

Corfu and Paxos

Corfu

Trip code: IONGP0005

Guided hike

• Hiking • 8 days



Corfu and Paxos are the northernmost of the Ionian Islands. They are the occasion of marvelous and very panoramic walks in a forest nature of olive trees, some of which reach prodigious sizes. The best known, Corfu, is also the largest. From the village of Liapades, located on the west coast, two hikes make it possible to touch the island's wooded atmosphere and the beautiful rugged coastline in the area of Palaiokastritsa where the most famous monastery is located. of the island. Finally, ...

Highlights

1. The charming contrast between two islands: one large and famous, the other small and less known; both particularly endearing
2. A night in the capital Kerkyra, rich in heritage and very pleasant, complete the visit of the city
3. Comfortable accommodation close to the sea; daily bathing that happily completes a day of hiking
4. The comfort of a semi-itinerant stay

PROGRAMME



D1 Liapades

Arrival at Corfu airport. Transfer to Liapades on the west coast of the island (30mn)

Overnight in hotel or guesthouse in Liapades

Dinner in a tavern.

Accommodation : Hotel or guesthouse

D2 Liapades - Bays and Olive forests

From **Liapades**, walk through the beautiful olive forest overlooking the village of Liapades through the wonderful coves of **Rovinia and Limni** which are like an urgent call for swimming. We enjoy beautiful views of the five bays of **Palaiokastritsa** and enjoy the beneficial and unique shade of olive trees, some of which reach remarkable sizes before walking back to our accommodation

Overnight in hotel or guesthouse in Liapades.

Full board/picnic lunch.

Accommodation : Hotel or guesthouse

Main Itinerary :

D3 Agios Symeon - Paleokastritsa

From Liapades, we go to the beautiful village of **Doukades**. A beautiful climb on an old path and a nice track leads us to the small **chapel of Agios Simeon**, splendidly perched above the void on a rocky outcrop. It offers a spectacular panorama of the Ropa plain, the western relief of the island and the city of Corfu, which is cut out in front of the mountains of mainland Greece. Follow a nice descent into the olive trees before going back to the panoramic village of **Lakones**. A descent into a shady gorge on an old stone path takes us to **Palaiokastritsa**, its beaches, and its 18th-century monastery. Transfer back to Liapades (10mn).

Overnight in hotel or guesthouse in Liapades.
Full board/picnic lunch.

Accommodation : Hotel or guesthouse
Main Itinerary :

D4 Corfu - Gaïos - Mongonissi

Morning transfer to **Corfu** (30 minutes). In the morning, visit the city of **Kerkyra**, the capital of the island of Corfu. The most Italian of the Greek cities is inscribed on the **World Heritage List by Unesco**. Crossing (1h15 to 2h depending on the boat) in the early afternoon on the island of **Paxos**. We walk up to our rooms or studios in **Gaïos** along the quays of this beautiful town, which is the capital of the island, while our luggage is transferred by vehicle. Then, leisurely stroll on a small coastal road to the island of **Mongonissi**.

Night in guesthouse in Gaïos (Casa Rossa / Lemonia or equivalent)
Full board/picnic at noon.

Accommodation : Guesthouse
Main Itinerary :

D5 Tripitos - Sterna - Gaïos

From Gaïos, we go on foot to the heart of the island, for a scenic walk through the extraordinary sites of the Ark of Tripitos and the Greek cistern, overlooking the sea. The views on the coast, very wild here, are constantly renewed, while Antipaxos is offered to the eyes 2 km to the south. Return to Gaïos by small roads and traditional paths.

Night in guesthouse in Gaïos (Casa Rossa / Lemonia or equivalent)
Full board/picnic at noon.

Accommodation : Guesthouse
Main Itinerary :

D6 Gaïos - Loggos

From our accommodation, climb over the beautiful channel of Gaïos to Platanos, near the highest point of the island (248m). Descent to the beautiful beaches of the North-East coast (Kipiadi, Kipos, Marmari ...). It is a beautiful route, between coves and olive groves, to the village of Loggos: perhaps the most beautiful of the island, nestled in the heart of a cove. Transfer back to Gaïos (10 minutes).

Night in guesthouse in Gaïos (Casa Rossa / Lemonia or equivalent)
Full board/picnic at noon.

Accommodation : Guesthouse
Main Itinerary :

D7 Gaïos Lakka Corfu

If the boat to Corfu leaves in the afternoon, we can extend our discovery of the island. Short transfer to Magazia (10mn) then a hike through the olive groves and paths lined with low walls to **Lakka**, nestled at the bottom of a beautiful cove at the north end of the island, through the amazing **Ypapandi** church and the Venetian house. Along the way, you will enjoy magnificent views of the western coast of Paxos and the south of Corfu. Transfer to Gaïos, then boat to Corfu. From the port, we walk to our accommodation (10 minutes) with our luggage. Night in Kerkyra; in the evening, we can still stroll in the beautiful Greco-Italian streets ...

Night in City Marina or Atlantis hotel or equivalent
Picnic lunch / Free dinner

Accommodation : Hotel

Main Itinerary :

D8 End of Stay

Transfer to the airport after breakfast

Itinerary

Nous pouvons être amenés à modifier l'itinéraire indiqué : soit au niveau de l'organisation (horaires des bateaux, problème de surcharge des hébergements, dédoublement des groupes, modification de l'état du terrain, éboulements, sentiers dégradés, etc.), soit directement du fait du guide (météo, niveau du groupe, etc.). Ces modifications sont toujours faites dans votre intérêt, pour votre sécurité et pour un meilleur confort ! L'ordre des étapes peut également être changé sans affecter le contenu du programme.

SOME PRECISIONS

Grade

Easy to medium, no carry. You must love walking and be in good shape. Hiking accessible to the hiker in shape, motivated by walking and group life. 2h30 to 4h30 walk per day. The altitude difference is variable, between 150 and 400m (maximum) per day.

Luggage transport

You only carry a small backpack with your day's belongings, picnics, and racing supplies. You find your luggage every night at the stage. You will have to transfer all of your luggage from the vehicle to your room in Liapades from the boat to the vehicle that carries luggage to Paxos, and to your room afterward (and vice versa), as well as from the port of Corfu to the hotel. , the J7 (10mn)

Transfers

Transfers to and from the airport are included subject to arriving on the hourly basis of Transavia flights to and from Paris Orly. Otherwise, a tariff adjustment will be proposed (see the detail in the heading tariffs / options supplements).

The round trip between Corfu and Paxos is on a small ferry or hydrofoil (From 1:30 to 2:30 crossing depending on the boat). Or exceptionally (big sea) on a ferry via Igoumenitsa (4h30 crossing in all)

Group

From 5 to 15 participants.

Exceptionally, the group can count one more person, for example if a couple comes to register while there is only one place, or in case of simultaneous registration.

Accommodation / Catering

Accommodation

In family pension and small hotels type 2 *, in a room of 2 to 3 (usually 2). Possibility of reserving a single room (subject to availability). We can be assigned to several different accommodations but we will, of course, take the evening meal together.

In Liapades: At the bottom of the village above the bay of Liapades: in a room of two, in an apartment or in a bed and breakfast, with bathroom (3 nights). Dinners in a tavern.

In Paxos: In room of two, in hotel or apartment or in bed and breakfast, with a bathroom, near the sea (3 nights). Dinners in a tavern.

In Kerkyra (Corfu Town): In room of two with bathroom, in hotel 3 * (local norms).

Restoration

Picnic during the hikes, with local products. Every night we will have dinner in local taverns. Meal included from dinner on J1 to J8 breakfast (except dinner in Corfu on J7). Thank you to specify at the registration any food allergy or special diet; we will do our best to adapt your meals.

Duration

8 days, 7 nights, 6 days of hikes and visits.

Travelling season

May 03 to October 11, 2020

Guide

Accompanying British mountain certified guide or local, English speaking.

Flights

Flights are not included in the price

Start / End

Appointment

D1 at Corfu airport

Dispersion

D8 at Corfu airport.

Travel document

You will receive about two weeks before your departure, a convocation specifying the time and place of the appointment, the name and contact information of the guide and the address of the first accommodation.

Extend your trip

You can extend your stay in Corfu or Paxos or crossing for the region of Epirus.

Swimming

A number of our trips are suitable for swimming, during the stage or at the end of the day. It would be a shame not to enjoy. We emphasize, however, that your supervisors are not lifeguards; these bathes are therefore under your full responsibility and at your own risk.

Photos

You make beautiful pictures! Do not hesitate to send us a CD, a USB key, a Dropbox or WeTransfer link of your most beautiful photos taken during your trip. The fact that you send us photos implies that you accept that your photos are used free of charge on our various media (catalog, website, technical sheet, etc ...).

DATES AND PRICES

Prices include

- accommodation for 7 nights in a double/twin room
- guide
- meals from dinner on D1 (if arriving in Liapades before 8:30 p.m.) to breakfast on D8 (except dinner on D7)
- transfers planned during the stay
- luggage transport (limited to one per person)
- airport-hotel and hotel-airport transfers based on main flight schedules of the majority of the group..

Prices do not include

- flights
- airport transfers if you arrive outside main flight schedules
- the drinks
- lunches on D1, D8 and dinner on D7
- site visits
- registration fees
- the insurance
- anything not listed in "Prices Include"

Options, extras and discounts

- low season single room supplement: €215 / person
- high season single room supplement: €280 / person
- Corfu airport transfer – Liapades (1 to 4 people): 70 € / transfer
- Corfu airport transfer – Kerkyra (1 to 4 people): 40 € / transfer
- supplement if arrival or departure after midnight: €15 / transfer

IN YOUR LUGGAGE

Equipment

To hike

- Hiking shoes holding the ankle with a good notched sole, having a buttress and a good impermeability
- Telescopic walking sticks (optional but very useful for easy walking)

For lunch picnics

- Bowl, plastic box or plate, cutlery (spoon, fork, knife)
- Bottle or water bottle of a liter and a half minimum. On Corfu, you can drink tap water (drinkable but very heavy in minerals) even if the population consumes almost exclusively bottled water. On Paxos, all the available water comes from cisterns and a desalination unit of seawater. Here too, bottled water (very cheap) is massively used.

Against the sun

- Sunscreen (high protection) and sunglasses
- Hat, cap or bob

After the effort

- Kit and towel
- A mini-pharmacy: personal drugs, elastoplast, biogas or "2nd skin", gauze, disinfectant, anti-seasickness medicine, granular arnica and aspirin / paracetamol
- Swimsuit and bath towel to remember, it is possible to bathe every day. Water sandals for the pebble beaches.

This list must be adapted according to the season.

Clothes

To hike

- Comfortable hiking socks
- A warm fleece type jacket at the beginning and end of the season
- Comfortable pants for walking (technical material drying quickly)
- Shorts, T-shirts and long sleeved shirt (technical material drying quickly)

Against the rain

- A rain cape or a "Goretex" or better: a windproof umbrella

After the effort

- A pair of sneakers for the evening
- Spare clothes and personal laundry

Luggage

- A small, comfortable 30L backpack with a lap belt to carry your personal belongings and picnic during the day.
- A follower bag: a backpack, a travel bag in good condition, or a suitcase not too cumbersome. One piece of luggage per person Max 15 to 20 kg (depending on your flight).

DETAILS

The country

Country: Greece (Hellenic Republic)

Capital: Athens

Formalities

? Papers

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

? Health

Get the European health insurance card, ask your health insurance fund at least 15 days before departure. The sanitary conditions are similar to those of most European countries.

Language

To speak modern Greek is a definite asset to enter further into relations with a willingly linking population. English is universally spoken.