

# Cornwall o60's Cricket Club

## 2023 Tour to Corfu



Corfu Town cricket pitch

**29 September – 4 October 2023**

*2023 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of cricket in Corfu – a game that was held between the officers of the Royal Navy and those of the British Garrison. It's the perfect time for a celebratory cricket tour to this very pretty Greek island.*



**Cornwall**  
**Cricket**

## Tour Outline

- Flights from Bristol direct to Corfu
- 5 nights in the 4 star Cavalieri Hotel in historic Corfu Town
- 2 days cricket – Sat & Sun. One game at the 'new' ground at Gouvia (opposite), one game in Corfu Town.
- 2 leisure days:
  - Optional Boat trip with long lunch in beach taverna
  - Optional Golf day at Corfu Golf Course
  - Optional excursions or general sightseeing
- Optional additional days either end of the tour



## Who can come?

Ideally we will have a group of 13-14 players drawn from the full over 60s 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squad, plus wives, partners, umpire, scorer and any number of supporters (all of whom can pay a reduced non-playing rate for the tour).

## Who will we be playing?

Cricket is one of the great cultural legacies of the British occupation of Corfu and there are several local teams which rejoice in magnificent names such as Atlas, Achilles, Byron & Gymnastikos. All local sides are drawn from both proper Greeks and ex-pat Brits.



[www.cricketcorfu.com](http://www.cricketcorfu.com)

## The Cavalieri Hotel



Situated in the heart of the Venetian old part of Corfu town, overlooking the Ionian Sea, the Old Fortress, and the lush greenery of the Esplanade, the four star Cavalieri Hotel claims to offer an elegant and relaxing atmosphere and outstanding friendly service making it ideal for our tour.

The hotel overlooks Corfu Bay and is walking distance from the Corfu Town pitch and the historic centre of Corfu Town itself.

CNN International rate the rooftop bar as 13<sup>th</sup> best rooftop bar in the world!



[www.cavalierihotel.gr](http://www.cavalierihotel.gr)

## Our 5 day programme

The heart of the tour would be from Friday 29 Sept to Wednesday 4 Oct 2023 (highlighted in blue below) with the option to extend by a couple of days at either or both ends.

Wed 27 Sept	Easyjet Flight 06.25 – arrive Corfu 11.40	Taxi to Hotel, check in, & Optional extension - leisure day
Thur 28 Sept		Optional extension - leisure day
Fri 29 Sept	Easyjet Flight 17.40 – arrive Corfu 22.55	Taxi to hotel, check in & leisure time
Sat 30 Sept		Afternoon Cricket in Gouvia
Sun 1 Oct		Afternoon Cricket in Corfu Town
Mon 2 Oct		Boat trip to Agni with beach taverna lunch
Tues 3 Oct		Optional Golf day at Corfu Golf Club - Ropa Valley Option for non-golfers tbc.
Wed 4 Oct	Easyjet flight 12.25 – arrive Bristol 13.45	Check-out & transfer to Airport
Thur 5 Oct		Optional extension – leisure day
Fri 6 Oct	Easyjet flight 23.35 – arrive Bristol 00.55	Optional extension – leisure day

The flight days proposed mean that we can travel up to Bristol airport and back at reasonably civilised times with no need of overnight accommodation near Bristol airport.

Nearer the time we may be able to arrange group transport to Bristol Airport to save petrol & car parking charges.

Actually you can stay as long as you like – the Cavalieri Hotel will be pleased to accommodate you at the extra night rate, or you can find your own accommodation elsewhere on the island. NB we can only provide airport transfers to and from the Cavalieri Hotel.

## Optional Extras:

### Boat Trip & Taverna Lunch (Monday)

The suggested programme for Monday is a caique boat trip up the east coast of the island to the village of Agni for lunch at the famous Nikos Taverna on the beach there.

[www.agnibay.com](http://www.agnibay.com)



### Golf Day (Tuesday)

Tuesday is the suggested day for golf. There is only one Golf Club on Corfu in the very pretty Ropa Valley where they have some trees that are not olive trees! More info at

[www.corfugolfclub.com](http://www.corfugolfclub.com)



2022 prices are:

- Green Fees €65
- Hire ½ set clubs €15-€20
- Trolley €4

It may be easier & cheaper to hire clubs out there rather than pay airline handling charges to take your own clubs out. The club is about half an hour's drive from Corfu Town in the centre of the island.

<b>Tour Costs</b>	<b>5 night</b>	<b>Extra nts</b>
• Per person – twin/double room	£375.00	£ 58.00
• Per person - single room	£595.00	£102.00

Wives, partners & other non-playing supporters can deduct £35 from the above 5 night prices.

This cost includes:

- 5 nights hotel accommodation – B&B basis
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Transfer to the cricket game at Gouvía
- Cricket teas and match fees
- Tourist Tax

Not included

- Flights – please book your own flights at [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)
- Travel insurance
- Meals other than breakfast and cricket teas
- Optional extras eg golf day, boat trip
- Travel to Bristol airport
- Any extra nights in the hotel

## **Recommended Flights**

Recommended flights are from Bristol direct to Corfu and the flight days chosen have civilised flight times. Easyjet flights operate on Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays although the Monday flight finishes on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

If you would like to stay longer or shorter than the standard 5 nights, you can mix and match the flights to suit yourselves, staying extra days either in the Cavalieri Hotel or elsewhere on the island.

Please book your own flights direct with Easyjet and make your own choices for luggage, extra leg room seats etc. Actually you can fly with any other airline or from another airport if you prefer – just let us know!

## **Essential information**

### **Deposits & Payments**

We will need to pay a deposit to the hotel in late January so no need to pay anything until around 16<sup>th</sup> January when we will need a deposit of £50 per person booked at that stage. The balance will be due by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

### **Bank Account for payments**

Jon Nance is opening a separate Club bank account for the tour and the account number will be available shortly. Please make payments directly to this account.

### **Financial security**

This tour is a private group and is not booked through any registered Travel Agent or Tour Operator and is not subject to the Package Travel Regulations. This means there is no formal financial protection system or bonding available. For this reason all funds will be held in a separate bank account in the name of the Cornwall over 50/60 Cricket Club and used only for payments to the hotel and to CricketCorfu.

### **Cancellations**

If you need to cancel, please advise Bob Fleming by email as soon as possible and we will do our best to refill your place(s) in which case your payments will be refunded, less any out-of-pocket expenses incurred at that stage. For short notice cancellations which we cannot refill, the hotel will likely keep some or all of the payment made at that stage. You are strongly advised to buy travel insurance which will cover you for cancellation costs in most circumstances.

### **Exchange rate**

This has been costed at an exchange rate of 1.12€ to £1. If sterling weakens significantly we may need to increase the final price to avoid running up a loss. Similarly should the pound improve we may be able to reduce the final balances due.

## **Passports**

Currently no additional visas or Covid vaccination certificates are required but you will need a full UK passport issued less than 10 years before you travel and with at least 3 months (counting from the day you leave Greece) unexpired life on it.

## **Weather**

At this time of year the weather in Corfu should be very pleasant – temperatures in the mid 20s Centigrade with a small risk of rain.

## **How to Book**

To book your place(s) on this tour please simply contact Bob Fleming. Email would be best – [bobnjill1@aol.com](mailto:bobnjill1@aol.com). I will need to know your dates of travel, the flights you have booked, and if you want to stay in the Cavalieri Hotel for any extra nights.

A £50 per person deposit should be sent to the new bank account by January 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 or within 7 days of booking if you book after that date.

## **Book your flights**

The Easyjet flights are now on sale and at the time of writing flight prices are around £130-£150 + luggage fee for the return trip. This cost will certainly increase as the weeks go by and return flights could easily reach £300 by the summer. So it is to your advantage to book early.

## **Any questions?**

Jill & I know the island of Corfu well so will be happy to answer any questions – please just ask. I really hope this will be a very enjoyable end-of-season adventure and look forward to having a good group of players, wives, partners and other supporters along with us.

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