

## Celebrate Easter in Corfu the Grecotel Way

*From Christian traditions to family fun, don't miss the island's most egg-citing event*



Easter is celebrated with great importance in Greece and particularly in Corfu, where celebrations and rituals bring the spirit of joy to the island. It's no wonder thousands of visitors flock to the island for the famous event. All three Grecotel Resorts and Hotels in Corfu celebrate the Easter period with a special programme for all the family.

### **Holy Thursday**

Easter in Greece is actually the week after Easter in the UK. Easter in all Grecotel hotels begins on Holy Thursday with face painting, egg painting and treasure hunting. Each hotel has a Grecoland Kids Club with its own amenities, dining menus, discovery adventures, a colourful play area and activity programmes for toddlers, juniors and teens. This means you can completely relax in the spa while your kids have Easter fun at all times.

On Holy Thursday, the Twelve Gospel readings are made in all churches, and you can participate with the locals. At the Roman Catholic cathedral, the “Duomo” of the Town Hall Square, a unique reading takes place with 12 candles.

### **Good Friday**

Wake up to classical string and wind music playing in the lobbies marking Good Friday. The hotels are illuminated with candles, and traditional celebration menus are served. Grecotel hotels will then whisk you away to the heart of the celebrations in Corfu Town. Join colourful processions of Epitaphs that spring forth from every church. Accompanied by a philharmonic orchestra and Venetian style lights, the processions wind through old town alleys and nearby villages. Thousands of candles light the path and flowers are dropped from baskets.

### **Great Saturday**

A philharmonic orchestra graces the gardens of the hotels, setting up your day in true Easter spirit. After enjoying a Grecotel breakfast buffet, visit the old city and follow the Litany of Saint Spyridon, the cathedral and oldest church of Corfu.

Watch the town erupt as locals toss red clay pitchers from their balconies onto the streets in harmony of ringing church bells (at a safe distance, of course). After the display, bands come back into the streets and march through the town playing joyful music.

The day ends with a grand finale in Corfu’s central square at midnight, right after the Resurrection service. Lit candles held and bells ringing, thousands of locals exchange “the kiss of love” as fireworks illuminate the night. But it doesn't stop there; midnight traditional soup and Easter delicacies await on your return to the hotels.

### **Easter Sunday**

On the big day, a lavish breakfast buffet is served at the main restaurants with delicacies from every corner of Greece. Enjoy fine ingredients with signature Grecotel service, and of course, the beautiful Ionian Sea and landscape views. You are then invited to continue celebrating in the hotel gardens and taste mezedes –small bites of Greek delicacies – while waiting for your spit-roasted lamb. The whole family will enjoy traditional dancing and a live orchestra all day long. And if that’s not enough, there are beach gatherings, magic performances and animation shows to keep one and all entertained throughout your stay.

### **Grecotel Hotels & Resorts in Corfu**

In the private world of Kommeno peninsula, between the three Grecotel resorts, you are offered complimentary sea transportation by a luxury platform boat, pontoon. The Dine-Club concept allows guests to enjoy their meal in exquisite participating restaurants located in the three resorts.

**Corfu Imperial, Greotel Luxury Beach Resort**

Recently remodelled, Greotel's flagship property, Corfu Imperial, has added many new amenities. Enjoy the brand-new grand pool or swim in the comfort of your own freshwater pool. Choose from various accommodation options, including Villas, Suites, Bungalows and the Boschetto rooms, the luxurious family accommodation collection. Relax in the two-storey 580 m<sup>2</sup> Elixir Beauty Spa or just admire the surrounding cypress trees, olive groves and mountains from the wooden terraces.

**LUX ME Daphnila Bay Dassia, Greotel LUX ME Resort**

LUX ME Daphnila Bay Dassia brings a unique luxury concept, Luxury Made Easy (LUX ME). Born from a carefree beachfront lifestyle of luxe all-inclusive living, LUX ME means 24-hour WhatsApp concierge, daily stocked mini-bar and in-room amenities, sommelier services, a wide choice of restaurants, pool and beach service, lively entertainment and activities.

**Eva Palace, Greotel Luxury Beach Resort**

The adults-only Eva Palace is set in a secluded bay with a private beach and exotic garden. Soak up the sun in the 1700 m<sup>2</sup> pool complex dotted with palm trees and sun loungers. Experience the Elixir Rooftop Love Spa and its many treatment options. Enjoy a drink at the lounges, panorama terraces, beach bar or pool bar.

Whichever you decide, you'll love family Easter in Corfu!