



DANILIA PARK & MUSEUM

Gorgeous locations were one of the appeals of the BBC's television series *The Durrells*, which transported viewers to the Corfu of Gerald Durrell's childhood. And while Corfu today is the Ionian's most alluring destinations, the old world ambience of the British author's memoirs is captured by a unique sight: Danilia village.

Danilia recreates a traditional early twentieth-century Corfu hamlet in a magical natural setting at Kyra Chryssikou. It was built in 1978 on a 50,000 sq. meter plot of land and designed by Vasilis Grigoriadis, the lead architect on the comprehensive planning study for Corfu Town. Like a real village, it has houses, shops, a church, and a town square—all featuring the distinctive Venetian-influenced elements of the vernacular architecture such as *kantounia* (narrow stone-paved lanes and alleyways), *skalinades* (broad public steps), *volta* (arches), and *bozoi* (landing step). This beautiful replica of a 1930s Corfiot village boasts two open air village squares, a beautiful church, a traditional café -Kafeneion, a large open air tavern and the largest indoor tavern on Corfu Island.

Picture-perfect, colorful and authentic Danilia has provided the backdrop for photo shoots and filming, with location scenes shot here not just for *The Durrells* but also including Grigoris Karantinakis's *I Chorodia tou Haritona* (Chariton's Choir, 2005), John Glen's *For Your Eyes Only* (1981) in the James Bond franchise.

And, of course, it's a storybook setting for weddings, baptisms and corporate events for which it is available; the perfect venue for those seeking a private celebration with traditional overtones! Private events at Danilia Village are booked and organized through Grecotel Hotels & Resorts. Danilia operates from May to late October.

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