

Corfu to Paxos

South down the east coast of Corfu to Paxos and Antipaxos, small olive-covered islands with clear water, to swim off Antipaxos and spend the night in Gaios harbour.

DATE	Thursday 26 August 2027
DISTANCE	36.9 nm, 6 legs
TIME	8 h 38 min, including 2 h stopped
DEPART	09:00 EEST from Corfu. 1 hour 55 minutes after sunrise (07:03 EEST), after the rest day on Corfu.
ARRIVE	About 17:38 EEST at Paxos. In the late afternoon, after the swim stop, with about 2 hours 40 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:19 EEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.1 m: no practical effect
WIND	The afternoon north-westerly is behind the yacht
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. Swim stop off Antipaxos



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

Go or no-go

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

- ☐ No wind above force 5.
- ☐ A plan for Gaios: the quay fills early; Lakka and the Antipaxos anchorages are the alternatives.
- ☐ For the stop only: calm water off Antipaxos.

If the weather is wrong, stay on Corfu.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 0.8 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	Corfu, Mandraki	39°37.5'N	019°55.6'E				09:00 EEST	Depart.
1	Corfu approach	39°36.5'N	019°57.0'E	133°T	1.5	1.5	09:18 EEST	Out to the south
2	Off Lefkimmi	39°27.0'N	020°08.0'E	138°T	12.7	14.2	11:25 EEST	2 nm off the south
3	East of Paxos	39°16.2'N	020°13.2'E	160°T	11.5	25.7	13:20 EEST	1.5 nm off.
4	Antipaxos	39°08.9'N	020°14.0'E	175°T	7.3	33.1	14:34 EEST to 16:34	Swim stop at Antipaxos beaches. Position 14:34. CHECK ON CHART
5	Gaios south approach	39°11.1'N	020°12.6'E	334°T	2.5	35.5	17:11 EEST	Between Paxos and Gaios. CHECK ON CHART
6	Gaios	39°11.9'N	020°11.2'E	306°T	1.3	36.9	17:38 EEST	Town quay. Position 17:38. CHECK ON CHART

Tides and time

CORFU · THU 26 AUG · EEST (UTC+3)

HW	04:18	0.2 m
LW	13:01	0.2 m
HW	20:34	0.3 m

From the Kerkyra station.

PAXOS · THU 26 AUG · EEST (UTC+3)

HW	04:18	0.2 m
LW	13:01	0.2 m
HW	20:34	0.3 m

From the Kerkyra station.

Thursday 26 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.

Paxos uses 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 Corfu 07:03 EEST. Sunset at Paxos 20:19 EEST.

Weather

- **The afternoon north-westerly** builds down the Corfu channel.
- **Gaios** is sheltered by its 2 islets.

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

- **Gaios harbour.** Narrow and crowded in summer; berthing arrangements and the port police contact could not be checked. Arrive early. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- **Transit Log or crew list.** Report arrival and departure to the port police at each port, as required since 2022.
- **Ferries** between Corfu, Paxos and Igoumenitsa.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Corfu	Start	Within the first hour	Mandraki or Gouvia.
Lakka	North of Paxos	Gaios full	Bay with anchorage.
Gaios	Destination	First choice	Town quay.

Pilotage

LEAVING CORFU

1. Leave Mandraki and head south-east down the Corfu channel.

INTO GAIOS

1. From Antipaxos, head north to the southern entrance of the channel behind the Agios Nikolaos and Panagia islets.
2. Go slowly; the channel is narrow. Moor on the town quay where directed.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Sidero (Corfu)	FI(2) 6s, 78 m
Paxos and Antipaxos lights	CHECK ON THE CHART

Communications

Paxos port police	CHECK ON THE CHART
Hellenic Coast Guard	VHF 16 · 108
Emergency	112
Coast Guard working channel	VHF 12

Contingencies

- **Gaios full.** Go round to Lakka, 4 nm north.
- **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
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Transit Log or crew list stamped at Corfu

- ☐ Fuel for 6 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 8 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

Sources

- Paxos and Gaios: English Wikipedia.
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- NAVTEX and Kerkyra Radio: Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service, hnhs.gr.
- Lefkas Marina: d-marin.com.
- Tides: predictions from TICON-4 harmonic constants (Hart-Davis, Dettmering and Seitz, DGFI-TUM, 2025, doi 10.17882/109129) with Neaps (openwaters.io). Check against the Instituto Hidrográfico 2027 tables.
- Sunrise and sunset: calculated (NOAA method).
- Lights: The Lighthouse Directory (Rowlett), ibiblio.org/lighthouse, Portugal pages revised August 2024. Cross-check with the IH List of Lights, volume I.
- Pilot: RCC Pilotage Foundation, Atlantic Spain and Portugal, 9th edition (2025).

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