FLIGHT WITH EASYJET FROM LUTON TO CORFU – WE WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY OUR CAR HIRE COMPANY (EUROPACAR) - AS USUAL IN GREECE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE CAR I HAD RESERVED (A SMALL 4-DOOR), WE ENDED UP WITH A 2-DOOR VW FOX – IT WAS OK, BUT I PREFER 4-DOOR CARS WHEN YOU'RE HUMPING CAMERAS & OTHER OPTICS.

AFTER SORTING THE CAR WEヘADED NORTH TO OUR ACCOMMODATION IN ACHARAVI – WHEN WE ARRIVED THE MANAGER SAID, I'VE MOVED YOU INTO ANOTHER APARTMENT (THE GREEKS DO MY HEAD IN), I SAID, I DON'T MIND AS LONG AS IT'S AS GOOD AS WHAT WE HAVE BOOKED – IT WAS SHITE!


WHEN WE VISITED THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND WE STAYED AT A FOUR STAR HOTEL, HALF BOARD – IT WAS CHEAPER HERE THAN WHERE WE WERE STAYING IN ACHARAVI – NEXT TIME I'LL BOOK MY FLIGHTS & ACCOMMODATION SEPARATELY!

SO, WE EVENTUALLY GOT A BETTER APARTMENT & CORFU IS A REALLY NICE ISLAND.

NORTHERN CORFU IS MUCH MORE PICTURESQUE THAN SOUTHERN CORFU, BUT IN MY OPINION THE SOUTH HAS BETTER BIRDING SITES – ALTHOUGH CORFU IS QUITE A SMALL ISLAND, IT TAKES OVER TWO HOURS TO REACH THE SOUTH, THAT'S WHY WE STAYED OVERNIGHT.

IN THE NORTH LAKE ANTINIOTI IS QUITE A GOOD SPOT & IT'S NOT TOO FAR TO DRIVE TO PANTOKRATOR FOR MONTANE SPECIES.

THE SOUTH HAS LEFKIMMI SALTPANS – I WASN'T TOO IMPRESSED, YOU CAN'T DRIVE AROUND IN A CAR, SO ALL THE BIRDS FLY OFF. I DID FIND A PECTORAL SANDPIPER (THE SEVENTH FOR GREECE), IT WAS WITH A FLOCK OF LITTLE STINTS & CURLEW SANDPIPERS.

SLIGHTLY FURTHER TO THE NORTH WEST IS LAKE KORISSION, THE NORTH WEST END WAS EXCELLENT FOR WADERS & HERONS, & YOU CAN USE YOUR CAR AS A HIDE, ALTHOUGH I DID WALK UP TO A
Collared Pratincole, which was quite obliging (see images).

I've always shied away from a trip to Corfu because it's not as good as some of the other Greek Islands for passage migrants in spring, but I have to say I was pleasantly surprised – although there was heavy rain the last couple of days (Corfu does get more rain than the other Greek Islands)

If you want to a good smattering of Mediterranean species, it's worth a trip – just make sure you book your own flights & accommodation!

**Facts & Figures**

**Flights & Accommodation (B&B) - £ 700**

**Hotel & Car parking in Luton - £ 99**

**Car Hire in Corfu - £ 170**

**Spending Money - £ 500**

**Total Costs**

C.£ 1500

**Books**

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Corfu & Ionian Islands – Bartholomew
Corfu – Freytag & Berndt
SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES

MUTE SWAN
MALLARD
GADWALL
SHOVELER
TEAL
TUFTED DUCK
ROCK PARTRIDGE – ONLY HEARD CALLING – PANTOKRATOR
LITTLE GREBE
GREAT CRESTED GREBE
CORMORANT
NIGHT HERON – AN ADULT - LAKE ANTINIOTI
SQUACCO HERON – 1 – LEFKIMMI SALTPANS & C.10 – LAKE KORISSON
LITTLE EGRET
GREY HERON
PURPLE HERON – 1 – PLAIN OF ROPA
GLOSSY IBIS – 9 - LAKE KORISSON
SPOONBILL – C. 20 LAKE KORISSON
GREATER FLAMINGO – LEFKIMMI SALTPANS
SHORT-TOED EAGLE – 1 – PLAIN OF ROPA & 1 NEAR ACHARAVI
MARSH HARRIER
MONTAGU’S HARRIER – 1 – ACHARAVI, 2 – PLAIN OF ROPA & 2 – LEFKIMMI SALTPANS
COMMOM BUZZARD
SPARROWHAWK
KESTREL
HOBBY – 1 - PLAIN OF ROPA
MOORHEN
COOT
OYSTERCATCHER
AVOCET
BLACK-WINGED STILT
COLLARED PRATINCOLE – 1 – LAKE KORISSON – QUITE CONFIDING
LITTLE RINGED PLOVER
RINGED PLOVER
KENTISH PLOVER – LEFKIMMI SLATPANS & LAKE KORISSON
GREY PLOVER
SANDERLING
DUNLIN
CURLEW SANDPIPERS – LEFKIMMI SLATPANS & LAKE KORISSON
TEMMINCK'S STINT – C. 10 – LEFKIMMI SLATPANS & 2 – LAKE
KORISSON
LITTLE STINT – FAIRLY COMMON – LEFKIMMI SLATPANS & LAKE
KORISSON
WOOD SANDPIPER – FAIRLY COMMON – LEFKIMMI SLATPANS & LAKE
KORISSON
COMMON SANDPIPER
REDSHANK
SPOTTED REDSHANK
GREENSHANK
WHIMBREL
SNIPE
PECTORAL SANDPIPER – 1 – LEFKIMMI SLATPANS – I FOUND THIS WITH
A FLOCK OF LITTLE STINTS & CURLEW SANDPIPERS ( THE SEVENTH
FOR GREECE )
RUFF
BLACK-HEADED GULL
YELLOW-LEGGED GULL
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL
LITTLE TERN
SANDWICH TERN
GULL-BILLED TERN – 13 – LAKE KORISSON
COMMON TERN
WOOD PIGEON
COLLARED DOVE
TURTLE DOVE
CUCKOO
SCOPS OWL – 1 SEEN BRIEFLY – FAIRLY COMMON ALL OVER CORFU
SWIFT
HOOPOE – ONLY 2
KINGFISHER
BEE-EATER – FAIRLY COMMON
ROLLER – 2 – PLAIN OF ROPA
GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER
WRYNECK – 1 SEEN BRIEFLY – SEVERAL BIRDS CALLING
SKY LARK
WOOD LARK
CRESTED LARK
SAND MARTIN
SWALLOW
RED-RUMPED SWALLOW - FAIRLY COMMON
HOUSE MARTIN
TAWNY PIPIT – 10 TOGETHER – ACHARAVI BEACH & SEVERAL OTHERS
TREE PIPIT
RED-THROATED PIPIT – ONLY HEARD CALLING & SEEN IN FLIGHT
WHITE WAGTAIL
BLUE-HEADED WAGATIL
BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL
GREY WAGTAIL
DUNNOCK
ROBIN
NIGHTINGALE
WHEATEAR
BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR – C. 10 – PANTOKRATOR, 2 – PALIN OF ROPA & SEVERAL OTHERS
WHINCHAT – THE COMMONEST BIRD ON THE ISLAND – EVERYWHERE
STONECHAT
MISTLE THRUSH
BLACKBIRD
BLUE ROCK THRUSH
BLACKCAP
GARDEN WARBLER
WHITE THROAT
SARDINIAN WARBLER
SUBALPINE WARBLER – FAIRLY COMMON – LOVELY BIRDS
SEDGE WARBLER
FAN-TAILED WARBLER
CETTI’S WARBLER
REED WARBLER
GREAT REED WARBLER – FAIRLY COMMON
WILLOW WARBLER
CHIFFCHAFF
WOOD WARBLER – 3
WREN
SPOTTED FLYCATCHER – FAIRLY COMMON
PIED FLYCATCHER – C. 6
GREAT TIT
BLUE TIT
LONG-TAILED TIT
ROCK NUTHATCH – 3 – PANTOKRATOR
WOODCHAT SHRIKE – COMMON
MAGPIE
JAY
JACKDAW
RAVEN
HOODED CROW
STARLING
GOLDEN ORIOLES – C. 10 – SEVERAL GOOD VIEWS OF THESE STUNNING BIRDS
HOUSE SPARROW
TREE SPARROW
CHAFFINCH
LINNET
GOLDFINCH
SERIN
CIRL BUNTING
CORN BUNTING – VERY COMMON

MAMMALS
HEDGEHOG

REPTILES
MARSH FROGS
SNAKE SP. - PROBABLY MONTPELLIER SNAKE

BUTTERFLIES
SWALLOWTAIL

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KEEP SCROLLING FOR IMAGES
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FIRST-SUMMER MALE MONTAGU'S HARRIER
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CORN BUNTING
COMMON BUZZARD – VERY LIKE STEPPE BUZZARD?

BEE-EATER, RODA
SWALLOW, ACHARAVI

GREAT REED WARBLER, PLAIN OF ROPA
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KEEP SCROLLING
WOODCHAT SHRIKE, RODA

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