



## Corfu

### Highlights:

Achillion, Kanoni, Old City, Paleokastritsa, Kassiopi, Dodoni, Ioannina, Parga, Paxi, Kato Garouna, Sinarades

### Duration:

8 days / 7 nights



## The «green island» with its Venetian charm

### Itinerary:

#### 1. day: Arrival in Corfu

Arrival in Corfu. Meeting with our local tourist guide and transfer to the hotel in Corfu. After the accommodation in the hotel, a short info-discussion about the trip follows and subsequently a common dinner occurs.

#### 2. day: Achillion, Kanoni, Corfu town

In the morning your tour begins with a stop at Achillion Palace. The Achillion Palace is ideally located in the picturesque village of Gastouri. The palace was built exclusively for Elizabeth (Sissy), the former Empress of Austria and used to serve as her summer retreat. During your visit, you can admire among others, the beautiful gardens; statues and sculptures of Greek Mythology; the portrait of Empress Elizabeth; the enormous oil painting that portrays the triumph of Achilles at the battle with Hector; the Peristyle of the Muses; the most valuable statue “the Dying Achilles”, that represents Achilles dying trying to remove the spear from his ankle, and the statue of “Victorious Achilles” with its unbelievable dimensions, where Achilles is presented in the moment of glory.

Further with a stop at Kanoni, which is located south of peninsula Palaiopolis. It took its name (Kanoni = cannon) when the French artillery moved there in 1798. One of the cannons is still there at the kiosk. From Kanoni you can have impressive views of monastery of Vlacherna and the Pontikonissi as well. This site is the most beautiful part of the island.

Afterwards you have a walk to Corfu town where you can pass through the Old Town with its Venetian forts; the Mon Repos Palace; and the church of Saint Spyridon, one of the most important post-byzantine sites of Corfu.

Finally, you drive back to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.

#### 3. day: Paleokastritsa, Northern Corfu

In the morning you take the road to the north western part of the island and reach Paleokastritsa, a hilly and nestles resort, which is considered as one of the most beautiful villages of Corfu. You will have the chance to visit the monastery of Theotokos, which stands on a sheer hillside full of wild trees and olive trees facing the deep blue sea.

Your next stop is at Sidari, a picturesque and beautiful Greek village. It used to be a small fishing village and has become nowadays a popular tourist destination. Sidari is famous for its several little



bays with small beaches. You cross afterwards the northern coastline until you reach Kassiopi for a short stay in this charming town.

Finally return to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.

#### 4. day: Excursion mainland, Ioannina, Dodoni

Today, you will take the ship to Igoumenitsa and then drive to mainland for a visit at Ioannina, the capital of Epirus. Ioannina spreads out around the beautiful lake Pamvotida with its still waters, which is considered as a natural monument. You will have the chance to visit some wonderful buildings such as the House Matei Hussein, the Ottoman mosque of Veli Pasha, the imposing castle of Ioannina and the entire town's historic center.

Your next stop is at Dodoni, a historic area of Greece, famous for its ancient theatre and its oracle. These archaeological sites are integral pieces of the ancient Greek civilization.

Finally, drive back to Igoumenitsa to take the ferry to Corfu. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.

#### 5. day: Excursion Parga, Paxi

In the morning you take the ferry to Parga, one of the most popular summer destinations in Epirus. Although it is located in a bay of the mainland, it has an intense island feeling because of the amazing beaches and the exotic waters. There you can admire the amphitheatrically constructed colorful houses and the green islet with a white church.

Your boat-excursion continues with a stop at Paxi island, which offers the lucky visitors amazing beaches, underwater caves, small bays and green hills. You'll have the chance to visit the Venetian fortress of Agios Nikolaos, the English Governor's House, the Paxi museum and the churches and chapels of the area.

Finally, return by ferry to Corfu and drive back to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.

#### 6. day: 'Culinary impressions of Corfu'

In the morning drive through the varied landscape of the island, with the countless olive and citrus trees, the vegetable fields and vineyards, to visit a family, whose members are constantly striving for decades to keep the tradition and culture of Corfu. From the main road, where the bus stops, it is with approx. 15 minutes walking to the small olive press Museum. The over 200-year-old olive press has been transformed by the family to a small agricultural Museum, where you can see even today the old presses and items and learn about the manufacturing process.

In the afternoon return to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.

#### 7. day: Southern island-tour

In the morning you will visit the southern suburbs of Corfu Town, the icon-decorated Byzantine Basilica of St. Jason and Sosipatros in Anemomilos. Then you will stop at Kato Garouna, where you can visit the village and a carpet weaving. Further through the impressive olive groves and typical villages in the southern, flat part of the island. There you can have your lunch in a tavern or take the opportunity for bathing on the beautiful sandy beach.

#### Greek night

Afterwards drive to Sinarades, one of the few still original Greek villages that exist on Corfu. You have half an hour about at your leisure to see how the locals still live, something to drink and to take photos. Then drive to Kinopiastes, where is the simple, Greek tavern 'Tripa' and there our Greek



night is held with Greek specialties, like Greek Salad, Tzaziki (yoghurt with cucumber and garlic), specially prepared potatoes and as a main dish, the “mutton on the food” will be served. There are red wine and white wine from the barrel, food and drink, as much as you can and want to. Young men of the village dance the traditional Greek dances and of course they try to teach it to you. Shortly before midnight, we return back to the hotel.

8. day: Departure

Full of memories, you will be transferred to the airport of Corfu for your departure.

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