



**DREAM YACHT
WORLDWIDE**

Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE MEDITERRANEAN | CORFU

BASE ADDRESS

Marina Gouvia

Gouvia Bay

Corfu 49100

GPS POSITION: 39.38.59N 19.51.07E

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 6pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Base Manager: Thanasis Paitaridis

Phone: +30 26610-99040 / +30 698 -1007020

BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing license required: No Yes

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation time is at 5pm but we try to embark the clients as soon as possible, according to their arrival time. Upon client's arrival, check-in at the office is required and will take approximately 15 minutes.

YACHT BRIEFING

After the check-in at the office, the skipper and the co-skipper will go to the boat for the yacht briefing. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 1-2 hours depending on yacht size and crew experience.



The technical briefing is a detailed walk-through of the yacht's technical equipment. Our base staff will explain and demonstrate all the systems of the yacht (sails, engine, windlass, pumps, toilets, gas system, generator, air conditioning system, bow thruster, switch board, breakers, safety equipment location, etc).

STOP OVERS

For all DYW charters starting and/or ending in Corfu, the first and last night at the marina is free of charge.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

Yachts must return to the base on Friday afternoon at 5pm the latest – take into consideration that there is a long waiting time at the fuel station. Upon arrival, the checkout procedure will take place, which lasts about 40 minutes.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster.

After that, skippers can go to the office for the papers check out. You need to leave your boat the next morning at 9am.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

PARKING

Free parking is available near our base.

BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +30 698 1007020
- Marina emergency telephone number: +30 26 61091900
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: 108
- VHF base channel: 68
- VHF marina channel: 69
- VHF emergency channel: 16 (Olympia radio)



HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Corfu International Airport (CFU): The airport is 8km from the base, which is a 20-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from Athens with Olympic Airlines and Aegean Airlines. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact your aftersales team. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

ACCESS BY ROAD

Taxis are available at the airport. They charge 25€. Transfer can be arranged by the base for taxis, mini buses or buses.

ACCESS BY BUS

There is a bus that leaves from the airport to downtown and, from there, bus number 7 stops outside of the marina. Walking distance from the bus stop to the base is 1km.

Information subject to change without notice.

PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

New Marina's Market
Gouvia Marina

Day	Time
Monday - Thursday	9am – 9pm
Friday	8am – 9pm
Saturday	8am – 10pm
Sunday	8am – 8pm



Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel station is conveniently located in the marina. Water is free of charge at our pontoon and is available in almost all the ports in the area.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **Hotel Telesilla**
Email: info@hoteltelesilla.com
Next to Gouvia Marina, Kontokali 49100
- **Kontokali Bay Resort & Spa**
Email: info@kontokalibay.gr
Iridos Street, Kontokali 49100
- **Molfetta Beach Hotel**
On the beach, Gouvia 49100

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **Restaurant Argo (inside the marina)**
- **Zorbas Taverna (near the main entrance of the marina)**
- **Gerekos Fish Taverna (near the marina)**

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

A yacht charter in Corfu gives you access to the gateway to the Ionian Islands on the western side of mainland Greece. Sail the seven main islands of this archipelago, as well as its smaller islands, and enjoy fertile landscapes with plentiful olive groves, clear blue waters for snorkeling and a mixture of different civilizations and cultures that harmoniously meld together.

Our base on the scenic Ionian island of Corfu is located at Gouvia Marina. Corfu is the northernmost and most popular Ionian island due to its stunning beaches and natural settings, a distinctive history, intriguing architectural and archaeological remains.

Start your Corfu sailing vacation exploring the compact, walkable old town, a cultural UNESCO World Heritage Site built between two Venetian fortresses. There is plenty to do here including touring the forts and the Archaeological Museum, in addition to the extensive selection of shops and restaurants.

For Corfu sailing, you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN CORFU:

1. **Old Fortress of Corfu:** The fortress towers over the eastern side of town on a rocky peninsula jutting into the sea. Two stone stairs leading to the highest point, where the views of the Ionian sea and Corfu are incredible.
2. **Stroll around Achilleon Palace, Corfu:** The impressive Achilleon “Palace of Sissi” was built in 1890 by Empress Elizabeth of Austria. While on your sailing charter of the Ionian islands, take a tour of the palace and grounds to learn about its storied past.
3. **Venetian Castle of Parga:** The Castle of Parga overlooks the town and was built by 11th-century residents to protect the town from pirates and the Turks. Enjoy a peaceful walk up the steep street to the castle from the center of town to admire the architecture.
4. **Take a dip in the Acheron River, Parga:** Greek mythology says this is one of the rivers that is a door to the underworld and the realm of Hades, known cheerfully as the river of woe. We’d recommend adding this to your list of things to do in Corfu, as well as refresh yourself in the river on a hot day, go rafting or even horse ride. Nearby you can also see the ruins of Nekromanteion Acheron, a Greek temple.
5. **Visit Santa Maura fortress, Lefkas:** Head to the lagoons of Lefkas, known for its wildlife, and marvel at the well-preserved castle from the 13th century and a 15th-century church. The fortress is surrounded by water, so you get a great sea view. Bring a picnic as there are no facilities here.

CURRENCY: Euro (EUR)

VOLTAGE: 220V

DIALING CODE: +30 2661

INTERNET

You'll find free Wi-Fi at our marina, and Wi-Fi on your yacht is available upon request at an additional cost. You can find free Wi-Fi in many town squares, shopping malls, restaurants and cafes, but you may find that speeds vary.

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

Night sailing is advised only for experienced sailors. Generally, there are no restrictions for mooring except those included in Greek waters pilot and nautical charts.

A fishing license is no longer required for amateur and recreational fishing by boat in Greece. You need to comply with the minimum size requirement for some fish and octopus, check with the port authorities for information.

Fishing with a net is forbidden, as is spearfishing in Greece during the month of May. You cannot use spears with any kind of compressed gas, including air and CO₂, or any kind of explosive charge. It is illegal to spearfish with any kind of underwater light source such as a flashlight at any time. Fishing with explosives is illegal, as is fishing with compressed gas.

Certain smaller islands may be protected or have restrictions in place regarding fishing. Check for signs or with the port authority about local regulations. There are port authority or coast guard offices at virtually every port in Greece.

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BEWARE OF POSIDONIA SEAGRASS MEADOWS!

You are going to be sailing in areas where there are Posidonia seagrass meadows. We urge you to be extremely vigilant. These meadows form crucial underwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean,

but they are fragile and threatened by a number of human activities, in particular anchoring of recreational craft.

An underwater plant of the Mediterranean

Posidonia (*Posidonia oceanica*) is a unique marine plant that's endemic to the Mediterranean Sea. It is not a seaweed but a true flowering plant, with roots, stems, leaves and flowers. You'll recognise it by its long, green, ribbon-shaped leaves. Posidonia grows in meadows, forming vast underwater prairies. It reproduces mainly by rhizomes and sometimes by seeds.

Posidonia meadows are found in the shallow coastal waters of the Mediterranean, from a depth of 1 to around 40 metres, in clear, well-lit waters. These meadows are particularly abundant in sheltered bays where conditions of temperature, salinity and light are ideal for their growth.

Practically the whole of the Mediterranean coastline is involved here: the shores of France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, and more.

An essential ecological role

Posidonia seagrass meadows provide a habitat and a source of food for a multitude of marine species, including fish, molluscs and crustaceans. They are also ideal spawning grounds and nurseries for young fish.

Like real underwater forests, seagrass beds act as carbon sinks, helping to combat climate change: they can store up to 300 tonnes of carbon per hectare. That's 3 to 5 times more than tropical forests, and this, over hundreds of thousands of hectares. And not to mention their contribution to the production of oxygen, the protection of coasts by attenuating the impact of waves, the preservation of beaches where it accumulates in banks, etc. The loss of these meadows would have serious ecological and economic consequences for the Mediterranean.

A protected species under threat

Despite their importance, Posidonia meadows are extremely fragile and are threatened by a number of human activities. Boat anchoring, pollution, coastal urbanisation, trawling and climate change are all factors that contribute to their degradation. Seagrass beds are particularly sensitive to anchoring by boats: anchors can uproot these plants and create almost irreparable 'scars' in Posidonia meadows, as Posidonia rhizomes grow very slowly (a rate of just 1 cm per year).

The presence of these meadows dates back between 60 and 100 million years, when terrestrial flowering plants, which resembled the rushes plant family of today, returned to the marine environment where their distant ancestors came from. Don't be the one to destroy this extraordinary heritage in a matter of minutes.

Please note: Posidonia has been a protected species throughout the Mediterranean since 1995 and is classed as a habitat of European interest. Ensure you are aware of the regulations in force!

As a boater, you have a key role to play in protecting Posidonia meadows. Here are a few measures you can take to minimise your impact:

1. Before setting off, consult the maps that indicate the presence of Posidonia meadows. There are several free apps that can help you, such as Nav&Co or Donia. Download them.
2. Don't anchor in Posidonia meadows: opt for sandy bottoms or consider picking up a mooring buoy whenever possible.
3. Respect protected areas: some regions have marine protected areas where anchoring and other activities are regulated to protect the seagrass meadows.
4. In all cases, adapt your anchoring technique: to avoid scraping the seabed, you must take care to bring your anchor back up in line with the boat, even if you are on sand.
5. Avoid generating any pollution at sea.
6. Share with others: not all boaters are aware of the importance of Posidonia seagrass meadows. And set an example!

By adopting these practices, you'll be helping to preserve Posidonia seagrass meadows and the health of Mediterranean marine ecosystems. Protecting these underwater treasures is an essential and shared responsibility for future generations.



SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Strike out from Corfu for a short sail to the quaint village of Lakka, tucked into the northernmost tip of Paxos. Lakka's lovely horseshoe-shaped harbor is flanked by hills of olive trees. Relax the day away on a scenic pebble beach, or enjoy a coffee at a seafront cafe while watching the fisherman bring in their catch.

Nearby, Sivota Mourtos is found on mainland Greece. It's said that there are few more impressive places for an afternoon swim than in the beautiful calm, crystal lagoons off Sivota Mourtos. The village promenade is bustling with inviting tavernas with sea views and delicious local olives, and is well worth a visit during your yacht hire in Corfu.

Other highlights include Nikopoli, a large ancient city, on the Preveza peninsula, the colorful village of Parga on the tiny natural island of Antipaxos and the charming port town of Gaios on Paxos. Paxos is known for the caves on its west coast and azure water. Add these to your itinerary for the perfect Corfu yacht charter.

WEATHER

The best months for a Corfu sailing vacation is in the summer when the weather is hot, sunny and dry. July and August are the hottest months in Corfu with an average high of 88°F and a sea temperature of 75-77°F. June is a good month to visit as there are fewer crowds and yet the weather is warm.

Spring sailing is pleasant with temperatures reaching 75-82°F in April and May, although the sea doesn't start to heat up until June with 72°F. During the fall, temperatures are still good averaging 82-73°F and the sea temperatures are still around 75°F.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in Corfu:

- Summer High: The July high is around 88°F
- Winter Low: The January low is 50°F

WIND SYSTEMS

The sailing conditions for Corfu include a light to medium north westerly Ionian wind blowing in summer. This maistros wind (also known as the mistral) appears in the early afternoon and usually dies down during sundown.

When entering the bay of Gouvia, avoid the shallows by keeping to the north side and stay in the separation system (buoys).

When returning to base on your yacht charter of the Ionian islands, go stern to or bows to and use the mooring lines, not your anchor.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find Corfu weather forecasts on the [Meteo website](#). Local forecasts are also broadcasted on VHF channel 02.