

GROUP TOUR PROGRAMME

Corfu – Ioannina – Meteora

Corfu · Dodoni · Ioannina · Zagori · Metsovo · Meteora · Saranda · Achilleion · Paleokastritsa

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	REGION	BEST SEASON	TOUR THEME
8 Days · 7 Nights	**10+ Pax**	**Corfu & Epirus**	**Apr–Oct**	**Island & Mountains**

Island and mainland in one week, with Corfu as the gateway. Your group crosses to Epirus for the oracle of Dodoni, the lake town of Ioannina, the stone villages and gorges of Zagori and the monasteries of Meteora, then returns to Corfu for its old town, the Achilleion and a day in Albania. Flights in and out of Corfu, short ferry crossings and a route that never doubles back. BenLeToni Tours has handled groups across Greece since 1992 – this programme is tailored for travel agencies and tour operators.

Made for your planning

Every day has a notes field, and the planning sheet on the last page collects what we need for a tailored proposal. Type into this PDF on screen or print it and write on it – then send it back to us.

Tour Route



Included In Our Offer

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- ✓ 7 nights accommodation – 4 in Corfu, 2 in Ioannina, 1 in Kalambaka – in 3- and 4-star hotels (5-star on request)
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✓ Private air-conditioned coach throughout the full itinerary
- ✓ Licensed guide for the entire programme
- ✓ All entrance fees to the sites and museums listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Airport transfers on arrival and departure days
- ✓ 24/7 local support contact during your group's stay in Greece
- ✓ Ferry crossings Corfu – Igoumenitsa – Corfu
- ✓ Boat Corfu – Saranda – Corfu

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and gratuities
- Single room supplements (available on request)
- Optional excursions not listed in the itinerary (e.g. Butrint)
- Climate resilience fee, payable locally at the hotels

Full Programme

YOUR NOTES

1

Arrival in Corfu

Arrival at Corfu airport, where your BenLeToni guide meets the group. Transfer to the hotel. Welcome dinner. Overnight Corfu.

2

Ferry to Igoumenitsa — Dodoni — Ioannina

Morning ferry to Igoumenitsa on the mainland (about 1 hour 30 minutes). Ancient Dodoni, the oldest oracle in Greece, and its great theatre below the mountains. Continue to Ioannina: the castle on Lake Pamvotis and the Ali Pasha Museum on the island in the lake. Overnight Ioannina.

3

Zagori — Vikos Gorge

The villages of Zagori, a UNESCO World Heritage Site: stone houses, slate roofs and arched stone bridges. The viewpoint over the Vikos Gorge, one of the deepest in the world. Lunch in a village taverna. Return to Ioannina. Overnight Ioannina.

4

Metsovo — Kalambaka

Over the Pindus mountains to Metsovo, a mountain town known for its cheeses, woodcarving and Aromanian traditions. Continue to Kalambaka, below the rocks of Meteora. Overnight Kalambaka.

5

Meteora — Igoumenitsa — Corfu

Morning visit to two of the monasteries of Meteora on their sandstone pillars. Drive back west on the Egnatia motorway to Igoumenitsa (about 2 hours 30 minutes) and ferry to Corfu. Overnight Corfu.

6

Saranda (Albania)

Boat across the strait to Saranda in Albania, a lively seaside town, with the option to visit the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. All participants need a valid passport or identity card. Return to Corfu. Overnight Corfu.

7

Achilleion — Corfu Town — Paleokastritsa

The Achilleion, the summer palace of Empress Elisabeth of Austria, with the bronze statue of Achilles. Walking tour of Corfu's UNESCO-listed old town and the church of Saint Spyridon. Afternoon at Paleokastritsa and its monastery above the bays. Overnight Corfu.

YOUR NOTES

8 **Departure**

Transfer to Corfu airport for departure.

Useful Information

Best time to travel

April to October. The mountains of Epirus are green in May and June and colourful in October; summer is hot on Corfu but pleasant in Zagori.

Group size

Minimum group size for this programme is 10 passengers. Coaches and guides are planned around the size of your group.

Dress code

Modest dress is required at Meteora and in the churches – covered shoulders and knees, and at Meteora women wear skirts (wraps are provided at the entrance). We advise all groups of this requirement in advance.

Walking difficulty

Moderate. Meteora involves stairs up to the monasteries, and Zagori has cobbled paths and stone bridges. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Hotel category

Corfu, Ioannina and Kalambaka – the programme uses a mix of 3- and 4-star hotels, selected for location and group handling. 5-star hotels are available on request.

Customisation

The mainland part can be extended with Thessaloniki and Vergina, or the Corfu part with Paxi and Antipaxi. Lake Plastira can be added as an extra night between Meteora and the ferry.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do participants need a passport for Albania?

Yes. EU citizens can travel with a valid identity card or passport; other nationalities should check the entry rules for Albania. Tell us the nationalities in your group and we will confirm.

How long is the day back from Meteora to Corfu?

About 2 hours 30 minutes on the motorway to Igoumenitsa, then the ferry (about 1 hour 30 minutes). The monastery visit is in the morning, so the group is back in Corfu for dinner.

Can the Saranda day be replaced?

Yes. Instead of Albania, the group can take a boat day to Paxi and Antipaxi or a free day in Corfu.

Do we need licensed guides at the archaeological sites?

Yes. Licensed guides are required at the major archaeological sites in Greece. BenLeToni Tours arranges all guides as part of the programme – multilingual guides are available in German, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and Japanese.

Can the programme be customised?

Yes. Duration, hotel category, pace and included sites can all be adapted. Contact us with your requirements and we will send a tailored proposal.

Planning sheet

Fill in what you already know and send this page to contact@benletoni-tours.gr. We reply with a tailored proposal within 48 hours.

AGENCY / TOUR OPERATOR

CONTACT PERSON

EMAIL

PHONE

GROUP NAME / CLIENT

TRAVEL DATES

NUMBER OF GUESTS

ROOMS: DOUBLE / TWIN / SINGLE

ARRIVAL FLIGHT

DEPARTURE FLIGHT

GUIDE LANGUAGE

HOTEL CATEGORY

☐ 3-star ☐ 4-star ☐ 5-star

CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME

SPECIAL REQUESTS (DIET, MOBILITY, CELEBRATIONS)

We look forward to welcoming your group to Greece.

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