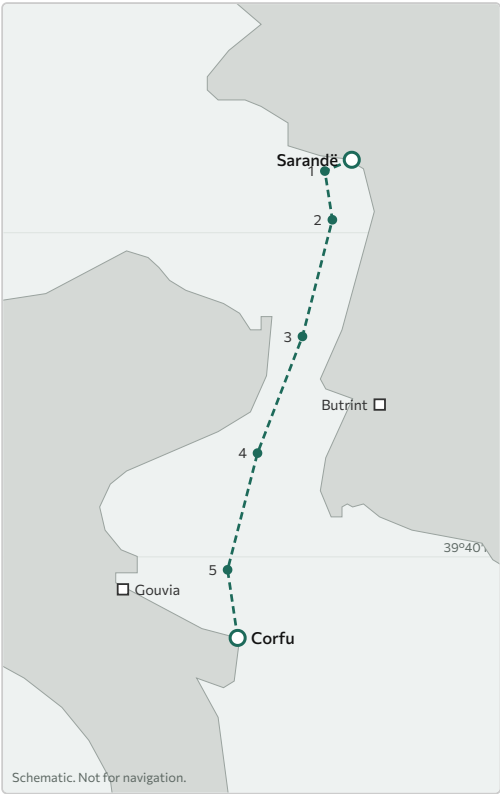


Sarandë to Corfu

A short day out of Albania and south through the North Corfu channel into Greece, past Kassiopi, to Corfu town to clear in under the old fort.

DATE	Tuesday 24 August 2027
DISTANCE	15.8 nm, 6 legs
TIME	3 h 15 min
DEPART	09:00 CEST from Sarandë. Mid-morning (Albanian time, CEST), cleared out of Albania.
ARRIVE	About 13:15 EEST at Corfu. Early in the afternoon, Greek time, with about 7 hours 10 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:24 EEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.1 m: no practical effect
WIND	Light; afternoon north-westerly
BOAT	35 to 38 ft sailing yacht, 1.9 m draught, 6 kn under sail, 5.5 kn under engine
CREW	Skipper and 3 crew, 2 watches of 2. Clocks go forward 1 hour in Greek waters (EEST)



Track and waypoints 1 to 5, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 08:00 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5.
- ☐ Cleared out of Albania, and TEPAI paid.
- ☐ Visibility 2 nm or more: ferries use the channel.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Sarandë.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 0.4 nm off land except at the harbour ends. Distances and courses are calculated from them. Plot every one on the current chart before use. Courses are true.

#	WAYPOINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	COURSE	LEG NM	TOTAL NM	ETA	NOTES
0	Sarandë	39°52.2'N	020°00.2'E				09:00 CEST	Depart, cleared out of
1	Sarandë approach	39°51.9'N	019°59.1'E	247°T	0.9	0.9	09:14 CEST	Out of the port.
2	North Corfu channel	39°50.4'N	019°59.4'E	171°T	1.5	2.4	09:32 CEST	Down the channel. The border runs through it
3	Off Kassiopi	39°46.8'N	019°58.2'E	194°T	3.7	6.1	11:16 EEST	Greek waters. Clocks
4	Off Corfu north-east	39°43.2'N	019°56.4'E	201°T	3.9	10.0	11:55 EEST	1.5 nm off.
5	Corfu approach	39°39.6'N	019°55.2'E	194°T	3.7	13.7	12:32 EEST	North of the old fort.
6	Corfu, Mandraki	39°37.5'N	019°55.6'E	172°T	2.1	15.8	13:15 EEST	Under the old fort. Cl Position approximate

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Tides and time

SARANDË · TUE 24 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	01:19	0.3 m
LW	07:52	0.2 m
HW	14:33	0.2 m
LW	20:20	0.2 m

From the Kerkyra station.

CORFU · TUE 24 AUG · EEST (UTC+3)

HW	02:19	0.3 m
LW	08:52	0.2 m
HW	15:33	0.2 m
LW	21:20	0.2 m

From the Kerkyra station.

Tuesday 24 August 2027. **Tides.** The range here is 0.1 to 0.3 m: tides make no practical difference. Wind and air pressure move the sea level more than the tide does.

Both ends use the Kerkyra station.

Tide times are predictions made for this plan from the TICON-4 harmonic constants (DGFI-TUM) with the Neaps tide predictor, because the official 2027 tables were not yet published when it was written. Tested against the official APDL table for Leixões on 23 July 2026, the predicted times were within 8 minutes and the heights 0.1 to 0.2 m lower. Heights are above lowest astronomical tide. Check every time against the official 2027 table before sailing.

Daylight. Sunrise at Sarandë 06:00 CEST. Sunset at Corfu 20:24 EEST.

Weather

- **The North Corfu channel** is narrow and sheltered.
- **Afternoon north-westerly** in the Ionian.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Hellenic National Meteorological Service (emy.gr): marine forecast for the North Ionian.
- NAVTEX Kerkyra: station K on 518 kHz in English, at 01:40, 05:40, 09:40, 13:40, 17:40 and 21:40 UTC, with weather at 05:40, 09:40, 17:40 and 21:40.
- Kerkyra Radio covers the Ionian Sea east to 22°30'E; urgent warnings go out first on DSC 70, then on VHF 16.

Hazards

- **Entering Greece from Albania.** Albania is outside Schengen, so the yacht must enter at a Greek port of entry: on Corfu that is Corfu town only, not Gouvia. Customs, immigration and the port police are in the pink building at the west end of the commercial port; berth in Mandraki or anchor under the old fort and walk over. Order: port police, immigration, customs, then the port police again. Every yacht over 7 m must pay the Greek cruising tax (TEPAI) online before arrival and show proof. Non-EU boats get a Transit Log (stamped in every port); EU boats keep a crew and passenger list. The Coast Guard works on VHF 12. The 2027 TEPAI amounts and procedure could not be checked: aade.gr did not load.
- **Ferries** between Corfu, Sarandë and Igoumenitsa, and cruise ships into Corfu. Corfu has a vessel traffic service.
- **The border.** Do not stop or anchor in Greek waters before clearing in at Corfu town.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Sarandë	Start	Within the first hour	Port.
Corfu town	Destination	First choice	Mandraki or anchorage under the old fort.

Pilotage

LEAVING SARANDË

1. Clear out with the agent, then head south-west into the North Corfu channel.

INTO CORFU

1. Follow the channel south past Kassiopi, 1.5 nm off.
2. Berth in Mandraki or anchor under the old fort, then walk to the port to clear in. After clearing, move to Gouvia Marina if booked.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Sarandë, Lëkurës	Fl(3) 30s, 215 m
Sidero (Corfu)	Fl(2) 6s, 78 m

Communications

Corfu port police	CHECK ON THE CHART
Hellenic Coast Guard	VHF 16 · 108
Emergency	112
Coast Guard working channel	VHF 12
Emergency at sea, Albania	VHF 16 · 125

Contingencies

- **Mandraki full.** Anchor under the old fort.
- **Person overboard.** Shout, point, throw the danger buoy, press MOB, DSC distress alert, Mayday on 16.

Before leaving

- ☐ Forecasts read and logged before the go or no-go time
- ☐ Albanian notices to mariners and Greek notices to mariners checked for the route
- ☐ Waypoints entered and checked against the chart
- ☐ Ship's log started in UTC
- ☐ Crew briefing: route, watches, safety gear, MOB, fog
- ☐ Cleared out of Albania
- ☐ TEPAI paid online and proof printed
- ☐ Greek courtesy flag and Q flag ready
- ☐ Crew list with passport numbers and dates of birth

- ☐ Fuel for 5 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 6 hours
- ☐ Lifejackets with crotch straps, jackstays rigged, harnesses
- ☐ Liferaft, grab bag, flares in date, handheld VHF
- ☐ Radar, AIS and navigation lights tested
- ☐ Passports, boat papers and insurance aboard

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A planning exercise to RYA Yachtmaster standard. Not for navigation: use current official charts, the pilot book and the forecasts on the day.