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## 1. Corfu Town & Achilleion - Kanoni

duration 4 hrs

Depart from the pier to the old historical village of **Gastouri** and we arrive at the **Achilleion Palace**, the former residence of Empress Elizabeth of Austria and later that of Kaiser Wilhelm the 2nd.

Here we visit the museum with mementos of the two royalties and enjoy the splendor of its landscaped gardens with statues, including the famous statue of the dying Achilles, the Triumphant.

Afterwards, through the coastal road of **Perama**, we drive to the beauty spot of **Kanoni**, a suburb of Corfu town. Here, we stop to admire the views and take photographs of the famous **Mouse Island** (reputed to be the petrified boat of Ulysses) and the small islet with the nunnery of The **Holy Virgin of Vlacherna**.

We continue to Corfu Town, which is now a member of the World Heritage List (UNESCO) for a walking tour in the historical center of the fascinating old city where the following historical sights can be seen:

The **residence of the British High Commissioner**, a splendid Edwardian building, completed in 1824, once the seat of the Knights of Saint Michael and Saint George until 1864, and later the Palace of the King of Greece.

The bronze statue of the British High Commissioner, Sir Frederick Adam.

The **Venetian quarters of Cambiello** and **Corfu's Historical Center**.

The **Town Hall**, once a Venetian theater, built in 1690.

The **Church of Saint Spiridon**, Patron Saint of Corfu with the rare icons and where the holy body of the Saint lies in a crypt.

There will be free time for shopping before returning to the port.



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## 3. Exploring Corfu by 4x4- incl. lunch duration 4 hrs

See and discover old Corfu by 4x4 wheel vehicles. Experience the fun and adventure of the island's beauty, driving through olive groves, beautiful green hills while catching glimpses of the sparkling Ionian Sea. Your 4x4 vehicles will be parked on the pier and from there you will drive along the main coastal road leading to **Dassia**, located in the northeast part of the Island. Once in Dassia you take a small village road passing by the villages of **Kato Korakiana** and **Ano Korakiana**, which are considered the most beautiful of the old, traditional villages on Corfu Island. Leaving the villages behind, you take an up hill narrow winding road (with 27 zig zag turns) to the picturesque village of **Sokraki**. Here you stop and admire one of the most fantastic panoramic views, a photographer's paradise.

Continuing on taking a road for some kilometers, we arrive at the **Troumbetta Pass** and through the picturesque **Kratsalo**, Arkadades road and small typical **Corfiot Villages**; we arrive at the village of **Makrades**.

Here at the well known "Taverna Colombos" we stop to enjoy refreshments and Greek appetizers (mezedes)

Afterwards we stop at **Bella Vista** to take pictures of the spectacular **Paleokastritsa** views before we drive through **Lakones Village** and taking the main Paleokastritsa - Corfu road southbound, we return to the pier.



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## 4. Corfu Town & Achilleion -Paleokastritsa - incl. lunch

duration 6 hrs

Depart from the pier for the old historical village of **Gastouri** and we arrive at the **Achilleion Palace**, the former residence of Empress Elizabeth of Austria and later that of Kaiser Wilhelm the 2nd. Built 100 years ago, the villa contains mementos of its former owners, the Empress Elisabeth of Austria and Kaiser Wilhelm II. The gardens are adorned with statues, including the famous statue of the dying Achilles, the Triumphant and the views over the densely wooded countryside are magnificent.

After the visit participants will be driven to **Paleokastritsa**, a beauty spot situated 25 kilometers from Corfu town center, north-west of the island and on one of Corfu's most beautiful coastlines.

Here, we begin with a tour of the 13th century **monastery of the Virgin Mary**, built on a rock. Walking through the small garden and admiring the fascinating views we visit the Greek Orthodox Church and the small museum with its rare icons and books. The monastery is still inhabited by monks today.

Later through magnificent countryside, we drive to the historical centre of **Corfu Town**, which is now a member of the World Heritage List (UNESCO).

During the tour the following historical sights are to be seen:

### **Old Venetian Fortress**

**The residence of the British High Commissioner**, a splendid Edwardian building, completed in 1824, once the seat of the Knights of Saint Michael and Saint George till 1864, and later the Palace of the King of Greece.

The **bronze statue of the British High Commissioner**, Sir Frederick Adam

The **Venetian quarters of Cambiello** and Corfu's Historical Center

The **Church of Saint Spiridon**, Patron Saint of Corfu with the rare icons and where the holy body of the Saint lays in a crypt. After lunch participants will return to the pier.



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## 5. Corfu Flavors & Sensations – incl. lunch

duration 6 hrs

### KOUM-QUAT FACTORY – PALEOKASTRITSA & MONASTERY, SEA GROTTOs by boat & LUNCH: (Xenia Pavillion)

Depart from the pier to our flavours & sensations Corfu experience . On our way to **Paleokastritsa** we first stop to a **Liquor factory** where the family “Mavromatis” since 1965 has been producing **Koum-Quat** liquors both red and extract and also sweets, marmalade and crystallized Koum-Quat. Enjoy a short documentary about the process of the fabrication and then get the chance to taste the liquor and other products After the visits participants will be driven to Paleokastritsa, a beauty spot situated 25 kilometers from Corfu town center, north-west of the island and on one of Corfu's most beautiful coastlines.

Here, we begin with a tour of the 13th century **monastery of the Virgin Mary**, built on a rock. Walking through the small garden and admiring the fascinating views we visit the Greek Orthodox Church and the small museum with its rare icons and books. The monastery is still inhabited by monks today. After our visit to the monastery, participants will have free time for shopping. In addition, our guests can enjoy a boat trip to the colorful grottos. This is approximately a 30-minute boat ride which takes participants to visit the nearby **grottos and caves**. The boats actually go into some of the grottos and in others, stay at the entrance. In all cases, participants enjoy the magnificent colors of the sea inside the grottos and caves, as well as the fantastic picturesque surroundings.

After our tour to Paleokastritsa's grottos and caves, lunch will take place at the seafront restaurant, Xenia Pavillion, overlooking the main Paleokastritsa Bay.

