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Why you Should Visit Corfu Town, Greece

Off the sunny west coast of Greece, there is an island called Corfu Island. Locally, though, it is known as “Emerald Island” for its lush scenery. Its landscape is covered in rolling green hills with olive, cypress, and citrus trees. In fact, Corfu is known for making the best olive oil in Greece. The coastlines contain long, white-sand beaches and rocky coves. Combined with the pleasant Mediterranean weather, Corfu’s scenery alone makes it an ideal travel location.

Corfu Town lies in the central-east part of Corfu Island, and is no less charming than the rest of the island. The town’s Venetian architecture and cobblestone streets are an excellent backdrop for outdoor dining, which is very popular in Corfu. The winding alleyways throughout the town are full of charming cafes and restaurants, known for having especially delicious Greek cuisine and seafood. Alongside the restaurants, there is an impressive variety of shops and boutiques to be found. They sell leatherwork, spices, jewelry, clothing, scarves, bags, and more. Tourists are often pleasantly surprised by how friendly the locals are; there is little pressure to buy things on the spot.

Corfu’s is a UNESCO world heritage site, which is an indicator of how rich and interesting its history is. Some landmarks that are certainly worth visiting are the two massive medieval castles, a palace in the center of town built out of Maltese limestone, and the Church of St. Spyridon, which has a bell tower that happens to be the tallest structure in Corfu Town. Corfu’s history gives it a special and exciting mix of Sicilian, Venetian, French, and English influences. It has been a setting in works by Shakespeare and Homer, which isn’t surprising. Corfu leaving a great impression on those who visit is a factor unchanged by time.