



The Corfu Trail 1

five days in a beautiful island

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This is a wonderful walk, both for the beauty and variety of the scenery, and for the hospitality and openness of the people.

1. Walking days and practicalities

Five; this is the first half of the full trail. We went in early April 2019; perfect walking weather, but early in the season and many places were still shut. We sometimes went without lunch but never without supper or breakfast, and all the B&Bs were lovely, with English spoken. Later in April would offer more choice; late September or early October would be good, with the added possibility of swimming.



2. Getting there and away

EasyJet flies to Corfu Town; you can then walk to the old town by leaving the airport up to the main road. Walk right until you get to the coast, where go left. When you get to a large pair of parks, go left between them and you're there. We stayed at the [Puppet Guesthouse](#) and spent a day exploring the town, taking a Green Bus to Kavos the next day. At the end our final B&B drove us back to town.

3. Navigation

We used the 1:40,000 *Corfu Tour and Trail Map* from Discovery Walking Guides; very good and accurate, though there are always more farming trails than are marked. We also used the *Companion Guide to the Corfu Trail*, available from thecorfutrail.com. Waymarking is moderate, and some of it is being upgraded to standard GR style. We always found a mobile signal, so maps on a smartphone helped us to find the B&Bs. We don't use GPS, but we met people who did, successfully.

4. The Route:

Day 1: Kavos to Lefkimi (5½ hours, total ascent 200 metres; stats as in the *Companion Guide*).

A lovely, fairly easy day BUT the road out of Arkoudilas Beach has fallen into the sea, necessitating a scramble up 3 metres of clay, or an ascent just before and a traverse. We couldn't find a B&B at Lefkimi, but stayed at [Avra Beach Apartments](#), a little way back down the road to Kavos.

Day 2: Lefkimi to Agios Georgios South (5 hours, total ascent 200 metres).

Another gentle day, ending with a long beach walk during which we got a bit wet. We stayed at [Andriana](#), and there is an excellent Taverna at the bottom of the road.

Day 3: Agios Georgios South to Skala (5 hours, negligible ascent).

An exhilarating walk along beaches and dunes. At one point we had the sea on one side and a lake on the other. We stayed at [Pension Skala](#).

Day 4: Skala to Stavros (5 hours, total ascent 600 metres).

A ridge-and-valley walk across the island. The scenery is beautiful, but there was a lot of dog barking. It's a complicated route (which I think made the walk more tiring) and we followed the directions in the *Companion Guide* carefully. We went down to Benitses to stay ([Anya Studios](#)) because we hadn't known about [Kostas Bar Walkers Point](#), superbly situated on the ridge at Dafnata just before Stavros.

Day 5: Stavros to Pelakas (6 hrs, ascent 500 metres). Another traverse of the island, but easier navigation and fewer villages so less barking. We stayed at [Madalena's B&B](#), a tiring trudge down the road to the beach; but the welcome was so warm that we were soon revived. The beach there is lovely, a great place to end the walk. We'll be back!



Arkoudilas Beach (day 1)