

Directions by Car from (and to) Corfu Town

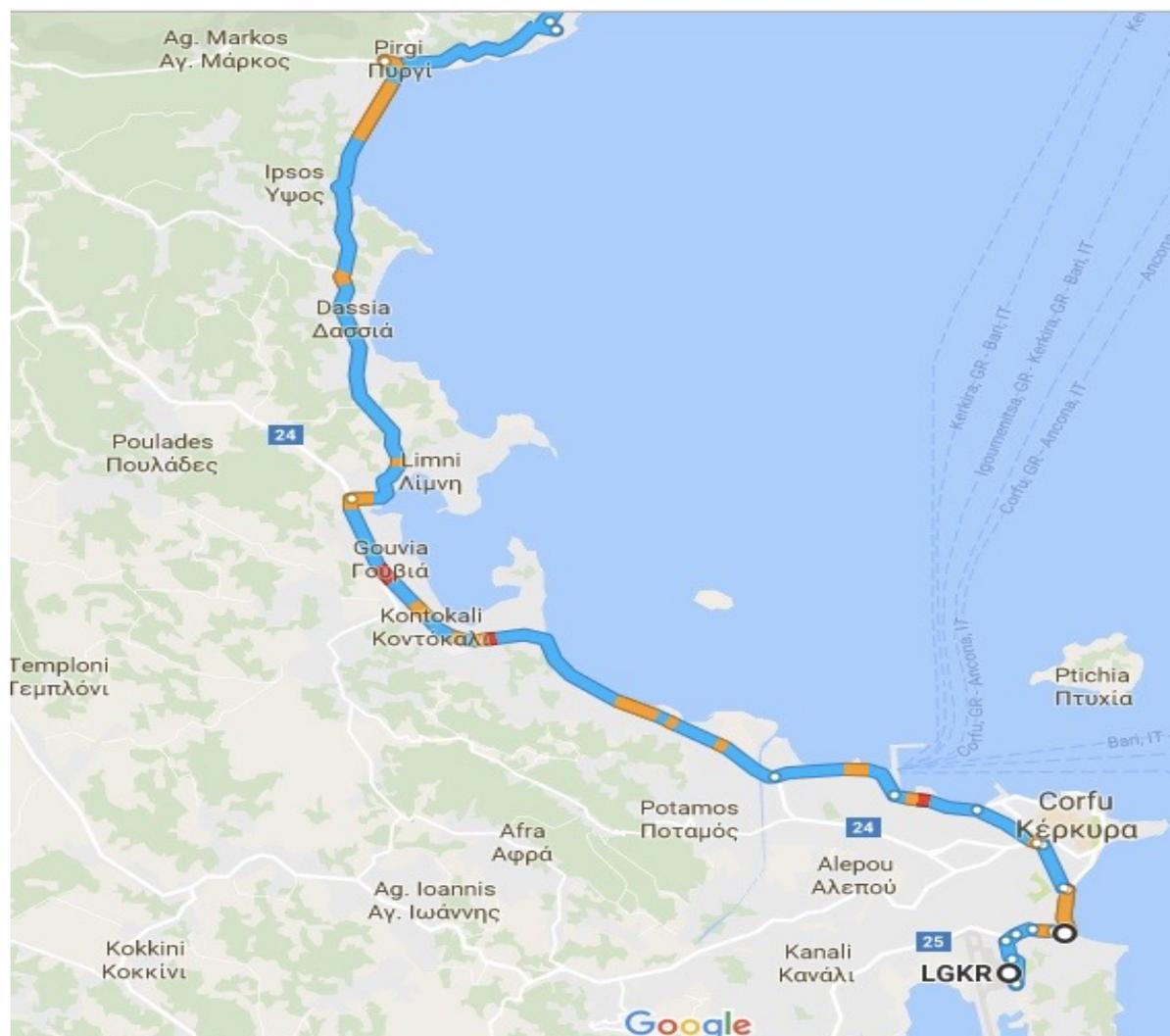
We'd highly recommend using our local car hire company who can (by prior arrangement & subject to availability) pick you up from the airport by transfer and transport you all to the village. It really makes for a relaxing start to the holiday. They can also arrange as many cars as you'd like to hire, either to be ready and waiting when you get to Corfu airport, or if you prefer, the morning after in the village. Then, on departure day you can all head back in the 8-seater or drop your cars back at the airport. To book, contact Dina at North Corfu Travel and mention you're staying at The Merchant's House. Dina, who manages the house, will be showing you around and getting you settled in when you arrive [Dina: t. +30 694 554 2689]

The village of Old Perithia is located approx. 50km (1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours drive) from Corfu town in the north-east of the island, just beneath the highest mountain, Mount Pantokrator.

The most enjoyable and simplest (failsafe) way to get to village is along the coastal road, passing through lush green countryside on one side, and with views to the Ionian sea on the other.

1. Start by leaving Corfu town heading north. You leave the airport & turn right at the junction, follow the road and you will see the sea ahead of you after approx. ½-1 mile (2km) with the fort to the left and a windmill to the right in the distance.
2. At this T-junction turn left to the direction of the fort.
3. Stay on this road as it merges with another, you keep right and pass the fort on the right and cricket ground to the left. It's a one way so keep going through the arch to the left side of the Palace and keep on the coastal road.

The route is shown below...



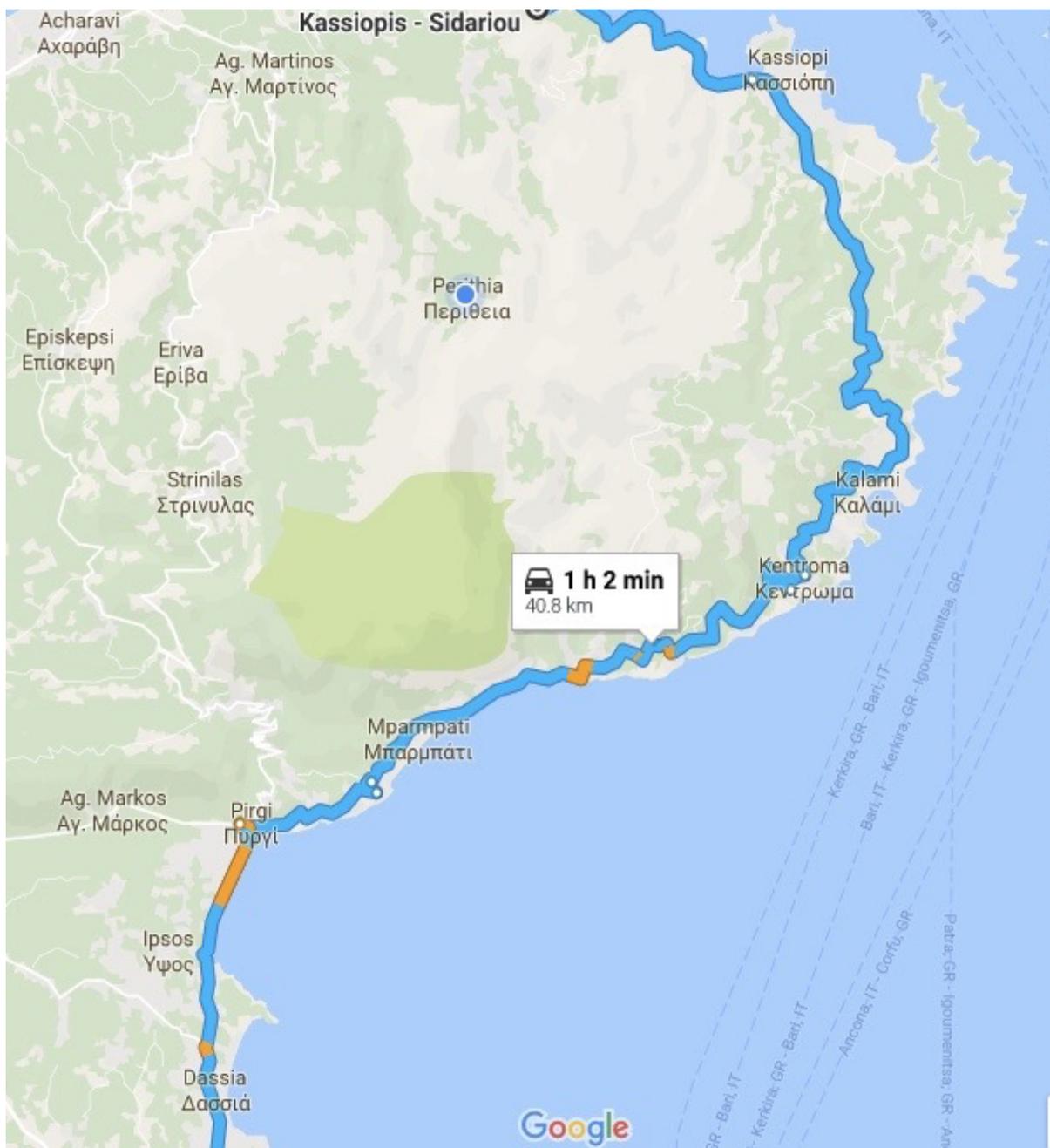
4. Looking at the above map... the first important turn is near Limni, which is shortly after you pass by Gouvia (marina) heading north.

NB. At the junction by the traffic lights, there's a small print factory. Don't go straight on here, but turn right at these lights towards Dassia & Ipsos, and keep on the coastal road!

If you are travelling around lunchtime (our check-in is from 3pm) you may wish to stop for lunch, we'd suggest Kouloura Bay, just right past Kalami - it's pretty & secluded, check prices if you have more than a light lunch as they can surprise you with the bill, mention to Matina that you're staying with us. You are then approx. 30 mins from the B&B from Kouloura. If you prefer, drive onto Kassiopei & walk to the harbour where the Three Brothers (Old School) has good food, is reliable & reasonably priced, do mention you stay with us to Fondos or Vavara. **

5. Winding your way along the coast for approx. 25km from this junction, you follow the road until you pass by Kassiopei (to your right). See the map below...

After you pass Kassiopei carefully follow the next set of instructions below this map!



6. From passing Kassiopei as illustrated above... here are the more detailed instructions for the final part of your drive - as from there it's approx. 15km (25-30 minutes) until you reach Old Perithia:

7. Passing Kassiopei, after about 5-6km keep your eyes peeled. The turning you need is signposted Loutsia|Peritheia. On your left, look out for the yellow coloured entrance wall, and on the right a delicious ice-cream parlour, 'Ice Dreams' with the distinct ice cream cone on the roof.

8. This is where you turn up the road towards Old Perithia! You are now approx. 15 minutes drive away from the village.

9. Keep going for about 800m and the road splits ahead and to the left.

Turn left (do not go straight on!) pass a post office on the corner, then immediately tavernas left and right of you (Jelatis & Harry's) and follow the sign to 'Old Village of Perithia.'

10. Follow the road and quite soon there's a fork in the road, keep to the left fork (not to the right) then keep following the signs to Loutsas and Old Peritheia.

11. Continue through the villages and along the winding road for about 3km through Loutsas and past a 'Café and Honey' shop on your left. Soon afterwards you'll see a big blue sign to Old Perithia.

At this point (if you haven't already), open your windows and enjoy the natural perfume of scents and smells that emit from the numerous flowers, trees and herbs that carpet the mountains around you.

Please note, the roads are generally wide enough for 2 cars, but drive with caution as there are a few pot holes, not always barriers along the mountain road and the corners are often deceptively sharp.

12. Continue on the now narrow and winding roads (drive carefully) and the road will turn to tarmac, winding along with a few hairpin bends. Stay on the main road (don't go up any tracks off the main road).

13. Quiet soon, you pass an old stone stable on your right you will see Mount Pantokrator ahead in the distance through the cypress trees.

14. Passing a cut away hill on the left next to two small icons and are now very close to Old Perithia, the road starts to trail down towards the village ahead of you and, to the left the pink façade of the Bell tower & Holy Church of Saint Iakovos, Persis.

Please be aware: There are 2 No Through Road signs but if you drive carefully past the parking area, you come to the first taverna 'Ognistra' on your left go very slowly, don't drive beyond here or it's difficult to turn back up!!

You'll see us easily, it's the Venetian red property with a wrought iron gate that extends along a small track to your left.

15. You can park in our driveway to unload your luggage, or if it's free, on the small concrete area by the yellow church opposite to your right.

16. You can then find us next at no. 1 The Merchant's House. It's the first door with a pulley bell hanging to the left.

We'll then help get you settled in, and help with your luggage.

Parking after unloading luggage.

Then please park carefully and considerately back up in the car park, or as far back from the start of the main village as possible, to help retain the natural view of the church, historic houses and restored tavern as you enter the village.

The local goatherds and taverna owners often need to have access to their taverna's and homes, so please don't block the roads and pathways.

Please do not leave valuables in your car. Do drive down to load up on check-out...

Feeling lost? Just give us a call [Dina]:

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** as with all of the tavernas we recommend during your stay, we don't ask for, nor take, any commission... but we do request that they 'look after' our guests well – so please let us know your experience so we can continue to ensure that everyone that stays has a good time and enjoys our suggested places to eat and see.