

## BIKE & BOAT Ionian Islands · Greece

Route

from Corfu / to Corfu

**Duration** 8 days / 7 nights

**Distance** approx. 175 km

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## Islandhopping in the home of Odysseus

Off the west coast of Greece on the Ionian Islands, Greece shows her greenest side. Untouched nature, the clear blue, shimmering Ionian Sea, and centuries of Venetian influence dominate the the Ionian Islands archipelago. This tour starts on Corfu, the dream island of the unforgettable Austrian empress Sissi, and leads to spectacular regions little known outside of Greece. By Bike [&] Boat we discover the famous island of Ithaca, said to have been the home of Odysseus, the unforgettable green bird sanctuary island of Lefkas, and explore the fantastic mountain world of Cephalonia and the beautiful olive groves that cover the small island of Paxos. Enjoy your week in absolute comfort on board the wooden motor yacht and let yourself be spoilt by the excellent Greek hospitality and cuisine!

NEW FROM 2025: On this trip, we offer you the option of either joining your guides on the cycle tours or completing the cycle routes individually at your own pace using the free RideWithGPS route app for your smartphone as well as GPS tracks and maps.



## Itinerary

## 1st DayCorfu/Corfu city (Embarkation)

Individual arrival by plane and transfer to the ship. Check in on the Panagiota is possible from 2 pm onwards. Dinner on board and overnight stay on Corfu.

## 2nd Day Corfu Island – Sivota – Parga – Lefkas Island (aprx. 18 mi/28 km)

Cast off! In the morning we cross over to Sivota on the Greek mainland, where we head off on our first cycling tour. Our first cycle leads us to Parga, a coastal town beautifully situated below a Venetian fortress that towers over the old town. Here the boat awaits us for a longer sail to Nidri on Lefkas Island. On our way we pass a floating swing-bridge which connects Lefkas with the Greek mainland. We spend the night in the lively harbour of Nidri.

## 3rd Day Lefkas Island (aprx. 21 mi/35 km)

After breakfast we start with a short tour to a waterfall near Nidri. With a bit of luck, the water will be deep enough for us to enjoy a refreshing swim. Afterwards we continue along quiet roads over the hills to the picturesque harbour town of Sivota. Here we board the boat and cruise to Fiskardo on the island of Cephalonia. Situated on the northern tip of the island, the harbour town enchants with its colourful houses and many cafes and bars that line the lively waterfront promenade.

## 4th Day Cephalonia Island (aprx. 25 mi/40 km)

We leave Fiskardo by bike and climb an impressive mountain road on the west coast of Kefalonia. Along the way we are rewarded with awe inspiring views over the Assos peninsula and the famous Myrtos beach. After the climb we turn inland and cross the island. Shortly before the end of the bike tour we hop onto a small rowboat to visit the Melissani stalactite cave. Here we have plenty of time marvel at the incredible blue tones created by the unique cave formations, the sun, and water. In Sami, the boat welcomes us back on board and sets off for Vathy on Ithaka.

## 5th Day Islands of Ithaca (aprx. 13 or 17 mi/20 or 28 km)

In the morning, we head out on a bike tour on the Ithaca Island. This hilly island with its spectacular scenery is said to have been home of the mythical king Odysseus. We start today's tour in Vathy, and during the ride we get to enjoy the special character of the Ionian Islands off beaten tourist track: gnarled olive trees, crystal clear water and friendly islanders – time appears to stand still on Ithaca. You can decide yourself whether you are up for the challenge of a real hill climb or if you would prefer to enjoy the leisurely alternative: a panoramic ride that climbs only to half the height. The Panagiota awaits our arrival in Frikes before setting off to the small island of Meganisi.

## 6th Day Islands of Meganisi and Paxos (aprx. 10 mi/17 km)

In the morning we explore the tiny island of Meganisi by bike. The panoramic tour leads along secluded roads and the island's three villages. These small hamlet gives us a good impression of traditional Greek island life. At Spartochori beach there is time to enjoy a coffee, and a swim in the sea. In the afternoon, we sail to Paxos Island, whose unique natural harbour in Gaios exudes a special island atmosphere. We can spend the evening in one of Gaios' cosy taverns.

## 7th DayIslands of Paxos and Corfu (aprx. 15 mi/24 km)

Paxos, the smallest of the seven Ionian Islands, is so densely covered in olive trees the whole island seems to glisten a wonderful silver green colour. Our morning tour leads us around the whole island. There is plenty of time to enjoy a swim in the sea at one of the many beaches. In the afternoon, the Panagiota takes us to Corfu. The last evening on board concludes with a communal dinner and last get-together in a cosy atmosphere with crew, fellow travellers, and tour guides.

## 8th Day Corfu/Corfu city (Disembarkation)

After breakfast check-out and individual return home or extended stay on Corfu Island.



## Panagiota · Comfort

## Port of Embarkation

from Athens / from Corfu Size 23 m x 6 m Capacity 10 cabins, 20 beds

## **Special Features**

Year of construction 2001

Cabin size

6 - 8 m²

## **Cabin features**

A/C, hairdryer, tiled bathroom with a mirror, an all-in-one shower, washbasin and WC.

Beds

double: 200 x 140 cm <br>single and bunk beds: 200 x 80 cm

Service

cabin service, mid-week towel change

## Extras

stern access, sunning mats on the sundecks, 2 large tables in the shade on deck with chairs, swimming ladder

## Panagiota

The M/S Panagiota is a lovingly restored motor sailor and was originally built in the shape of a traditional Greek caique. With a warm, 'Welcome on Board', the crew greet the arriving guests.

A splendid teak wood deck, a cozy saloon with stained glass windows, comfortable seating areas throughout the ship and sunning mats on both of the sun decks provide a true sense of familiarity and home.

Six of the charming cabins are located below deck and four above deck. They are named after popular Greek islands and are furnished functionally and are incredibly comfortable. The sea can be accessed via the swimming ladder, lowered into the sea when anchored in a secluded bay. Th friendly and experienced crew has worked together for many year and is a well-coordinated team who will provide you with a truly care-free time on board.

# **Dates, Prices & Services**

#### **Included services**

- 8-day trip on a motorized yacht with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 2 x full-board and 5 x half-board on board
- Drinking water on board
- Guided cycle tours or walks as described in the itinerary
- Access to RideWithGPS app for individual cycling (if desired)
- Entrance fee to museums and archaeological sites (group visit only)
- Bed linen and towels
- English-speaking tour guide

## Not included in the basic tour price

- Journey to Corfu
- Beverages on board (tally sheet; to be paid to the captain)
- Meals and beverages ashore
- Entrance fee for sights not included in the tour price
- Beach towel to take on tours (if needed)
- Tips for tour guides and crew
- SGR Insolvency protection (5€ per person)

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<u>□ SGR Insolvency protection</u> (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person - will be specified separately on the booking confirmation)

## **Additional Optional Services 2025**

Surcharge for a cabin above deck	350 euros per person
Surcharge for a double cabin for single use below deck (limited)	50% surcharge on the tour base price (limited)
Special dietary requests	70 euro
(lactose free / gluten free / vegan)	(to be reserved in advance, payment on board)
Rental bike with Ortlieb pannier	hybrid bicycle: 80 euros/week e-bike:245 euros/week (limited)
Limited liability protection of the rental bike (theft and damage) (not insured: grossly negligent damages)	hybrid bicycle: 20 euro/week e-bike:30 euro/week
Transfer between Corfu airport and the boat (available on embarkation or disembarkation days only)	27 euro per person

Transfer between a hotel in Corfu city and the boat (available 20 euro per person on embarkation or disembarkation days only)

Exclusive transfers	Price on request
Additional nights on Corfu Island	Prices see additional nights Corfu
3-day extension module Corfu	Prices see extension program Corfu

## Discounts 2025

- With three persons sharing a cabin (limited availability), we offer a 200 euro discount per person on the tour base price (not combinable with other discounts).
- Children up to the age of 16 receive a discount of 200 euro on the tour base price (double occupancy, not combinable with other discounts). When travelling with children, we recommend our Multi-Adventure Tours in Greece and Croatia which are specifically curated for families and offer family-friendly pricing.
- If this is your second Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Welcome-back-discount of 3% on the basic tour price.
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Loyalty-discount of 5% on the basic tour price.

# Dates

Date	Accommodation	Start City	End City	Base Price
25.04.2025 - 02.05.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	1.899,00€
23.05.2025 - 30.05.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	2.099,00€
16.05.2025 - 23.05.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	1.999,00€
20.06.2025 - 27.06.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	2.099,00€
13.06.2025 - 20.06.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	2.099,00€
11.07.2025 - 18.07.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	2.099,00€
18.07.2025 - 25.07.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	1.999,00€
24.10.2025 - 31.10.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	1.899,00€
10.10.2025 - 17.10.2025	Panagiota	Corfu	Corfu	1.999,00€

# Arrival

## Ports on Corfu Island - embarkation

Exactly where the ship will be moored is always decided the evening before your journey. On the day of embarkation, you will find your boat either in the Corfu yard port Nauk below the Old Fortress or in the Corfu city ferry port, in the Café Giali yard port or in Marina Gouvia (about 10 km north of Corfu city).

Please call our tour guide if you did not book a transfer. They will tell you, where to find your ship: +306940428842.

## Arrival by airplane

A flight is the fastest, easiest, and cheapest way to get to Greece.

Corfu, your port of embarkation is only 5 km away from Corfu Airport (CFU).

## Transfer from the Airport to the harbour

Exclusive airport transfers between Corfu airport or a hotel in Corfu town and the boat are available on request. Prices can be found under "additional bookable services".

If you would like an exclusive airport transfer, please contact our office by email or phone:

## Contact us

## From the airport to the harbour by taxi

Of course, you are welcome to take a taxi or bus from Corfu city. If you use a taxi on your own, please insist that the driver turn on the taximeter to avoid unpleasant surprises regarding the fare.