

# UPCYCLE/RECYCLE



## HELLENIC-GERMAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

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# About the programme



Dear participant,

Welcome to the Greek-German youth exchange UPCYCLE-RECYCLE. This project is our international youth exchange for young people from Germany and Greece who want to know more about green waste-management practices such as upcycling and recycling and hence become a more conscious citizens. We are looking forward to meeting you on the beautiful island of Corfu in September 2021. Before taking off and arriving in Corfu, there are still some things to do! In order to make the youth exchange successful and in order to allow all participants to have a pleasant stay in Corfu, we prepared the present Info-Guide. We have tried to collect as much and “good-to-know” information as possible. You’ll find information concerning your preparation, your travel, your stay, etc. We hope that the guide gives answers to most of your questions. If not – feel free to contact us.

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## Transportation



Participants will be transferred from the International Airport of Corfu (CFU) and the Port of Corfu to the hotel by private bus.

# Accommodation

Wilde Rose Hotel, Dasia Corfu (<https://wilderose.gr/wp>). Participants will be accommodated in triple or quadruple rooms.





# Description of the project

While the recycling system and ideology is very common in Germany, in Greece there is still a lack of knowledge and education on this field. From the other side, there are many "green" initiatives taken from Greek young people. During this youth exchange, young people will have the chance to explore how we can easily recycle and upcycle and why its important to put it as a priority.

On the last days of the exchange the Greek German group will design and implement a local activity – to clean a popular beach of the island and raise awareness about environment protection at the tourists and local people.

# About Corfu



With the passage of time the island may have changed, but we can still feel the spirit of a distant glorious past. Its rich multi-cultural heritage, its historic monuments, its stunning natural landscape, its crystal clear seas, and its excellent weather all year round explain why Corfu is one of the most cosmopolitan Mediterranean destinations weaving a powerful spell on its visitors.

Corfu (Kerkyra in Greek), unlike the rest of Greece, never fell under the Ottoman oppression. Due to the successive dominations of the Venetians, the French and the British over the centuries, the island has primarily become part of the Western rather the Levantine world. Their culture wielded strong influence in the city: it was here that the first Greek University (the Ionian Academy), the first Philharmonic Orchestra and the First School of Fine Arts were founded.



The island owes its name to the Nymph Korkira, the daughter of the River God, Aesopos. According to the myth, Poseidon, God of the Sea, fell in love with Nymph Korkira, kidnapped her and brought her on this island. Archaeological excavations have proved that the island was inhabited since the Paleolithic Era. According to the myth, Corfu was the island of the Phaeacians, where Odysseus landed on his return trip to Ithaca.

In ancient times, Corfu was a very important commercial center inhabited by the Phoenicians. There was trading with all the towns of the Adriatic Sea, making Corfu a strong naval power and an important colonial town, known today as Paleopolis. The ruins of this ancient town are found right opposite the Mon Repos Palace in Corfu Town. Some ancient temples have also been excavated around the island, such as the temple of Artemis.





# Why is Corfu active in Recycling?



Corfu is an island, and this means that it must dispose of its own waste. This is one of the island's biggest problems, as there is only one landfill and it's filling up very quickly!

Some steps have been made in the direction of recycling. Basically, there are blue garbage containers placed around the island where all packaging material (paper, glass, plastic, tins etc) is collected and taken to a sorting facility, separated, and recycled. This sounds good in theory, but there are many problems in the collection and separation process and so only a small portion of the packaging material is recycled in the end.

There is through a second recycling process which runs smoothly, and this is based totally on individual initiative, with minimal involvement of the state. That's the recycling of metal (cars, household appliances, batteries, iron, aluminium and more). There is a recycling plant which uses an informal network of people with cars. Any metal waste placed near a waste container is picked up and brought to the recycling plant of Corfu Recycling, where a fair price is paid for the material, which is then sorted and properly recycled.

Another form of recycling that has been reinforced by the crisis is the recycling of clothes and objects people don't need any more by exchanging them, giving them away or selling them at car boot sales. What's barely done is the recycling of organic materials. There is no public system for this recycling and what organic recycling is done, is done by people in villages who keep their organic garbage (kitchen leftovers, fruit and vegetable rests and garden waste) to feed their chickens or make compost. Given the fact that Corfu produces far more waste than it can currently absorb, the need for an integrated recycling system is imperative. This system should ideally start with separation of garbage at the source (households, restaurants and hotels, factories) in several different containers, a working collection system and recycling plants able to process all kinds of different materials. The result would be a huge reduction in the amount of waste that goes to the landfill. There are several people and organisations who try to promote such a plant, there is even a proposal to generate biogas from organic waste from olive press and restaurant waste, but no concrete plans have been made public yet. Let's hope there's progress in that field soon!



# What are the Green corners? Where can I recycle in Corfu?

<https://www.recyclecorfu.com/>



# Weather & What to bring



The weather is estimated to be sunny between 17- 30oC. As it is summertime in Greece and there is plenty of sunshine, we recommend you bring with you your sunglasses, a hat, and sunscreen.

-Clothes: light clothes and a jacket because it can get chilly during the evenings.

-Shoes: Athletic shoes are essential

-Masks: As it is obligatory to use them inside the hotel and during indoor sessions/meetings.

-Medicines: Pack with you the medicines that you are taking, as well as Medicines for fever that you are used to. In any case, there is a pharmacy close by the hotel.

-Thermos bottle and backpack- this is our recommendation because the weather is hot and you can keep fresh water and also backpack will help you to easily move around since some days we will not stay in the hotel and you need to pack with you the most essential things.