

I had the pleasure of joining a Pink Lady and her husband on a two-week holiday to Corfu recently. Having 'googled' Corfu, I learned it was a Greek island in the Ionian Sea and that the Greek name is Kerkyra. Apparently it's a popular place to go to for partying youngsters but also for the likes of me who enjoy a siesta in the afternoon !

We had to stay overnight at Gatwick as the flight left the UK at the unearthly time of 5:10am, well before I usually get out of bed ! The breakfast card at the hotel looked delicious but I was told we would be leaving before breakfast and that I was going to get something to eat on the plane. This I did and three hours later we landed in Corfu where the weather was lots nicer than back home !

We stayed in a resort called Kontokali Bay and luckily it was only 15 minutes from the airport. As soon as we got to the hotel, I had my bathers on and towel out and got some well-deserved sun on my pale legs !! The hotel was beautiful, we had a seawater pool, a lovely sandy beach and a private terrace with our room, what more would a bear want !

The next day we visited the capital, Corfu Town, which was 6km from our hotel. Instead of taking the local bus into 'town', my crazy companions decided to walk it so we got there 1.5 hours later; sweaty, thirsty and utterly exhausted. I was not happy and luckily managed to get them to use buses and taxis for the rest of the holiday. They did not think about my short legs !

We spent quite a lot of time in Corfu Town during the holiday. It is a Unesco World Heritage Site as it has roots dating back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. It has several forts, lovely cobbled streets and plenty of Greek traditional restaurants ; tavernas. Even Prince Philip was born here, in a place called Mon Repos. In the first couple of days, I could already say 'good morning' in Greek : kalimera.

My companions wanted to sample the local fare and had many Greek dishes: Klefiko which is a lovely lamb dish, Souvlaki which was basically chicken on skewers (and absolutely delicious), Tzatziki which is a dip made of yoghurt, cucumber and lots of garlic and Halloumi which is a Greek cheese. Of course I also had to sample some Ouzo which is an anise-flavoured aperitif. I had to drink mine with some lemonade as it was so strong !

Apart from seeing the sites in Corfu Town, I must admit we did not do much apart from soaking up the sun, eating lots of Greek salads (tomato, cucumber, olives, feta cheese and lots of oregano) and reading lots of books. I finished two Rupert Bear books, one book about Paddington Bear and the latest Bear Grylls (which was very gripping indeed !).

All in all, we had a lovely relaxing time in Corfu and would definitely recommend the hotel. If I'm asked to go there again, I would love to visit some of the rest of the island as it looked vast, mountainous and beautiful..... take note Pink Ladies !!