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Population

114 000

Currency

Euro: € 1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

From 8 am to 2.30 pm, with closure for a siesta. The shops re-open again from 5.30 pm until 8.30 pm Monday to Saturday. Many shops are closed on Sunday, depending where on the island you are visiting. Exceptions are noted in specific listings.

Internet

www.corfuweb.gr, www.corfutoday.com

Newspapers

Kathimerini (National daily), Eleftherotypia (National daily), To Vima (National daily),
Don't despair if you can't read the Greek language as day-old English newspapers are usually available from various newsstands in Corfu.

Emergency numbers

166 Ambulance, 100 Police, 199 Fire brigade

Tourist information

Municipality of Corfu
Address: Michael Theotoki Square
Kèrkyra (Corfu town)
Tel: +30 26610 44410
www.corfu.gr

CORFU

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The capital of the island, Kèrkyra (Corfu), is a beautiful, sophisticated and charming town. It is also one of the most elegant island capitals in the whole of Greece, as it was modernised for the 1994 EU summit. The architecture in town is influenced by the French, the Italians and the British, but it still has a contemporary Greek feel to it, which makes it an amazing place to visit.

THE CITY



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Corfu is considered by many to be the most beautiful of all the Greek islands. It is the greenest of the Ionian Islands and probably also the best known. The island offers a beguiling landscape of wild flowers, cypress trees, olive trees and several seductively sandy beaches. Corfu also has a major vegetable garden which gives the fresh mountain air a pleasant scent. To the south of Corfu town is Moraitika and Messonghi which have beautiful scenery and beaches. However, the west coast of the island is the most attractive as that is the place where you will find some of the prettiest countryside around and it is also here that you will find the small coves with the sandy beaches surrounded by cliffs and trees. The north coast is more typical Greek with a rocky coastline where the crystal clear water has chopped into pebbled bays and coves.



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DO & SEE



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Asiatic Museum

Housed in a former state room in the Palace of St. Michael and St. George. The museum is a 'must see' for aficionados of Oriental culture.

Address: Palace of St. Michael and St. George, Corfu

Archaeological Museum

In this impressive exhibit is the gorgon pediment excavated from the Doric temple of Artemis just south of town. Neolithic weapons and cookware are also on display.

Address: 1 Vraila Armeni St, city of Corfu.

Opening hours: Days-hours : Winter period : Monday: Closed, Tuesday - Friday: 08:00 - 14:30 Weekends and Holidays 08:00 - 14:30
From July 1st to October 31: Daily: 08.30 - 15.00, Monday: closed
Tickets: Ticket price: Full admission € 3 Reduced admission: € 2

The Neo Frourio

This old military complex is loaded with interesting tunnels, cellars and dungeons and provides excellent views over the old town and the bay. Look out for the two lions of St. Mark and the Venetians inscriptions on the bastion walls above.

Address: Kerkyra, Corfu 49100

Old Perithia

A deserted village in the mountains of Corfu. The ghost-like village is located on the main road between

Kassiopi and Acharavi and it's a great place to explore and you can enjoy a drink in the Tavernas afterwards.

Address: Kassiopi, Kassopaioi 49100

Paleokastritsa

One of the islands most treasured beauty spots and a great place to enjoy the sunset. You can also enjoy the view of the 17th-century monastery and have a look at the famous carving of the 'tree of life' inside it.

Address: Paleokastritsa, Corfu

Achillion Palace

This spectacular building, which is located in the village of Gastouri, was originally built as a summer retreat for the Empress of Austria in 1890. It has several beautiful sculptures and a wonderful garden.

Address: Achillion Palace, Gastouri, Corfu

BEACH LIFE



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Nude bathing is only legal on a very few beaches in Greece and it is considered offensive to the traditional Greeks. It is also very bad etiquette to swim or sunbathe within sight of a church and there are several churches around the Greek coastline. Topless sunbathing is legal nationwide but there are several areas which have adopted their own policy and opted out of this liberal approach by posting signs which should not be ignored. The police rarely hand out fines but you can end up with three days in jail if you ignore the first warning. The island is full of lovely beaches

and especially Myrtilotissa near Corfu, Glyfada and Pelekas on the west coast are worth a visit. There are also plenty of secluded beaches on the west coast with is easiest reached by a water-taxi or by one of the small day-tripper boats for a fee.

EATING



© YiRan Ye

Kèrkyra town offers some great restaurants with delicious food. The best restaurants are based around Plateia Dimarchiou (Town Hall square) and along Kapodistriou. The cuisine is influenced by many different cultures and Italian cuisine seems to have had a big influence. Some of the specialities worth trying are the Sofrito, the pastitsada and the bourdeto. The gelaterias are not to be missed either.

Venetian Well

Some of the best Greek cuisine around with large portions and exotic meals. The favourites are the Iraqi lamb and the Albanian calves' livers in Ouzo.

Address: Platiá Kremasti.

Internet: www.venetianwell.corfu360.net

Poco Loco

A Tex-Mex restaurant which serves delicious Mexican dishes.

Address: Ethn. Antistaseos str. 26, Emporiko Kentro

Corfu Town

Phone: +30 2661 035 140

Internet: www.pocoloco.gr

Rex

One of the best restaurants in town. The menu varies

from typical Greek cuisine to the more northern European. Among the specialities of the house are several grill cooked meals.

Address: Kapodhistrou 66
Phone: +30 2661 039 649
Internet: www.rexrestaurant.gr

Alekos Beach

Alekos is located in the harbour below the palace and offers great views and gorgeous grilled meat and fish dishes all served on a beautiful location.

Address: Falikári jetty

Del Sole

Fantastic Italian food such as smoked salmon, antipasti, or seafood as well as spaghetti and other meat dishes.

Address: Guildford 17

Mouragio

Big portions of Mezedes and sofrito, also excellent kebabs and some very good seafood dishes. Very popular among the locals as well as with tourists.

Address: Arseniou 15
Phone: +30 2661 033 815

Taverna Tripa

Seven kilometres outside Corfu you can discover this fantastic restaurant. Excellent menu combined with typical Greek entertainment and the restaurant has been visited by knowns such as Jane Fonda, Anthony Quinn and Aristotle Onassis. Might be necessary to book in advance.

Address: Kinopiastes
Phone: +30 2661 056 333
Internet: www.tripas.gr

CAFES



© joyce godsey

Corfu town has a plethora of cafés and most of them are lined along the main pedestrian street Listón. A true Corfu experience is to indulge in people-watching while you are enjoying your frapp (ice-coffee drink).

Art Café

The Art café is a nice and trendy café with a great atmosphere and nice surroundings. It is located in the garden of the Museum of Asian Art.

Address: The Palace of St. Michael and St. George , Corfu

Café Gioia

In Northern Corfu, situated a short walk from Sidari beach and Canal D'Amour beach, you can find this snack bar with a selection of crepes, wraps, baguettes and they also serve breakfast. With this you can have a coffee, home made iced-tea or milkshake.

Address: Main road, Canal D'Amou, Corfu
Internet: www.spanglefish.com/thebigbite

Akrotiri Cafe

In North-West Corfu lies this café/bar at the top of the cape. With a stunning view of the ocean this makes for a perfect place to enjoy coffee, cakes, ice cream or sandwiches. Or why not enjoy a cocktail while watching the sunset?

Address: Arillas 49081, Corfu
Internet: www.akrotiri-cafe.com

Harma Cafe

Owned by a Greco-American couple, this café close to the harbor is a warm, friendly place for a coffee, snack or beer on their outdoor seating. Free WiFi.

Address: Eleftheriou Benizelou 46A, 49081

En Plo

En Plo guarantees a fresh sea breeze and a lovely view. Less busy than the cafés at the centre of town and a good place to enjoy the waterfront.

Address: Faliráki Jetty

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



© Steven Straiton

Kèrkyra town and the Island as such have plenty to offer when it comes to nightlife. Some of the nicest bars on the island are in the town centre and most of the nightlife action on the island is on Corfu's self proclaimed disco strip which lies only a couple of kilometres north of town centre.

Roof Terrace

Located at the roof top of the Cavalieri hotel this stunning bar can be heaven at night and stays open till the early hours of the morning. Very good atmosphere and excellent drink selection.

Address: Cavalieri hotel, Corfu
Internet: www.cavalieri-hotel.com

Edem Beach Nightclub

First opened in 1988 it served as a beach bar daytime

and rock club nighttime. It is a popular hangout for all kind of people and they play a mix of old goodies with the latest on the charts.

Address: Dassia
Phone: +30 2661 093 013
Internet: www.edemclub.com

The Hippodrome

One long explosive party with guest DJs from Europe and America. Ibiza-like atmosphere at a venue that changes its look from day to day.

Address: Antistaseos 52

Esperides

A typical Greek nightclub and frequented by locals. Expect to hear mainly Greek music for most of the night.

Address: Gouvia Resort

Apocalypse

Apocalypse is also one of the big clubs and, like the Hippodrome, has its own swimming pool. The music on offer is mainly techno.

Address: Antistaseos

Sax

A trip to ultimate fun at Sax's new-look garden. Special evenings and live music with international DJs.

Address: Antistaseos 48

Au Bar Club

Chart-toppers coming to the speakers all night at Au Bar which doesn't really start before 11 p.m but keeps going until the morning light.

Address: Antistaseos
Internet: www.aubarcorfu.com

Electron

Its brightness puts everyone in the mood for good old fashioned Greek entertainment and lights up the Corfiot nightlife.

Address: Antitaseos 28

SHOPPING



© Martin Belam

Corfu offers a big variety of shops. Down the cobbled streets and alleyways you can find everything from the small gift and souvenir shop to the boutique with exclusive Italian designer clothes. There are many interesting shops in between, but the best deal can be made on leather goods, jewellery, gold, silver and fur coats. However, if you are going to buy jewellery it is important that you use a reputable jeweller. The area around Ionian Sea is famous for its ceramic work and there are plenty of opportunities to see that on display in the shop windows around town. Naturally, it is also being sold in most of the souvenir shops around town. Probably the most unusual and the most fascinating is the amount of handwoven carpets, tablecloths, napkins, skirts and blouses of lace and cotton which are available in Corfu town. Heavy white stitched sweaters, which are made on the Aegean Island, are also very popular among tourists. Other typical Greek things to bring home could be the skewers for souvlaki, and also the Greek pastries are very tasty. There are usually bargains to be found if you are willing to negotiate, and the prices tend to fall a little when the tourist season is about to end.

SLEEPING



© Chris Booth

Hotel Arcadion

An exclusive hotel in the heart of the old Venetian part of town. It is overlooking the main square and offers an excellent service and good rooms.

Address: 2, Vlasopoulou Str. Esplanade, Corfu
Phone: +30 2661 030 104
Internet: www.arcadionhotel.com

Hotel Atlantis

Conveniently located near the ferry terminal is Hotel Atlantis. It offers good service and adequate rooms.

Address: 48, Xenofontos Stratigou St, Corfu
Phone: +30 2661 035 560
Tickets: from € 72
Internet: www.atlantis-hotel-corfu.com

Hotel Levant

Hotel Levant is located close to beautiful beaches of the west coast, such as Glyfada, Kontoyialos, Myrtiotissa, Ermones and Agios Gordios. It also offers great rooms with air-conditioning, balconies with a sea view and a swimming pool.

Address: Pelekas
Phone: +30 2661 094 230
Internet: www.levanthotel.com

The Pink Palace

A must do for all backpackers, and mainly for the younger clientele. The Palace features a huge dining

area, a nightly disco and theme parties. The rooms have en-suite bathrooms and air-conditioning.

Address: Agios Gordios beach, Near Sinarades village
Phone: +30 2661 053 103 , 53 104 or 53 935
Internet: www.thepinkpalace.com

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Airport

Corfu International Airport, I. Kapodistrias, is two

kilometres south of Corfu city. There is a bus station next to the Arrivals Hall where buses depart to the bus terminal in the city of Corfu and the Platia Y Theotoki. The local blue buses no.5 and no.6 can be flagged down where the airport junction meets the main road. If you prefer to walk into town it will take you an estimated 30 minutes. You can of course also catch a local taxi (tel: +30 2661 033 811) and it is a good idea to agree to a price in advance.

Internet: www.hcaa-eleng.gr/kerk.htm

Public transport

From central Corfu there are buses to take you to different destinations on the island and they are reasonably reliable. The long distance buses leave from the bus station which is close to the New Port in Corfu Town and the local bus station is on Pleiteia San Rocco. The green buses are the long distance ones and the blue buses are local. If you don't like the buses there is always the possibility of hiring a car or a motorcycle to take you around the island's lovely and attractive beaches.

Post Office

Address: Alexandras Avenue
Subway: Corfu town
Opening hours: Open 7.30 am - 8 pm

Pharmacy

Pharmacies are open during shop hours and there is always one pharmacy open in Corfu town at night and at weekends. Most resorts have their own pharmacy.

Dentist

Corfu General hospital

Address: 1 Ioulias Andreadi str
Phone: +30 2661 360 400

Telephone

Country code: +30, Area code: 2661

Electricity

220 volt, two legged round plugs.

Tourist Traps

The most common tourist trap on Corfu is overly-expensive taxi rides. Therefore it's a good idea to insist that all fares are shown on the meter. Some restaurants overcharge on the bill so it is generally a good idea to check your bill before you just pay the amount requested. However, most establishments are reasonably honest.



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