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To Ioannina by public transport

Should you travel by public transport, you'll be met at the interlocal bus station ("KTEL praktorio"), unless other arrangements had been made.

- For a surcharge we'll arrange pick-up at Igoumenitsa harbour (flight to Corfu) or Preveza airport: Preveza airport costs around €175 (one way) and Igoumenitsa harbour costs around €125 (one way). This price is per taxi, at most 4 persons.
- A rental car could be more economical. Indeed you'll use it just for the transport to and from the Pindos, but 4 bus tickets may be more expensive and you're more flexible. You'll have to drive, but it's mostly highway. A discount will be applied as you don't use the taxi transfer from and to Ioannina.

You'd best fly on Corfu, Preveza Akti ("Lefkas"), Thessaloniki or Ioannina:

- On **Thessaloniki** is the most simple and cheap. There are many direct flights. [Read here for the rest of your trip.](#)
- On **Ioannina** is only possible with a change in Athens. Lovely option for an extended stay in Athens. You'll be picked up at the airport. [Read here for the rest of your trip.](#)
- On **Corfu** are many direct flights. Take a taxi or public bus from the airport to the harbour, sail to Igoumenitsa and hop on the public bus to Ioannina. Good connection and lovely for an extended stay on Corfu. [Read here for details.](#)
- On **Preveza Akti** with a charter flight. Take a taxi into town and from there the public bus to Ioannina. [Read here for details.](#)

Via Thessaloniki airport

Flight to Thessaloniki

Many carriers operate on Thessaloniki (code SKG).

Airport bus to Thessaloniki interlocal bus station

Take public bus 78 to the interlocal KTEL bus station Makedonia, around 45-50', €2 (2018)

Itinerary bus 78 (see 'departure from terminus'):

- by day: <http://oasth.gr/#en/masterinfo/list/12/73/>
- by night: <http://oasth.gr/#en/routeinfo/list/146/74/73/>

Interlocal bus Thessaloniki – Ioannina

Departures 2018: 8:00, 11:30, 14:00, 15:45, 18:30 (not Saturday), 20:30

Travel time 3:30, one way €30,50 both ways €55 (2018)

Itinerary Thessaloniki-Ioannina: <http://ktelmacedonia.gr/en/routes/tid=16> or <http://www.ktelioannina.gr/>

Interlocal bus Ioannina – bus station Thessaloniki

Departures 2018: 7:00, 11:30, 14:15, 16:00, 18:30 (niet op zaterdag), 20:30

Travel time 3:30, one way €30,50 both ways €55 (2018)

Itinerary Ioannina-Thessaloniki: <http://ktelmacedonia.gr/en/routes/tid=16> or <http://www.ktelioannina.gr/>

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How to connect the flight on Thessaloniki to public transport

Incoming flight

Latest incoming flight to reach the Pindos the same day is **17:00 hours** (but you'll be on your room at 2 o'clock in the morning!); otherwise you'll have to stay for the night in Thessaloniki.

flight arrival	airport bus 78	bus to Ioannina	arrival in accommodation
latest 17:00	18:30	20:30 (arrival 24:00)	02:00
latest 15:00	16:30	18:30 (not on Saturday!)	24:00
latest 12:00	13:30	15:45	21:15

Outbound flight

- first bus from Ioannina to Thessaloniki is at 7:00 hours
- you'll make the 11:30 airport bus
- so **departure of the flight should be at earliest 14:00 hour**, otherwise you'll have to stay for the night in Thessaloniki.

Via Corfu airport

Flight to Corfu

Many carriers operate on Corfu (code CFU).

Corfu airport – Corfu ferry harbour and back

- Blue Bus number 15, €1,20 p.p. (2018), 30' (via Green Bus Terminal and San Rocco in the town center). Airport bus stop: entrance A International Arrivals. Itinerary:
 - o airport-harbour: http://www.astikotelkerkyras.gr/img/15_7.16.pdf
 - o harbour-airport: http://www.astikotelkerkyras.gr/img/15_reverse_7.16.pdf
- Taxi to port, €15-20 per taxi, around 15'. At the airport you'll find a taxi easily, at the harbour you'd better order one in advance!

Ferry Corfu (Kerkyra) – Igoumenitsa and back

There are several corporations, most working together in the CorfuFerries conglomerate, see www.gtp.gr. There is one other with three slower boats not on the internet.

Information CorfuFerries conglomerate

- website <http://www.corfuferries.gr>, tab “ΔΡΟΜΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΠΛΟΙΩΝ” or “SHIP TIMETABLES” .
- Igoumenitsa: call +30 26650 21000 / 28258 / 28085
- Kerkyra: call +30 26610 21000 / 30190 / 23874

Travel time 1h30' officially, usually 1h45' to 2 hours.

Information F/B Eleni, Agia Irini en Nanti (not in conglomerate)

- Kerkyra: call +30 26610 20674 / 80608, 6977 892 741, 6945 794 519
- Igoumenitsa: call +30 26650 25540 / 21172, 6946 012 452, 6973 580 701

Travel time 1h45' officially, usually 2h15'.

Prices 2018

- One way: adults €11, car €40 (for more see website).
- With return: 50% discount on the return ticket.

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Interlocal bus Corfu – Ioannina

Mornings at 8:15 starts a direct bus from Kerkyra town to Ioannina. It enters the ferry so you may leave your luggage in the bus.

- Information: www.ktelkerkyras.gr
- Get your ticket beforehand at the bus station (reservation is possible but difficult). Ask specifically for Ioannina, for the bus heads for Athens or Thessaloniki and has to leave the highway!
- In Igoumenitsa make sure you enter the right bus again with your luggage in it! Tell the driver again you'll leave in Ioannina.
- You'll leave the bus on the west of Ioannina opposite the University Hospital near a pharmacy at 11:45. You may proceed by urban bus (stop on the right after the traffic lights) or you'll be picked up.
- You may not travel back to Igoumenitsa this way! You'll take the interlocal bus to Igoumenitsa from the interlocal bus station.

Interlocal bus Igoumenitsa – Ioannina and back

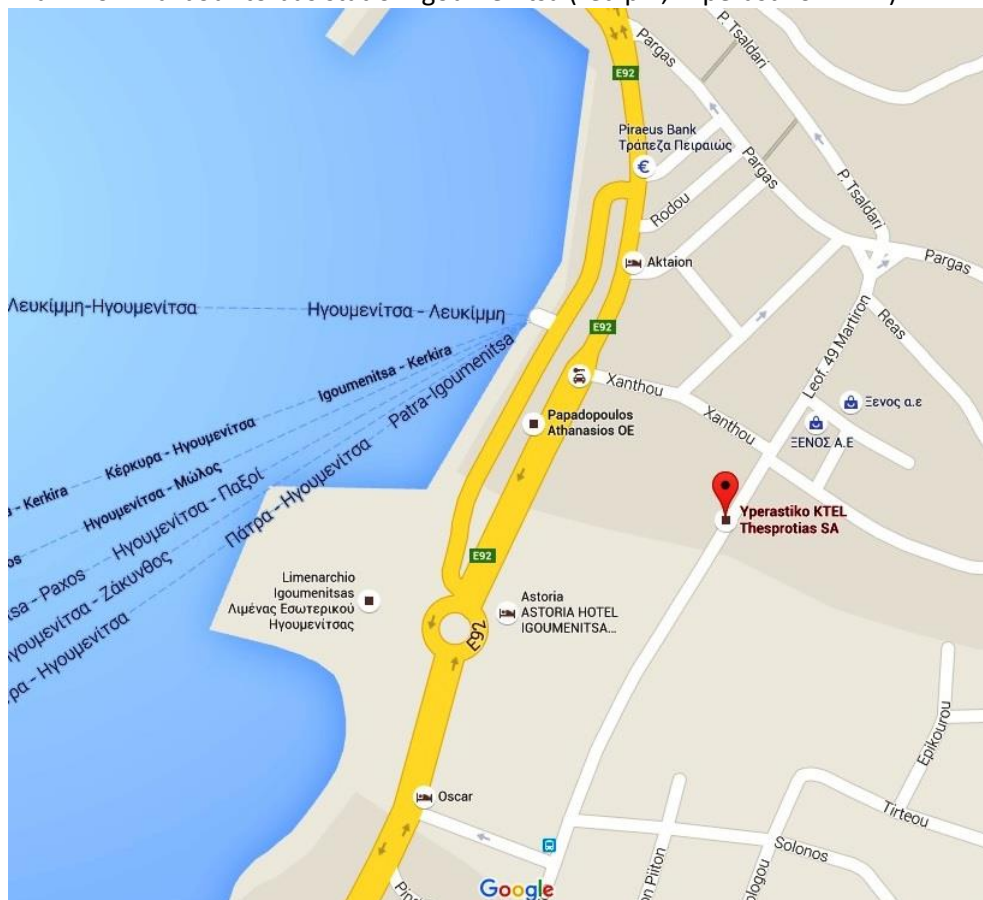
Besides the direct busses from Corfu to Ioannina are several buses between Igoumenitsa and Ioannina. Price 2018: €10,60 one way.

- Itinerary: www.ktelioannina.gr or www.ktel-thesprotias.gr
- Information KTEL Igoumenitsa: +30 26650 22309
- Information KTEL Ioannina: +30 26510 25014 / 27442 / 26211 / 26286
- Departures 2018 Igoumenitsa – Ioannina (check on website!!):
 - o week days: 8:30, 10:45, 12:30, 14:45, 17:30, 20:15
 - o weekend: 9:15, 12:30, 14:45, 17:30, 20:15
- Departures 2018 Ioannina-Igoumenitsa (check on website!!):
 - o week days: 6:45, 10:30, 12:30, 14:45, 18:15, 20:00
 - o weekend: 9:00, 12:30, 14:45, 18:15, 20:00
- Bus station Ioannina and departure of bus to Igoumenitsa: Leoforos Georgiou Papandreou 45, this is the coastal road from the center to the camping, Perama and airport. Ask for “praktorio KTEL”.

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- Walk from harbour to bus station Igoumenitsa (red pin, “Υπεραστικό ΚΤΕΛ”):



How to connect the flight on Corfu to public transport

Incoming flight

Latest incoming flight to reach the Pindos the same day is **15:30 hours**; otherwise you'll have to stay for the night on Corfu.

Outbound flight

- first bus from Ioannina to Igoumenitsa is at 6:45 hours (weekend 9:00)
- you'll make the 11:15 ferry (maybe 9:30, but not guaranteed!!)
- so **departure of the flight should be at earliest 16:00 hour**, otherwise you'll have to stay for the night in Corfu or Igoumenitsa.

Via Preveza Akti (Lefkas) airport

Flight to Preveza Akti

Several airlines offer direct flights to Preveza Akti, f.i. Thomas Cook.

Preveza airport – Preveza bus station and back

Outside of the airport is a bus stop, but it's not clear whether you may take this bus to go into Preveza.

So it's easiest by taxi, 6km, 10 minutes, usually €25 (check!!). Many are lined up outside of the airport.

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You may also prebook a taxi:

- www.prevezaairport.com: €28 one way
- www.suntransfers.com: €65 both ways

Interlocal bus Preveza bus station – Ioannina and back

- Information via www.ktelprevezas.gr or www.ktelioannina.gr. Travel time around 2 hours, price 2018: €11,30 one way.
- Itinerary 2018 Preveza-Ioannina (check on website!):
 - o week days: 6:00, 7:30, 9:15, 11:30, 13:30, 16:30, 18:15, 20:00
 - o weekend: 7:30, 10:00, 12:00, 14:45, 18:15, 20:00
- Itinerary 2018 Ioannina-Preveza (check on website!):
 - o week days: 6:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 13:30, 15:00, 18:00, 20:30
 - o weekend: 7:45, 10:00, 12:30, 14:30, 18:00, 20:30

How to connect the flight on Preveza Akti to public transport

Incoming flight

Latest incoming flight to reach the Pindos the same day is **18:00 hours**; otherwise you'll have to stay for the night in Preveza.

Outbound flight

- first bus from Ioannina to Preveza is at 6:30 hours (weekend 7:45)
- so **departure of the flight should be at earliest 11:00 hour (weekend 12:15)**; otherwise you'll have to stay for the night in Preveza.

Via Ioannina airport

Flight on Ioannina (always via Athens!)

You may only fly to Ioannina via Athens. The flight Athens-Ioannina takes about an hour. For itinerary see <http://en.aegeanair.com/>

Flight on Athens

Many carriers operate on Athens (code ATH).

Beware!! Book the connecting flight on the same ticket so your luggage is labeled to Ioannina! Otherwise you'll have to collect your luggage in Athens and check in again: lots of extra time and no guaranteed transfer.

To Ioannina and Pindos by (rental) car

Beware!! Several planners and navigation systems are not well fitted with the routes to and in the Pindos region. Dirt roads may be chosen even if you selected only paved roads, and points are used that have no connection to the villages. Prepare your trip in advance!

Thessaloniki airport – Ioannina by (rental) car

Reset the trip counter.

- From the airport you'll automatically reach the entrance road (starts/ends at the airport).
- Km 1,5: go straight at the traffic lights.
- Km 3,4: enter the highway 'Perifera/Ringroad'. Follow the signs to **ATHINA** or **KATERINI**.
- Km 9,3: the Perifera becomes the Egnatia Odós (A2); follow the signs **ATHINA** or **VEROIA**.
- Km 25: at interchange 21: follow **ATHINA/VEROIA [A1]**. Here is a toll of €1,20 (2018).

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- Km 65 (*having driven about 1 hour in normal traffic*): keep right towards **VEROIA/KOZANI** and proceed on the **[A2] [Egnatía Odós]** until you've reached Ioannina. Three more toll posts for €2,40 (2018).
Tip: road restaurant STRATA with Shell gas station 6km below Grevena at interchange 08A. Nothing more until Ioannina!
- Km 218: leave the highway at interchange **[IOANNINA]** and go right. At the next traffic lights straight on.
- After 3km: go left, signs **[Ring Road]**.
- After 10km: you'll pass a tunnel. At the end is a crossing with traffic lights: the airport is before you. Continue reading at the chapter "Ioannina airport - ...".

Ioannina airport – Monodendri by (rental) car

Reset the trip counter.

- Km 0: From the Ring road: go left at the traffic lights. From the airport: go right at the traffic lights. Follow the local road. Traffic can be chaotic! Several cafes and little shops along the road.
- Km 15: immediately past a large arch above the road (*pedestrian crossing*): go right, **CENTRAL ZAGORI**. Follow the signs **MONODENDRI** and ignore two side roads to the right (*to Asprangeli and Kipi/Tsepelovo*).
- Km 29: at three-way junction "triangle" go right, sign **MONODENDRI**. (*Triangle because after 100m you go right again.*) You'll pass the village Vitsa; keep following the asphalt road up.
- 1,8km after the hairpin bend in Vitsa: at three-way junction go left, sign **OXIA**. (*Right points a sign MONODENDRI, to the lower square.*)
- After 900m, just before the hairpin bend to the left restaurant Oxia annex guest house Zarkadas on your left hand side. Check in before taking your luggage, because for some rooms it's better to use the back entrance.

Ioannina airport – Koukouli and Tsepelovo by (rental) car

Reset the trip counter.

- Km 0: From the Ring road: go left at the traffic lights. From the airport: go right at the traffic lights. Follow the local road. Traffic can be chaotic! Several cafes and little shops along the road.
- Km 15: immediately past a large arch above the road (*pedestrian crossing*): go right, **CENTRAL ZAGORI**. You'll ascend until you've reached a plain. Ignore a side road to the right (*to Asprangeli*).
- Km 18: go right, **KIPI/TSEPELOVO**. You'll pass the splendid Kokoros bridge.
- At the next three-way junction: go right, **KIPOI**.
- At the next three-way junction: go left, **KOUKOULI** (Kipi is before you).
- The asphalt road ends next to the church and becomes a paved street. You may proceed by car and park below Tritoxo guest house. Or you may park your car here and walk. There's a sign **TRITOXO** pointing to the left. After 100m the guest house is on your right hand side.