

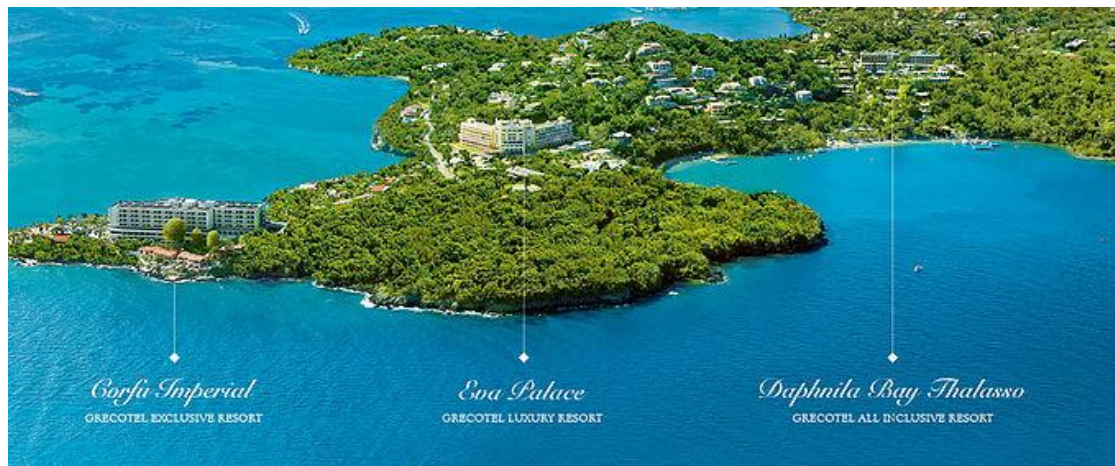


If you are ready to retrace the steps of Austrian Empress Elizabeth "Sisi", Corfu is a Greek island packed with culture and natural beauty. The second biggest island in the Ionian sea (which you find between Greece and Italy, it is also the greenest thanks to intermittent rains between September and May. It truly is Greece's *emerald island*. This is where we find **EVA Palace**, a luxury resort, part of the **Grecotel** chain which is taking the traveling world by storm.

LOCATION

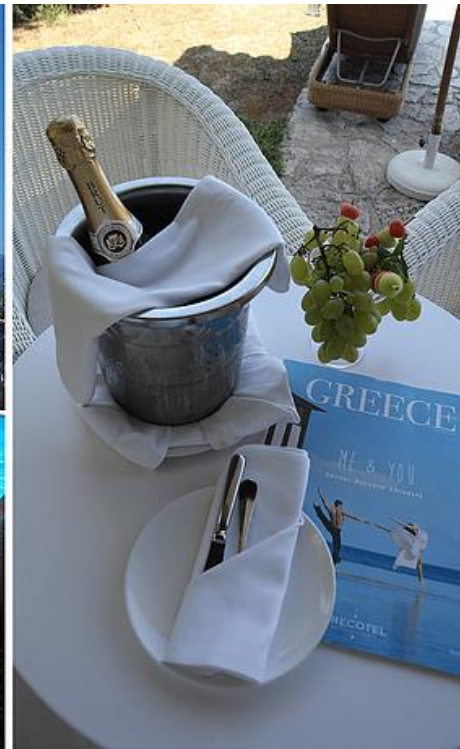
The hotel is perched over the peninsula of Kommeno in the east side of the island, a short drive from the airport (there are direct flights to Corfu from London) and a 15 minute drive to the capital "Corfu".

There are 3 hotels all owned by the same chain on the peninsula: **Daphnila Bay Thalasso** which is an all inclusive resort and more families oriented (more on this below), **Eva Palace** which is a luxury resort and the exclusive **Corfu Imperial**. A little bird mentioned that during August, the Princess of Morocco had booked all the waterfront suites of the Imperial.



Back to **Eva Palace**, however, and its panoramic views of the peninsula as well as of the town of Corfu. Something you will not tire of. You can choose to stay in a room in the main building, or for more exclusivity and proximity to the waterfront you can rent one of their villas.

I tried the 'Romantic', a 1-bedroom villa with a large open plan bedroom/lounge area and a separate kitchenette - not that you will be inclined to cook while there. EVA Palace has amazing restaurants and chefs to take care of that element of your holidays!





AESTHETICS TO DELIGHT

First thing you notice when you look at the rooms, is how well put together they are, conforming to traditional local design.



Eva Palace has warm, earthy tones throughout the resort that are interchanged with blue from the sea and the pools. The decor is traditional with lots of wooden surfaces. Whether your room looks towards the sea or the gardens it is bound to be comfortable.



I love the attention to detail like locally made beauty products in the bathroom and the welcome platters (which I also saw in Daphnilla Bay and which I don't doubt also make an eclectic appearance in nearby Imperial).



BLENDING IN

A Greek team of architects was brought in to update the resort. LIAKOS and ASSOCIATES were given the challenge of creating a resort that unites the best of the local construction detailing and character with requirements of a modern hotel, while taking into consideration its gorgeous natural setting.



With that in mind, great care was taken in locating the entrance, roads, sitting of the buildings so that this first class resort could take advantage of the peninsula and its amazing views. This has resulted in amazing 270 degrees of views which are best enjoyed in the main lounge next to Reception.





Manicured Mediterranean gardens filled with olive trees and tropical vegetation sit next to pools, creating an oasis of relaxation under the hot Greek sun. The landscaping was designed to maximize guests' privacy which you will find especially around the sea front villas. The atmosphere is one of refinement and serenity.

Overall, I would recommend **EVA Palace** for its location, amenities and premier service. If you are looking for something less luxurious but with great facilities for kids, try the nearby Daphnia Bay.