

## Experience Corfu

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Where the rugged mountains of Epirus meet the Ionian Sea, our journey continues toward the lush island of Corfu, a place of striking contrasts and layered history. Leaving behind the stone-built villages and dramatic gorges of Zagori, we descend toward the coast for a scenic drive to Igoumenitsa, followed by a short ferry ride across shimmering waters. Corfu reveals a different side of Greece, where Venetian elegance meets local tradition in pastel-colored facades, arcaded squares, and narrow cobbled streets rich with history.

This extension focuses on experiencing Corfu through a mix of culture and outdoor activity. Following a guided introduction to Corfu Town, the next few days are dedicated to hiking on the island, exploring its network of trails that pass through olive groves, hillside villages, and coastal viewpoints.



## Trip Highlights

- Explore the distinctive architecture of Corfu Town, where narrow cobbled streets wind through a maze of pastel-colored buildings shaped by Venetian influence
- Sample local dishes that reflect the island's rich culinary heritage, influenced by both Greek tradition and Venetian history
- Hike along scenic trails through rolling hills, olive groves, and traditional villages, discovering viewpoints over the Ionian Sea and the island's green interior
- Discover Corfu's olive oil tradition in a visit to a local grove and mill, with a guided tasting followed by a farm-to-table dinner featuring local seasonal ingredients

## Map



## Tour Details

**Days/Nights:** 4 days / 3 nights

**Single supplement:** Cost based on request. Availability limited.

**Condition grading:** Easy active

## Itinerary

### Day 1

#### **Transfer from Ioannina to Corfu and guided tour of old town**

In the morning we depart from Ioannina and drive through the scenic landscapes of northwestern Greece towards the port of Igoumenitsa. From there we take the ferry crossing to the island of Corfu, enjoying views over the Ionian Sea as we approach the coast.

Upon arrival in Corfu, we continue to Corfu Town, where in the afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town, discovering its Venetian architecture, the elegant Liston arcade, Spianada Square, narrow winding alleys, and historic churches that reflect the island's rich multicultural past.

#### ***Overnight in Corfu town in a boutique hotel***

***Breakfast and dinner included***

#### ***Driving distance:***

Ioannina to Igoumenitsa 80 km / 1 hr 15 min

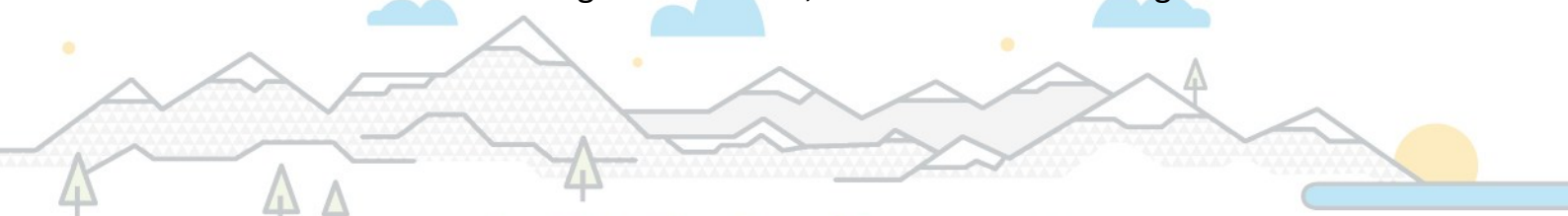
#### ***Ferry:***

Igoumenitsa to Corfu 11:00-12:30

### Day 2

#### **Hike from Lakones to Doukades**

Corfu is known for its beaches and Old Town, but it also offers stunning inland hiking routes, and one of the most beautiful connects Lakones with Doukades. Starting from Lakones, the trail ascends through



panoramic viewpoints above Paleokastritsa before continuing along quiet olive groves and forested slopes, following traditional cobblestone tracks that gradually lead towards the historic village of Doukades.

***Overnight in Corfu town in a boutique hotel***

***Breakfast and lunch included***

***Hiking distance:*** 5,5 km / ***Hiking Duration:*** 3 hr

***Elevation gain & loss:*** 285 m & 363 m

***Driving distance:***

Corfu town to Lakones 25 km / 40 min

Doukades to Corfu town 20 km / 30 min

### **Day 3**

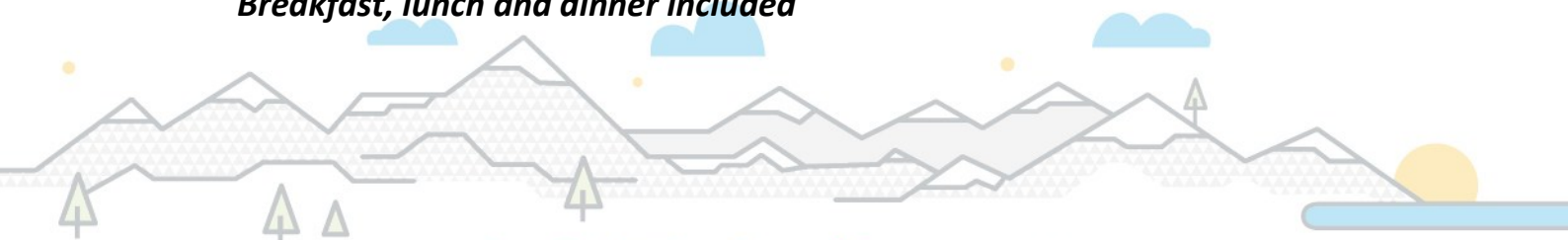
#### **Hike Benitses loop and farm to table experience**

In the morning we head to the lush green slopes behind the traditional village of Benitses for a scenic circular hike through forested trails and quiet mountain paths. The trail passes through shaded woodland towards the small settlements of Stavros and Dafnata. It then enters denser vegetation and passes the atmospheric ruins of the English aqueduct built in the early 19th century, now partly reclaimed by nature, before gradually descending through green slopes and forest tracks back to Benitses.

In the afternoon, we visit an organic farm for a farm-to-table experience deeply connected to the island's land and traditions. The visit begins with a guided walk through olive groves and organic gardens, along with insights into regenerative farming and a tour of the olive mill, followed by an olive oil tasting session. The experience concludes with a long-table dinner under the stars, where dishes made from the farm's own seasonal ingredients are cooked over an open fire and in a wood oven, paired with local wines from the Ionian region.

***Overnight in Corfu town in a boutique hotel***

***Breakfast, lunch and dinner included***



**Hiking distance:** 6,5 km / **Hiking Duration:** 3 hr

**Elevation gain & loss:** 340 m & 340 m

**Driving distance:**

Corfu town to Benitses 14 km / 25 min

Benitses to Corfu town 14 km / 25 min

#### **Day 4**

#### **Say farewell to Corfu or continue on your own**

Breakfast is at your leisure at the hotel and following that, you have an independent transfer from your accommodation in Corfu to the airport of the island.

#### **Breakfast included**

#### **What's included**

##### **Price includes:**

All accommodations based on double occupancy

Hotel taxes and service charges

Services of a guide throughout the tour

All transportation during the trip

Ferry ticket from Igoumenitsa to Corfu

Semi private olive oil tasting followed by dinner

Transport and handling of one reasonably sized suitcase and one carry-on per person

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunches and dinners as indicated in the itinerary

##### **Not Included:**

Domestic and/or international air fare

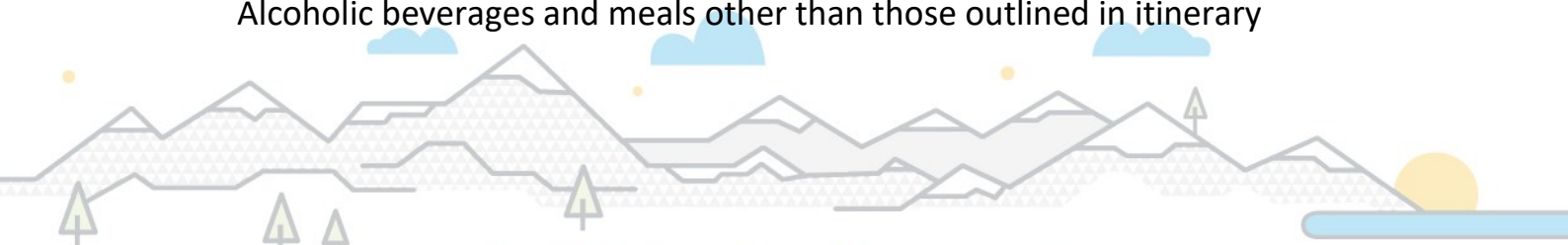
Transfer to the airport/port

Medical expenses

Travel or emergency evacuation insurance

Gratuities for leader/guide or driver

Alcoholic beverages and meals other than those outlined in itinerary



Visas if needed  
Other items of a personal nature  
Anything not mentioned in above program

### **Itinerary Changes**

We are constantly updating our unique itineraries based on new information and experiences available. The walks, accommodations, and visits listed may be adjusted. The itineraries presented are subject to modification and change by Tripin Adventures. We reserve the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in our judgment, conditions warrant, or if we deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of participants.

### **Terrain**

This trip Level is Easy Active and is suitable for most people that are in fairly good physical condition. The itinerary includes walking tours in cities and villages, and two hikes of three hours.

### **Condition Grading**

Easy active

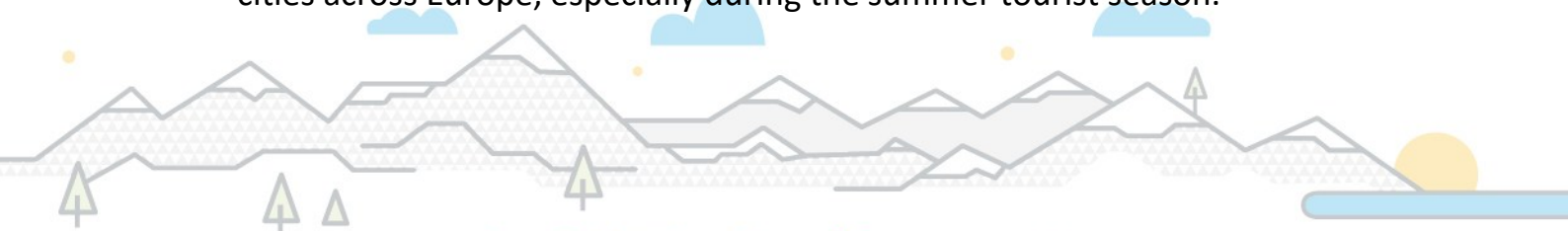
Trips designated “Easy Active” are perfect for first-timers, or travelers looking for a mild physical challenge. A typical day will consist of 1-3 hours of activity.

### **Starting point and getting there**

**Starting point is:** Ioannina

**Getting There:** This trip is an extension to our trips Mountains of identity and The Natural wonders that both finish in Ioannina.

**Getting Away:** Corfu International Airport, also known as Ioannis Kapodistrias Airport, is located 3 km south of Corfu Town. It handles domestic flights, including frequent connections to Athens International Airport, as well as seasonal international flights linking Corfu with major cities across Europe, especially during the summer tourist season.



## Food

Simple, nutritious and flavorsome, the food is one of the pleasures of travel through Greece. Rustic Greek Cuisine reflects the history and bounty of its diverse regions and relies on the fresh, seasonal home-grown produce and generally simple, unfussy cooking that brings out the rich flavors of the Mediterranean.

Greece's relaxed and hospitable dining culture makes it easy to get into the local spirit. Greeks love to eat out and share impossibly big meals family style. Given the long summers and mild winters, alfresco dining is central to the dining experience. Service could be slow by Western standards, but why be in a rush either way.

As a rule our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There's no obligation to do this though. Wherever possible we will cater for dietary needs for any included meals, but there may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own. Note that alcohol and soft drinks are not included.

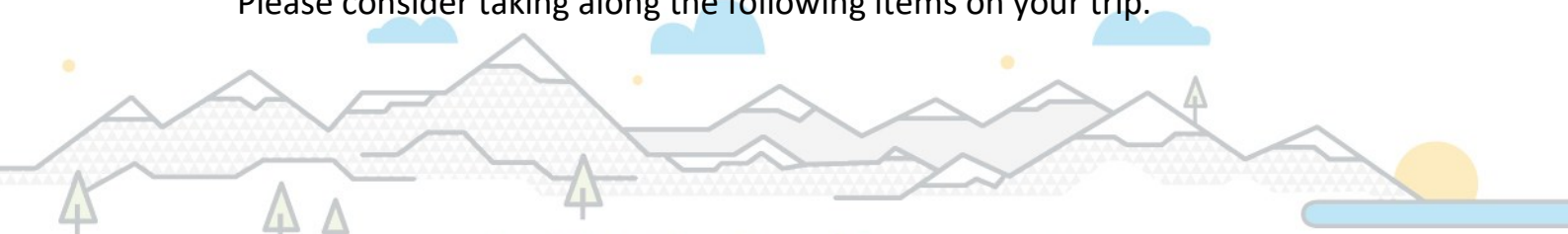
## Weather

Spring, summer and fall in Greece are sunny and warm. The daytime temperatures average 25-30 C though temperatures in the 35s are possible in the summer months. Nighttime temperatures cool off slightly to 20° C. Rain showers are rare on the islands, but it's often breezy and rainy on the coast.

## Gear Checklist

Greece has a temperate climate. Base your clothing on the "layering system", if it is hot you can "peel off" layers quickly, if it is cooler and windy you can quickly "dress up". The lighter you travel, the easier you travel. Use your best judgement and pack as lightly as possible. You will appreciate light luggage towards the end of your trip

Please consider taking along the following items on your trip.



### Official Papers

- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Airline tickets

### Luggage

- ✓ Duffel bag or rolling luggage
- ✓ Daypack to carry camera, water bottle and snacks etc.
- ✓ Luggage locks and tags

### Outerwear

- ✓ Rain jacket and rain pants, or poncho

### Clothing

- ✓ Hiking shorts
- ✓ Casual clothing made of light-weight fabrics
- ✓ T-shirts
- ✓ Underwear
- ✓ Swimsuit

### Clothing Accessories

- ✓ Sun hat or baseball cap

### Footwear

- ✓ Lightweight and supportive hiking boots, broken-in with good ankle support
- ✓ Beach sandals
- ✓ Casual, comfortable shoes for evening

### Accessories

- ✓ Sunscreen and lip protection
- ✓ Sunglasses and retainer strap
- ✓ Beach towel

### Optional Accessories



- ✓ Security pouch or money belt
- ✓ Trekking poles or walking staff
- ✓ Camera, memory and batteries
- ✓ Reading and writing materials
- ✓ Watch with alarm or travel alarm
- ✓ Travel pillow
- ✓ Motion sickness remedies
- ✓ Personal first-aid kit
- ✓ Insect repellent (lowrisk)
- ✓ Electric adapter plug/converter

This is not a fixed list, but more of a guideline, so feel free to add and remove items as you see fit.

### **Currency & Banking**

Greece has adopted the Euro as its currency. The easiest way to obtain local cash is from an ATM. Greek ATMs accept cards bearing the Cirrus, EC, Euro card, Visa and Plus symbols. If you take cash, US or Canadian Dollars can be easily exchanged at banks. Most major credit cards, Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted.

It is advisable to have some Euro with you upon arrival to be used for a taxi if necessary.

You may want to check the website [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for current exchange rates.

### **Passports**

You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the conclusion of your trip. Please make sure that you have blank pages in your passport for your visa (if required), entry and exit stamps (one for each). Please make a copy to take with you in the event yours is lost or stolen and keep it separate from your actual passport.

### **Visas**

Currently a Greek Tourist Visa is not required for citizens of Canada, United States, Britain and Australia. If you hold another passport, please check online <http://visacentral.com/visas.php>