your expense (about 12 € to 15 €).

## Itinerary

On-site, we may sometimes have to modify the indicated itinerary a little: either at the level of the organization (problem of overload of the accommodation, modification of the state of the ground, landslides, degraded trails ...). Trust us, these changes are always made in your interest. On each island, you can hike in the order you prefer.

# SOME PRECISIONS

## Grade

Easy. 2h to 4h30 of walking per day. The height difference is variable, between 150 and 400 m per day. No technical difficulty: walking on paths, tracks, small roads, and along the beaches.

## Luggage transport

You only carry a small backpack with your daily things, the picnic and the groceries.

## Transfers

Included in the price:

- airport transfer - hotel on D1
- the Liapades - port transfer, the D5
- Round trip Corfu-Paxos boat crossing

The other transfers are at your expense, easy to organize on-site.

Boat crossing from Corfu to Paxos

It is included in the price. You are traveling on a regular boat. Usually, departures take place in the early afternoon and return in the late afternoon. Please note, these times are indicative. They may change depending on your departure period. You will have your ticket and the crossing times in your travel file or on your arrival in Corfu, given by our local correspondents

## Group

From 2 people.

## Duration

8 days, 7 nights.

## Travelling season

From May to mid-October.

## Travel documents

Self-guided tour, without guide; A complete travel file will be given to you, including, among other things, detailed maps, the topo guide, the list of accommodation and vouchers (roadmap). Depending on the case, you will receive your file before departure, or you will find it at the first accommodation. A travel file for 2 to 3 people.

## Conmfort

? Accommodation

In 2 \* hotels or 2 \* to 3 \* comfort guesthouses and 3 \* hotels near the sea and/or with a swimming pool.

? Government tax

A tourist tax was implemented in 2018. This tax must be paid by customers on-site, at hotels. Its amount depends on the hotel category.

1 \* and 2 \* hotel: € 0.50 / room / night

3 \* hotel: 1.50 € / room / night

4 \* hotel: 3 € / room / night

5 \* hotel: 4 € / room / night

? Catering

Lunches and dinners are not included. Breakfasts are included in Corfu (D2 to D4 and D8). They are not included on Paxos (D5 to D7). But it's easy to stock up on nearby grocery stores or feast on a cheese pita fresh from the bakery oven in front of a cafe in one of the many bars around. Please note: early departures (boat or plane) may prevent you from having breakfast in your accommodation. This will not result in a refund from us. Please let us know when registering any food allergy or special diet; we will do our best to adapt your breakfasts.

## Start / End

? Start

**J1 at Kerkyra Airport.**

? End

**D8 at Kerkyra hotel after breakfast.**

# DATES AND PRICES

## Specify

Departure date at your convenience.

Dates		2 persons	3 persons*	4 persons
From	To			
01/05/2022	28/05/2022	595 €	565 €	495 €
29/05/2022	02/07/2022	650 €	620 €	595 €
03/07/2022	10/09/2022	745 €	695 €	670 €
11/09/2022	24/09/2022	650 €	620 €	595 €
25/09/2022	16/10/2022	595 €	565 €	495 €
01/05/2023	28/05/2023	605 €	575 €	505 €
29/05/2023	02/07/2023	660 €	630 €	595 €
03/07/2023	10/09/2023	755 €	695 €	680 €
11/09/2023	24/09/2023	660 €	630 €	595 €
25/09/2023	16/10/2023	605 €	575 €	505 €

\*Price for 3 :

Price based on accommodation in a triple room (if available). If there is no triple room available, the base rate for 3 people with single supplement applies.

## Prices include

- accommodation for 9 nights in a twin/double room
- 5 breakfasts on the island of Corfu (D2 to D4 and D8).
- the travel file
- airport-hotel transfer on D1 and Liapades - port transfer on D5
- Liapades - Pelekas transfer on D4
- round trip Corfu-Paxos boat crossing

## Prices do not include

- flights
- lunches and dinners
- the drinks
- Luggage storage at the port of Corfu on D5 (around € 5 per piece of luggage)
- 4 breakfasts on the island of Paxos (D6 to D9).
- the visits

- personal expenses
- transfers not included
- overnight tax to be paid on site
- the insurance
- registration fees
- anything not mentioned in "Prices include"

## Options, extras and discounts

- low season single room supplement: € 260
- supplement for single room mid season: 330 €
- high season single room supplement: € 430

## Your expenses on place

Plan, per person, for an evening meal about 12 to 20 euros - plus drinks; for a picnic from 5 to 10 euros; instead of the picnic you can also go to a small tavern and have a Greek dish or salad for 10 to 15 euros. For public buses at your expense during the stay, count around 15 € / person. Count from € 3 to € 10 for site and museum entrances.



# IN YOUR LUGGAGE

# DETAILS