

The green Corfu : Discovery by bike

Corfu

Trip code: IONLV0004

Self-guided hike

• Biking • 8 days



The island of Corfu stretches from north to south, in the emerald waters of the Ionian Sea, for some sixty kilometers. It offers marvelous landscapes which combine deep forests of olive trees with jagged rocky coasts and large sandy beaches. The mountain is not to be outdone with the long shoulder that stretches from east to west in the north of the island, culminating in Mount Pantokrator at 911 meters above sea level. Our program lingers in the less-traveled routes of this tourist island, d...

Highlights

1. An island covered with olive trees with jagged coasts
2. Localities with an architecture marked by the Venetian occupation
3. The pleasure of the "Greek" way of life

PROGRAMME



D1 Corfu

From Corfu airport, transfer (at your own expense) to the hotel in Corfu Centre (or Kerkyra). Walk through the alleys of this adorable city, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
Night in hotel in Corfu.

D2 Kerkyra - Achilleon - Paramonas

After collecting your rental bike, the first stage takes you through Corfu town to Kanoni and its famous chapel built on an island. Crossing the lagoon of Halikiopoulos then by small quiet roads, ascend to the palace of Sissi, the famous Achilleon. A scenic road takes you to the west coast then a small shaded road, overlooking the sea, takes you to Paramonas beach and the adjoining hotel, where you will stop for two nights.
Night in a hotel in Paramonas.

75% small roads, 25% main roads.

Accommodation : Hotel / Guesthouse

75% small roads, 25% main roads. : 30km, , +380m, -380m

D3 Paramonas - Korission - Chlomos - Paramonas

Departure on a small coastal road to the ruined fort of Gardiki then to the lagoon of Korission separated from the sea by the immense and wonderful sandy beach of Halikounas. It is a remarkable biotope for 126 species of birds including flamingo, ibis, avocet, egret, and sometimes Dalmatian pelican. A nice climb follows to the Chlomos viewpoint before descending along the east coast of the island. You return to Paramonas via the large village of Agios Mattheos, whose olive oil has a European IGP label.
Night in a hotel in Paramonas.

70% small roads, 20% tracks, 10% main roads.

Accommodation : Hotel / Guesthouse

70% small roads, 20% tracks, 10% main roads. : 42km, , +360m, -360m

D4 Paramonas - Pelekas - Liapades

From Paramonas, you cross the Messongi plain and then climb pleasantly to the Koyevinas crossroads. There follows a beautiful portion in the middle of cypress trees crossing superb villages and hamlets which follow one another until Pelekas, a perched village at the top of which, the "throne of the Kaiser", which refers to the Kaiser Wilhelm II, offers an extensive view of the center of the island of Corfu. The quieter end of the stage takes you along the great plain of Ropa with other villages forgotten by tourism to Liapades where you stay for two nights. Night in a hotel or guesthouse in Liapades.

80% small roads, 10% tracks, 10% main roads.

Accommodation : Hotel / Guesthouse

80% small roads, 10% tracks, 10% main roads. : 46km, , +550m, -480m

D5 Liapades – Palaiokastritsa – Aggelokastro – Agios Georgios - Liapades

Long option

Direction Palaiokastritsa, its famous monastery (visit possible), and the five bays that made it famous. Then a gradual climb takes you up to Lakones and its fantastic panorama. A short detour to the eagle's nest of the fortress of Aggelokastro (visit possible) before a beautiful descent to the large beach of Agios Georgios. Return to Liapades through picturesque inland villages, some of which were used as the setting for the film "Just for your eyes" featuring the famous James Bond.

Short option

Direction Palaiokastritsa, its famous monastery (visit possible), and the five bays that made it famous. Then a gradual climb takes you up to Lakones and its fantastic panorama. A small detour to the eagle's nest of the fortress of Aggelokastro (visit possible) before following a small road that leads you to the fantastic viewpoint of Helidon revealing the bay of Agios Georgios, the north of the island of Corfu, the Diapontia Islands, and the Albanian relief. Then, after crossing the village of Vistonas, a road at the top of a perched plateau, offering magnificent views over the south of the island of Corfu, leads you to the final descent.

Night in a hotel or guesthouse in Liapades.

Accommodation : Hotel / Guesthouse

Long option - 70% small roads, 20% tracks, 10% main roads. : 44km, , +880m, -880m

Short option - 70% small roads, 20% tracks, 10% main roads. : 33km, , +590m, -590m

D6 Liapades - Doukades - Sokraki

After the stages between sea and hill, today, you will discover the mountain, and the large plateau (even if it is your small plateau that will be requested) which dominates the north of the island of Corfu, culminating at 911 m or 904 m depending on the sources. The opportunity to discover forgotten valleys and traditional villages without forgetting the sumptuous landscapes around the bends, to the village of Sokraki, in the middle of the summit plateau of the island, which offers a panoramic view of the bay of Corfu

Night in a guest house in Sokraki, in the mountains.

70% small roads, 20% tracks, 10% main roads + return trip to St. Symeon chapel Approximately 3 km by bike; +54 m, -54 m; 100% slopes.

Accommodation : Guesthouse

70% small roads, 20% tracks, 10% main roads + return trip to St. Symeon chapel Approximately 3 km by bike; +54 m, -54 m; 100% slopes. : 37km, , +865m, -512m

D7 Sokraki - Pantokrator - Corfu

On the program for this last day by bike: a nice optional climb to Mount Pantokrator, the highest point of the island, for a fantastic panorama over the whole island of Corfu, the Diapontia Islands, (located north of Corfu) but also the region of Epirus in mainland Greece and the Albanian coast. Next: Freewheel to Ipsos Bay - how about a swim? - then flat to Corfu Bay and your hotel. Return of bikes.

Departure from Sokraki - the ascent of Mount Pantokrator - descent into Ipsos bay - Corfu city

About 57 km by bike; +660 m, -1069 m; 55% small roads, 45% main roads.

Departure from Sokraki - descent into the bay of Ipsos - Corfu-city

About 31 km by bike; +20 m, - 423 m; 35% small roads, 65% main roads.

Night in hotel in Corfu

Accommodation : Hotel

Departure from Sokraki - ascent of Mount Pantokrator - descent into the bay of Ipsos - Corfu-city - 55% small roads, 45% main roads. : 57km, , +660m, -1069m

Departure from Sokraki - descent into Ipsos bay - Corfu town - 35% small roads, 65% main roads. : 31km, , +20m, -423m

D8 End of stay

End of stay after breakfast then transfers to the airport (at your expense).

Itinerary

On-site, we may sometimes have to modify somewhat the itinerary indicated: either at the level of the organization (problem of overloading of accommodation, modification of the state of the ground - landslides, degraded paths...). Trust us, these changes are always in your best interest.

SOME PRECISIONS

Grade

Intermediate: 20 to 50 km by bike. 300 to 865 m in elevation per day, sometimes with a more important step in elevation during the week in the event of a change of accommodation. Mostly on small roads with little traffic. You have the possibility to rent an electric bike to facilitate this stay. This trip is accessible to children from 10 years old with good endurance, used to cycling days.

Luggage transport

Nothing to carry: you only carry your day's things in your backpack and picnic. You find your luggage every evening at the end of the stage. Your luggage is transported by vehicle.

Group

From 2 persons.

Duration

8 days / 7 nights

Travelling season

At your convenience from early May to mid-October

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?Accommodation

In a double room in 2-star or 3-star hotels and guest rooms. Possibility to book a single room with supplement and subject to availability.

? Catering

Breakfast included. For lunch, you have the option of getting supplies on the way, or eating on the way in a typical inn. Please let us know when registering any food allergy or special diet; we will do our best to adapt your meals.

Start / End

? Start

Day 1 to your hotel in Corfu.

? End

Day 8 after breakfast at your hotel in Corfu.

Extend your trip

We can organize an extension for you in Corfu or on the neighboring island of Paxos (see our Corfu and Paxos programs) or Athens.

Bike rental

Here are the bikes that we offer for rent (or equivalent)

Hybrid bikes



Strong and reliable aluminum frame with fast scrolling thanks to 700c wheels of diameter, perfect for long journeys. The bike has a front suspension to absorb ground movements rough surfaces. It can be locked for soft coverings.

- Fork: "SR Suntour NEX 4610 Lock-out"
- Gear change: "Shimano Acera 27sp"
- Cassette: "Shimano HG20 11-32"

Electrically assisted bicycles (E-bikes)



An electric bike equipped to face all situations. The Acid Hybrid ONE Allroad is the Swiss army knife of electric bikes!

- Battery: Bosch PowerPack 400
- Motor: Bosch Drive Unit Active Plus (50Nm) Cruise (250Watt)
- Cassette: Shimano Deore CS-HG200

Included with the bike rental Anti-theft, pump, helmet, SPD pedals on request, water bottle, repair kit. Wearing a helmet is mandatory for this stay, you can bring your own. However, helmets are included in the rental.

Access

? By plane

Flights are not included in the stay but it is very easy to get one as Corfu has an international airport, having many flights to Corfu from all over Europe.

Swimming

A number of our trips are suitable for swimming, during a stage or at the end of the day. It would be a shame not to enjoy. We emphasize, however, that you are the sole judge of the advisability of a swim; these bathings are therefore done under your responsibility and at your own risk.

Photos

You take great photos! Do not hesitate to send us a CD, a USB key, a Dropbox, or a WeTransfer link of your best photos taken during your trip. The fact that you provide us with photos implies that you accept that your photos will be used free of charge on our various media (catalog, website, technical sheet, etc.).

Travel Blog

Do you want to share your best moments of the trip and share your experience with the hiking/cycling community? Send us your story and some photos illustrating your comments that we will publish for you on our blog.

DATES AND PRICES

Specify

Departure at your convenience.

From	To	2 persons	3 persons *	4 persons
06/05/2024	30/05/2024	685 €	605 €	560 €
31/05/2024	04/07/2024	725 €	640 €	590 €
05/07/2024	05/09/2024	780 €	705 €	660 €
06/09/2024	26/09/2024	725 €	640 €	590 €
27/09/2024	15/10/2024	685 €	605 €	560 €

* Price for 3:

- 1 couple + 1 child under 15: price for 3 as indicated above, accommodation in a triple room
- 1 double + 1 single: price for 3 people as indicated above with the single room supplement

Prices include

- accommodation for 7 nights in a double room
- the breakfasts
- luggage transfer at each stage
- a digital travel pack
- telephone assistance during the stay

Prices do not include

- lunches and dinners
- bike rental
- not included transfers
- the drinks
- the visits
- personal expenses
- tourist taxes must be paid on-site at each accommodation
- registration fees
- the insurance
- anything not indicated in "Prices include"

Options, extras and discounts

- paper travel pack: €35 / pack
- single room supplement (low season): 285€ / person
- single room supplement (mid-season): 295€ / person
- single room supplement (high season): 360€ / person
- Hybrid / Trekking bike rental: 170€ / person
- Electric bike rental: 265 € / person

Your expenses on place

- for a picnic count from 5 to 10 euros
- for a lunch in a tavern, count from 8 to 15 euros
- for a dinner, count from 12 to 20 euros

IN YOUR LUGGAGE

Equipment

For the bike

- A helmet (it can be provided to you but it is preferable to have your own)
- A short or long shorts depending on the season
- Cycling gloves
- Sunglasses (against the sun, air, midges)
- Windbreaker
- T-shirts or cycling jerseys
- A cardholder on the handlebars
- A can

Note: synthetic technical clothing is very efficient. New clothes in merino wool have also appeared; they are very efficient and comfortable to wear, and have the advantage of not developing perspiration odors (Icebreaker brand, Ruka, etc.)!

In general, do not use cotton, which cools when wet.

Against the sun and the rain

- Cream and sunglasses
- Hat, cap, or bob (helmet)
- Windbreaker
- A rain cape or a "Goretex"

After the effort

- A sweater or a fleece
- Comfortable pants for walking
- Shorts
- A change of clothes or clothes
- A light cotton shirt with long sleeves
- A pair of jogging-style sneakers for the evening
- Change of clothes and personal linen
- A swimsuit
- Toilet bag
- A mini-pharmacy: personal medicines, Elastoplast, bio gauze or "2nd skin", gauze, disinfectant, arnica in granules and aspirin in case of minor injuries ...

Luggage

- Equip yourself with a small backpack with a lap belt to carry your personal belongings and the picnic during the day; this allows you to easily carry your things when you go for a visit along the way.
- A piece of luggage to follow: a backpack or travel bag in good condition

DETAILS

The country

Country: Greece

Capital: Athens

Archipelago: Ionian

Population: 10,757,292 inhabitants

Formalities

Papers

Travelers to Greece, including minors, must be in possession of a national identity card or passport (EU nationals).

Health

Bring the European health insurance card, to ask your health insurance fund at least 15 days before departure. Sanitary conditions are similar to those of European countries.

Phone

Calling code: + 30

Jet lag

It's two hours more than in England. When it is 3:00 p.m. in England it is 5:00 p.m. in Greece.

Weather

The climate of the islands is Mediterranean, which is to say hot and dry in summer and mild and rainy in winter, but with significant differences depending on the regions and archipelagos.

Corfu in the summer doesn't have often or long rains. But in May or October, precipitation is expected, but not last for long...