

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.

Discover our editors' top hotels in Corfu



1. Grecohotel LUXME Costa Botanica, Acharavi



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There's no risk of boredom at this beautifully maintained beach resort on Corfu's quiet northern coast, an hour's drive from the airport. Families are the target market here, and children are utterly spoiled: as well as a dedicated children's pool, vast kids' club and a farm with donkeys, horses and geese, there's an in-house aquapark, complete with waterslides and a lazy river. Adults, meanwhile, might be more drawn to the tennis academy, padel court or the adult-only Elixir spa, with its indoor pool, hammam and soothing treatments. The 359 rooms vary in size and design; the Country Houses are naturally bright and full of quirky touches, from painted headboards to antique-style wooden cupboards, while the Summer Houses are more modern, with rattan furniture and a beige and cream design. The location is lovely, right beside a fine sand beach and a short walk from the charming village of Acharavi, with its traditional tavernas and breezy beach bars. Back at base there are various bars and five top-tier restaurants, including a Mediterranean buffet, an Italian trattoria, and a fine-dining spot for guests aged 12 or over.