

24 of the best hotels in Corfu

Five-star all-inclusives, character-packed boutiques, glamorous hillside pads: there's no shortage of great places to stay on the vast Ionian island.

These are our favourites

There's just something about Corfu, *writes Claudia Rowan*. Maybe it's the dramatic topography that produces cinematic views from all angles. Maybe it's the sheer size of the island — it's among the biggest in Greece — which ensures there's something for everyone, from hidden sandy coves to winding hiking paths in the rugged green interior. Or maybe it's the history: the honey-stoned old town with its Venetian architecture and medieval fortifications, and the rich literary heritage, having inspired Homer, Gerald Durrell and countless artists in between.

For me it's all of the above, plus a healthy dose of gyros and Greek salad, that makes Corfu so irresistible. Practically speaking, too, it's no wonder that the Ionian island remains a perennial favourite for British travellers, with regular direct flights and year-round warmth that keeps it balmy long past the peak summer season. The flight takes less than three and a half hours, making this the easiest Greek island to reach — a boon for families and anyone who prefers to spend more time in their hotel than a plane seat.

Speaking of hotels, you've hundreds to choose from here. Corfu's hospitality scene gets better by the year, with new openings so frequent it can be hard to keep up. There are clifftop beauties, characterful boutiques, all-inclusives with seriously good food and family-friendly resorts. The only downside is that you'll struggle to choose between them. Enter our experts' guide, updated for this season with a hotel to suit all tastes.

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14. Grecohotel Corfu Imperial, Kerkira



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Although part of the Grecotel chain, there is nothing mainstream about this luxury resort on the Kommeno peninsula on the northeast of the island. The clean modernist architecture is complemented by a crisp white decor throughout, the main splashes of colour being the vivid blues and turquoise of the private infinity pool and sea outside the floor-to-ceiling windows. Accommodation ranges from simple doubles to lavish villas, making this one of the most versatile luxury hotels on Corfu: it's ideal for a romantic break but also very family-friendly.

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