

Corfu - let the exploration begin!



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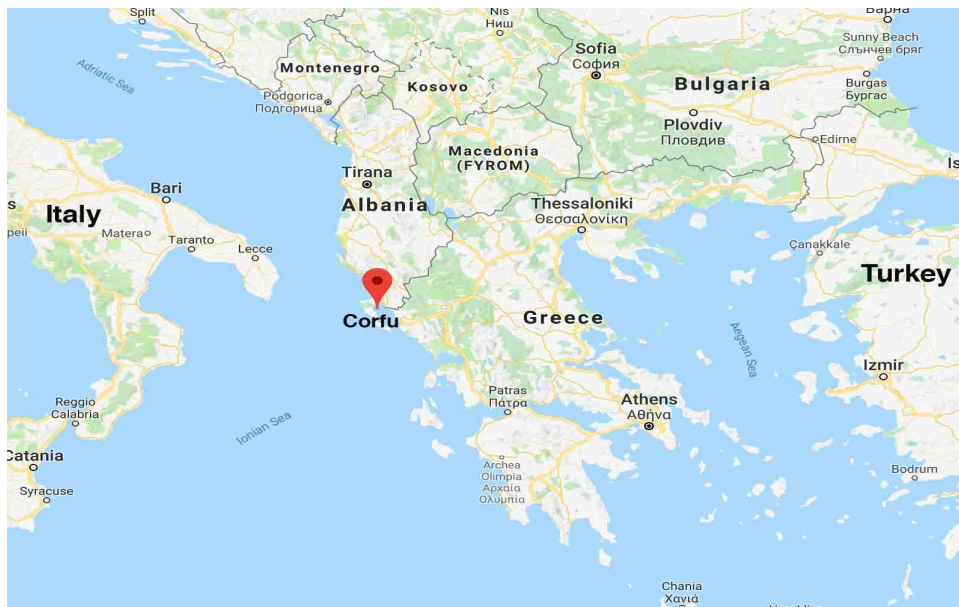




location

Corfu in Greece

Corfu island



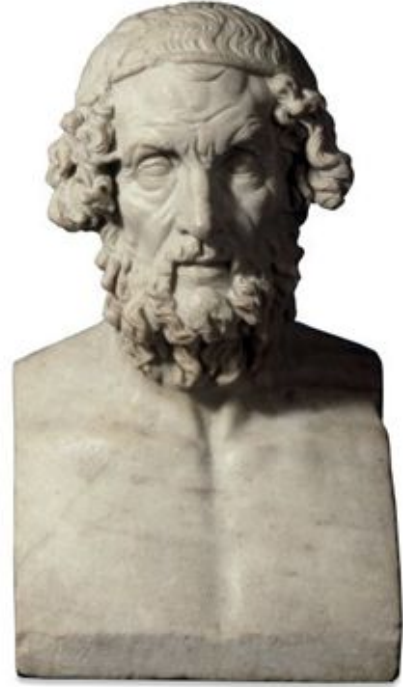
History



- Corfu has been inhabited since the Stone Age
- Corfu in Greek is called 'Kerkyra'.
- The Greek name of Kerkyra came from a mythological Nymph called Corcyra.
- But Corfu probably comes from **Corypho** or **Corfoi** (medieval names)

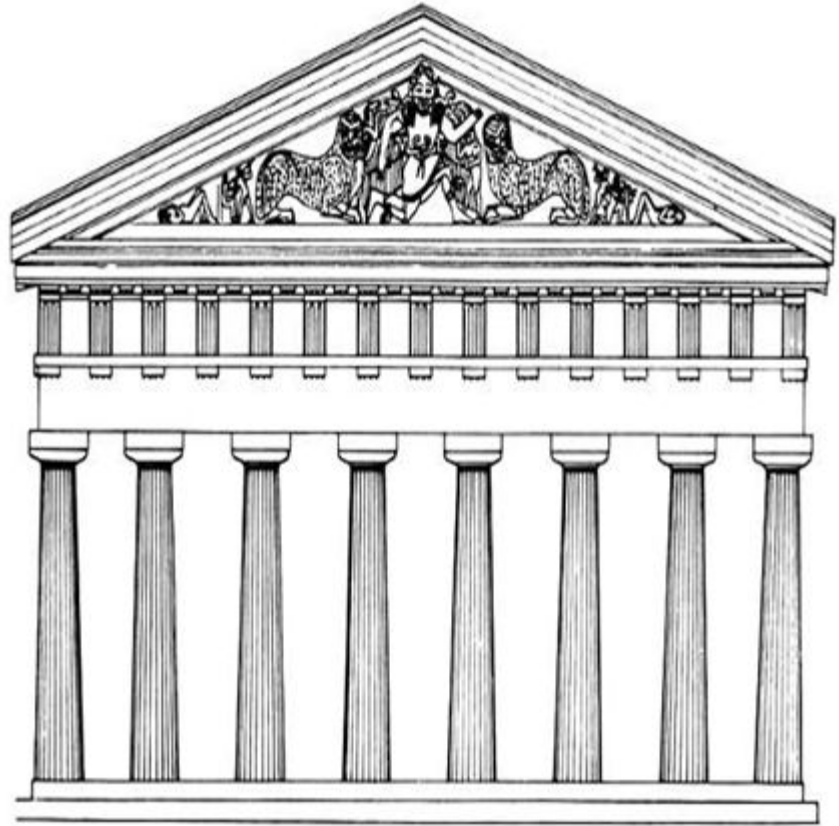
because of the two characteristic rock-**peaks** of the Old Fortress of Corfu.

□ In his *Odyssey*, Homer mentions the island of Scheria, the island of the **Phaeacians**, which some believe to be Corfu.



□ The first true historical records however don't start until 743 BC, when the Corinthians formed a colony founding the rich ancient city of **Corcyra**

□ The Temple of Artemis is a doric temple found in Corfu



The famous GORGON as depicted on the pediment of the Temple of Artemis



How many occupants? A lot!!

- Romans
 - Normans
- Venetians - about **400 years**
- French – 1797
- Russian – 1799
- British - In 1815, Corfu declared its independence under British protection.
- Union with Greece in **1864.**



Sights!

There are many beautiful places to visit on the island of Corfu. In the old town you can walk through the narrow streets and feel the energy of its history. You can admire the historical monuments and visit the archaeological museum and the museum of Asian Art. Of course there are local shops where you can buy all kinds of souvenirs and taste the local dishes.

Here is a small taste of the town of Corfu



The old fortress



Liston – (does it remind you of a famous street of Paris ?)



A variety of local products



Products of Corfu

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the famous Kum Quat



Some facts about Kum Quat

1. It comes from China and it means 'golden orange'.
2. It is cultivated mostly in Corfu because of the abundance of water and the mild climate.
3. Corfu produces 140 tones of kumquat every year
4. It was brought on Corfu by the British botanist Sidney Merlin in 1860.

variety of products



Corfu Beer



And ginger beer - a combination of lemon juice, sugar and ginger.



In Corfu you can taste a lot of traditional dishes as well.



Pastitsada- pasta with beef or rooster and spicy sauce



Sofrito - beef with garlic sauce



Bianco - fish stew with pepper and garlic



Corfiot landscape -diversity of colours and shapes





The Governor - the first single variety of olive oil from ancient 'lianolia'. It has won many national and international awards.



one of the greenest islands of Greece



The weather in winter is quite rainy but really hot in the summer!



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beautiful beaches





cultural elements of Corfu music

In Corfu, art is deeply appreciated and cultivated. Almost everyone is involved in some kind of artistic activity but mostly Corfu is called the 'island of music'.



There are 18 Philharmonic Bands in Corfu





Processions during Easter !



The breaking of the 'boti'-a ceramic pot is watched by thousands of people during Easter.



Thank you
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Watching!