



The visitor that will wander around the city of Corfu, the suburbs, the communities and the greater area of the Municipality of Corfu, will have the chance to discover the 'dowry' that nature and man gave to Corfu.

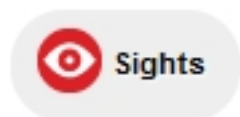
The 'Old City' recalls past ages; the European influences are visible everywhere and harmoniously coexist, giving to the city a special color.

There are no mosques and minarets in Corfu.

No stamp of Asiatic occupation can be found on the island. Here that Europe meets Greece and the nature ungrudgingly spread hundreds the shades of green and blue, the Corfiot Civilization developed with significant particularities that make him stand apart.

### **CORFU**

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### The Achilleion

The Achilleion is the summer residence that was built in name of the Austrian empress Elisabeth between 1890 and 1892 on the Greek island of Corfu.

After Elisabeth had visited Corfu in the sixties on several occasions for health reasons, she became very interested in Greek mythology. She travelled to Greece on a regular basis. After the tragic death of her son Rudolf in 1889, she decided to start a living on Corfu. Her husband, the emperor Franz Joseph was willing to pay the cost of 9 million gold francs.

### Mouse Island or Pondikonissi - Vlacherna

Pondikonissi or Mouse island is the name of the most remote island in the bay south of Kanoni, just 1.5 km from the town of Corfu.

The island is often confused with and mixed with the nearer by island of Vlacherna which is connected to the mainland by a boats area.

On Vlacherna there is a white monastery and a very tall tree. This is one of the most photographed places on Corfu.

### Museums on Corfu

In Corfu Town there are a number of interesting museums. The Antivouniotissa Museum or Byzantine Museum is the most interesting.