

**Ionian Islands – Corfu – self-guided hike:
8-day semi-trekking along the Corfu Trail
taking in 3 accommodations 2024 (IKWM214I)**



Our hiking philosophy: active during the day, and in the afternoon a warm shower, a good meal and a comfortable bed in a small-scale accommodation.

We invite you to join us!

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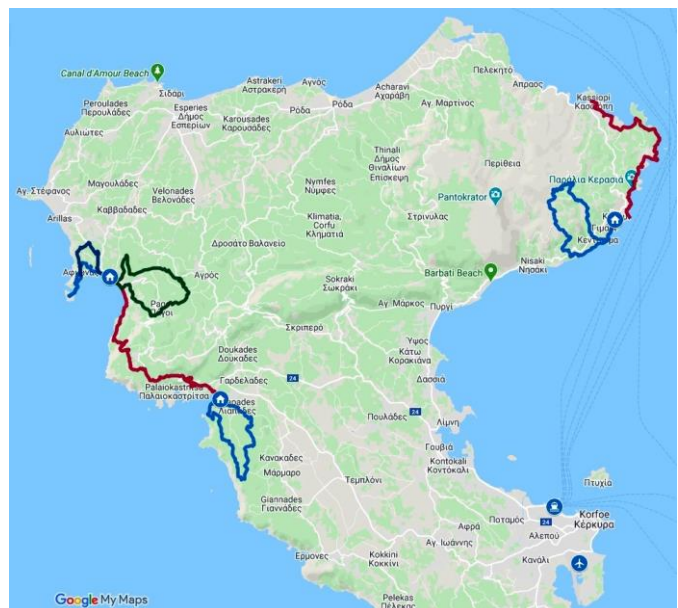
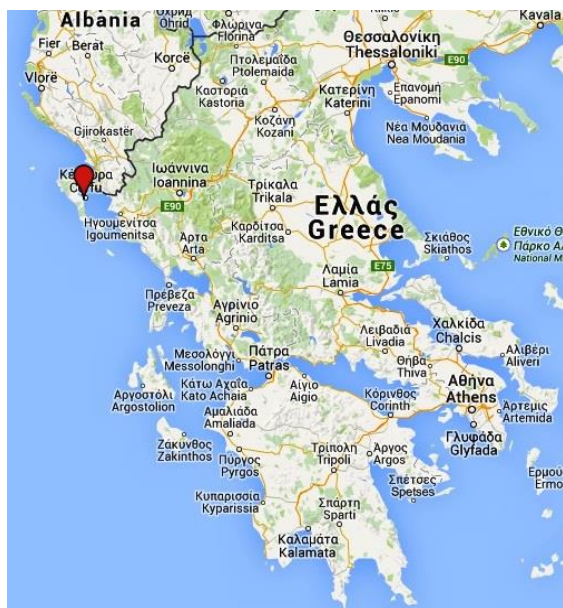
About AnnaHiking

In 1991 we visited Greece for the first time. Our love for the country, the culture, the climate, the food, the language and the Greek has grown ever since. We feel at home here and want to communicate this feeling to others.

Many people are familiar with the Greek “islands with beautiful beaches”. Many islands also boast a splendid inland with historical paths, ideal for hiking. Corfu is such an island with much more on offer than beaches alone, and we’d love to introduce it to you.

This trip is organized by our agent on Corfu, Aperghi Travel. They check and maintain the paths, arrange the (luggage) transfers and the on-site support. As self-guided hiker they’ll provide you with the route descriptions and all other necessary information.

The tour location



General information about the tour and the Corfu Trail

The Corfu climate is soft in winter and hot in summer, that’s why we don’t offer the tour in July and August. In spring (May, June) there are lots of flowers in bloom and September and October are still lovely months for hiking.

The total length of the **Corfu Trail** is more than 200 kilometers, running from the southernmost to the northernmost tip of Corfu in 11 stages; this tour takes in 6 of the stages. The trail is generally well marked. It was designed by Hillary Whitton-Paipeti who came to Corfu in 1981. She collected a group of hiking enthusiasts and together they started the Corfu Trail.



The walks in this tour partly follow the Corfu Trail. We call it a semi-trekking, because you stay several days in one accommodation and then move on.

The daily stages take between 3½ and 5 hours net walking time (excluding the breaks). The terrain alternates between rough footpaths, cobbled mule paths (kalderimia), gravel roads and tracks, minor roads and beaches. Generally the route is well marked. You’ll walk along mountain slopes and summits, through olive groves, taking in typically Corfiotic villages in the north of Corfu.



We advise you to arrive well trained and fit with well worn-in and ankle-high hiking boots. Thus you'll get more pleasure out of your hiking holiday.

It's a tour for people who are curious to the nature and hinterland of a well-known holiday island and for whom the complete Corfu Trail may be just a bit too much.

Modular set-up: extensions/alterations

You may extend your stay in every accommodation for rest or beach days.

Prior to or subsequent to the tour you may spend some days in Corfu Town with its historic center. Using public transportation you may visit all parts of the island.

ATTENTION! A stay in Corfu Town between 2 and 6 May is subject to higher rates and a minimum stay of 3 to 4 nights.

Apart from this 8-day arrangement we have four other arrangements on Corfu:

- Corfu Trail complete in 11 stages with bonus walk and rest day (tour code [IKWT314I](#), 15-day tour).
- Corfu Trail (almost complete) in 9 stages (tour code [IKWT334I](#), 11-day tour).
- Corfu Trail selection: 6 stages in the south and north (tour code [IKWT324I](#), 8-day tour).
- Off-season package for the winter months when the accommodations along the Trail are closed (tour code [IKWS214I](#)).

The arrangement may also be extended with one of our various programs in the [Pindos mountain range](#). We'll gladly advise you about the logistics.

Of course you may combine the tour with one of our [other arrangements](#) in Greece.

For all your wishes: ask for an estimate!

About the Ionian Islands and Corfu/Kerkyra

The Ionian Islands are located on the west side of the Greek mainland in the Ionian Sea. They are greener than most Greek islands. In Greek they are called 'eptánisa', 'seven islands', because there are 7 larger islands: Corfu, Lefkas (Lefkada), Ithaka, Kefalonia, Paxi or Paxos, Zakynthos and –strangely enough- Kythira which is located south of the Peloponnese. Besides there are some smaller (inhabited) islands like Antipaxos and Meganisi. Apart from Lefkada they have not been ruled by the Turks, but by the Venetians (14th-18th century) and English (1815-1864) who protected the islands from the Ottomans (Turks).

The Venetians imported specific dishes like bourdettio (meat or fish in spicy red sauce), patsisada (veal or chicken with pasta and wine sauce). The British provided the cricket field in Corfu town, which is still in use.

Corfu island (or Kerkyra as the Greek call it) is the most northern Greek island in the Ionian Sea. Part of it is situated next to the Albanian coast and so there are also ferries and excursion boats to Sarande and Dürres in Albania. The island is very green, because of heavy rainfall, mostly in winter.

Since the Venetian time olives formed an important means of income. Depending on the source you consult there are 6 to 10 million olive trees, which are also particularly high. In autumn everywhere in the olive groves you'll see the nets which are





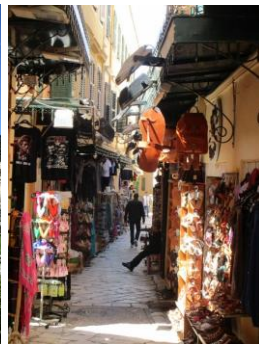
used to harvest the olives. Nowadays the olive groves decline in importance or are being used as building grounds for villas and holiday residences.

Another local product is the kumquat, a small citrus fruit, which is conserved and used for a lovely liqueur.

Some other rather striking differences with other Greek islands, due to other rulers in history: lots of cypress trees (the Turks imagined these to bring bad luck and had them cut down elsewhere) and hardly any blue-white painted houses (Greek did that in other parts because the Turks did not allow them to use their blue-white flag).



Tourist attractions are the fortress in Corfu Town and the Achilleion, the palace of the Austrian empress Elisabeth “Sissi”. Corfu Town is UNESCO protected inheritance.



The accommodations

The accommodations (always with private bathroom) are small-scale apartment houses, family hotels, tavern rooms and sometimes 3-4 star hotels. It depends which is available at the time of reservation. We reserve the right to change any accommodation up to your arrival date, always within above mentioned options.

For the last days you may express a preference for Kalami or Kassiopi; it's not certain that your preference can be honoured. Kalami is a small coastal village with almost exclusively holiday homes, apartments, a hotel, minimarkets and a restaurant. Footpaths lead to quite bays and beaches south and north of Kalami. These bays are very popular with sailing boats which you'll often see anchored near the coast. Kassiopi is a lively village situated on a peninsula with the ruins of a Byzantine castle. In the centre and near the port you'll find a wide choice in shops and restaurants.



Booking

The arrangement can be booked in the periods from 20 April until 30 June and from 1 September until 31 October 2024.

***Prices per person 2024***

	for double/twin room	for single room, travelling together	for triple room	solo traveller
20/4 until 31/5	€ 710	€ 965	€ 660	€ 1090
1/6 until 30/6	€ 800	€ 1085	€ 740	€ 1230
1/9 until 30/9	€ 800	€ 1085	€ 740	€ 1230
1/10 until 31/10	€ 710	€ 965	€ 660	€ 1090

Note:

- Price is per person, flight excluded.
- Availability of single rooms is very limited, especially in June and September.
- A triple room is a double/twin room with an extra bed and the availability is limited.
- The dates apply to your tour period, not the departure day! If your tour is within more periods, the price will be calculated according to the amount of days in the respective periods.
- From January 1st 2018 in Greece an 'overnight tax' is applicable. This tax has to be paid at check-in at your accommodation. The rates per room per night were until 2023: € 0,50 for 2*-hotels, € 1,50 for 3*-hotels, € 3,00 for 4*-hotels and € 4,00 for 5*-hotels. It seems they'll be lifted to: €1,50 for 2*-hotels, €3,00 for 3*-hotels, €7,00 for 4*-hotels and €10,00 for 5*-hotels. Tourorganisations are not allowed by law to pay this tax.

Start and end of tour: Corfu airport or ferry port.

Included

- 7 Overnight stays on single or double/twin room with private bathroom. Should more than 2 people travel together they may be housed in a 2-room apartment with shared facilities. The accommodation is as close as possible to the end c.q. start of the trip.
- Breakfast from day 2 until and including day 8.
- Transfer from and to the airport, transfer to the start of the walk on day 6 and all luggage transfers according to the program.
- Contribution to the Corfu Trail maintenance.
- GPS tracks; sent in advance by WeTransfer.
- Hiking map Corfu, sent by post. If you live within the European Union we'll send it to your home address, otherwise the package will be handed over at arrival.
- Information package with route descriptions; handed over at arrival.

Not included

- Flight and insurances.
- Overnight tax (see above).
- Lunches, diners, drinks and other personal expenses.
- Public bus (about €3 p.p.) or taxi (€20-€30) at the end of day 6.
- Other transfers not mentioned in the program.
- Everything else not mentioned under "included".

Flight

You'll fly on Corfu airport; many airlines offer this flight. You'll be picked up at the airport and returned there at the end of your arrangement.



Luggage

You carry a day pack with water, lunch, warm and rainproof clothing, possibly swimming gear, items for personal care, binoculars/camera etc.

The remaining luggage stays in the accommodation or is transferred.

Before departure we send you a list with essential and advised items.





Day to day program

(The elevation profiles can be downloaded separately. Mind: the scale differs per day!)

Note: walking times mentioned are net times without breaks.

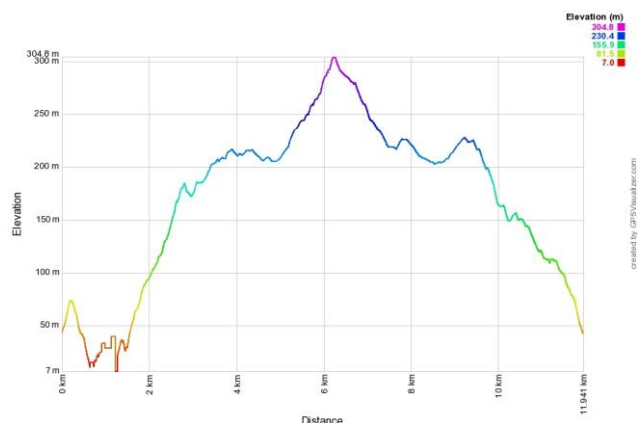
Day 1: To Liapades (CM-A)



You'll be met at Corfu airport and transferred to your accommodation in Liapades (30' by taxi). Liapades is an ancient village full of lovely old mansion houses. You may spend the afternoon in the village or on the beach.

overnight stay: *Liapades*

Day 2: The West Coast and Olive Way (CM-02)



From Liapades villages old paths will take you high above the coast and along some stunning beaches, inviting you for a swim stop. You continue into the centuries-old endless olive groves along the Olive Way. The Liapades village square is perfect for a refreshing drink before heading down to your accommodation.

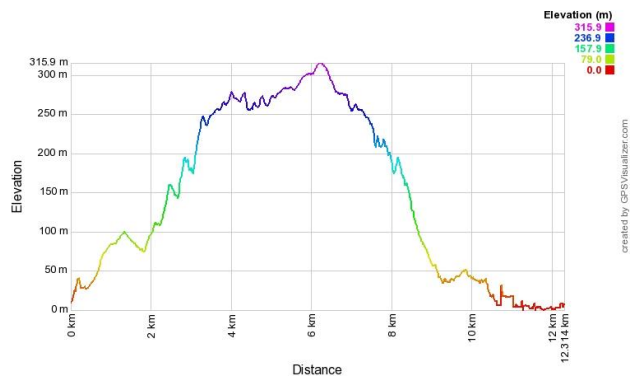
walking time/distance: 4h / 12,1km

ascent/descent: 450m

overnight stay: *Liapades*



Day 3: The Roman Way from Liapades to Agios Georgios (CT-07)



The walk starts with a sharply ascending footpath which immediately brings you high above sea level towards Paleokastritsa. You quickly cross the main road and head into the hills again, using a network of lovely cobbled footpaths. A climb of about an hour takes you to the centuries old village of Lakones and Bella Vista Viewpoint ('the best view in Europe').

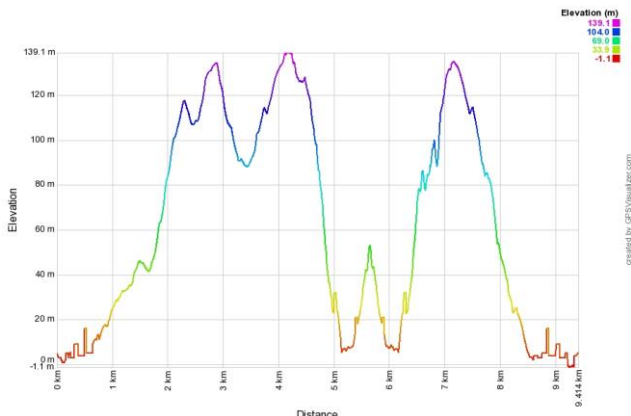
One kilometre of unavoidable and sometimes busy road here, to cross the village, but the spectacular views make up for it! The Trail then heads across olive groves to Krini (from here you can opt to visit the Byzantine castle Angelokastro), through 'Lily Valley' and on down one of Greece's most remarkable footpaths, the Roman Way, which zigzags down a sheer cliff. The way continues down an olive grove track and along the seashore to the resort of Agios Georgios.

walking time/distance: 4h / 13.5km (Angelokastro: +1km one way)

ascent/descent: 350m (Angelokastro: +150m)

overnight stay: Agios Georgios Pagon

Day 4: Circular walk Afionas and the Double Bay of Porto Timoni (CM-04)



From Agios Georgios it's a steep climb up to the beautiful village of Afionas, with its olive oil shops, narrow alleys and beautiful views. On a footpath, you descend steeply towards the sea below, where the peninsula is so thin that you can choose on which side to swim! The path continues a bit further up the peninsula to the chapel-like cave of Agios Stylianos.

You return by a direct footpath and road from Afionas' village back to Agios Georgios.

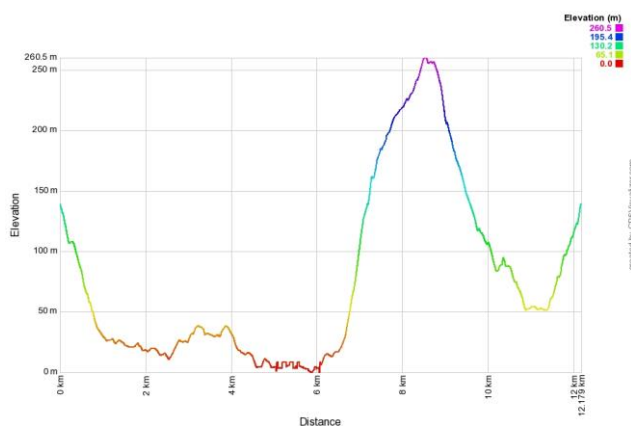
walking time/distance: 3h30' / 9.6km

ascent/descent: 450m

overnight stay: Agios Georgios Pagon



Day 5: Circular walk Aspiotades (CM-05)



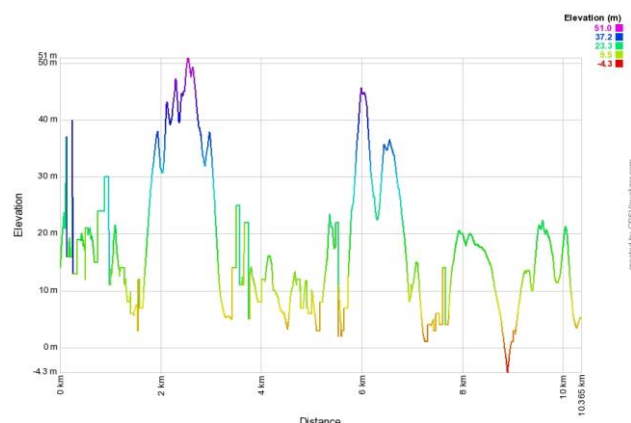
From Agios Georgios you follow a stretch of the Corfu Trail up to the villages of Prinilas and Paghi. Descending into a fertile valley, the path climbs back to the road in Aspiotades. From here the route leaves the Trail and turns back through agricultural landscape to the coast at Agios Georgios.

walking time/distance: 4h / 12.3km

ascent/descent: 400m

overnight stay: Agios Georgios Pagon

Day 6: From Kalami along the Erimitis Peninsula to Kassiopi (CM-06)



In the morning you'll be taken to Kalami on the east coast (1 hour).

From there you walk the beautiful Erimitis natural area and coastline to Kassiopi, threatened by development plans. You'll have lots of swimming opportunities along the way! At the end you can visit the village of Kassiopi with the Byzantine castle above the town. From the village of Kassiopi you take a local bus back to the main road above Kalami. (Not included, approx. €3 p.p).

Note: if you stay in Kassiopi, you'll make the tour the other way around.

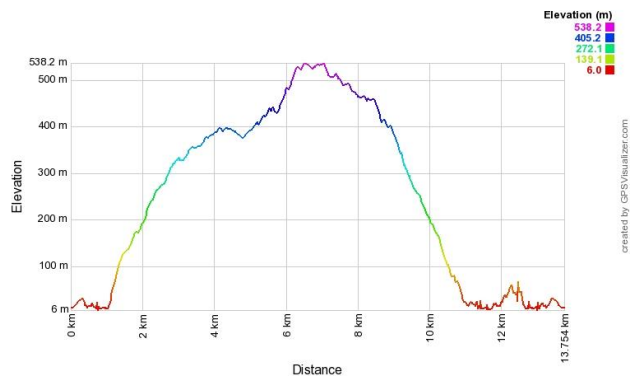
walking time/distance: 3h30' / 11km

ascent/descent: 300m

overnight stay: Kalami/Kassiopi



Day 7: The Northeast coast and mountain flanks (CT11)



This is a circular walk which starts and finishes at Kalami, exploring the Northeast of the island. You quickly climb into the hills and then onto the high mountain flanks, through Porta and on to the ruined village of Mengoulas. After some level walking with most spectacular views your descent begins, towards Katavolos and down to the sea at Kaminaki.

Your return is along the high coastal footpath along spectacular bays with sheer cliffs and turquoise waters.

Note: if you stay in Kassiopi, you'll take the public bus or a taxi to and from Kalami (own cost).

walking time/distance: 5h / 15km

ascent/descent: 600m

overnight stay: Kalami/Kassiopi

Day 8: Departure from Corfu (CT-V)

You'll be picked up and brought to the airport, Corfu Town or the ferry harbour.

