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CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN

Decked with strong smelling thyme and sweet scented flowers, Corfu’s hillsides are ideal for families who love trekking and rock climbing. Whether you just want to amble over gentle crags or fancy the challenge of climbing Pantokrator, at 918m, the island’s tallest mountain, The Corfu Mountain Climbing Club (tel: +30 0661 39481) runs guided tours for all experience levels from April to October. For something more laidback, trekking the Corfu Trail (www.thecorfutrail.com) should hit the spot. Created in 2001, you can hike all or part of this idyllic 220km trail, which snakes through dense olive and lemon groves, far-flung villages, ruined monasteries and deserted beaches, from the buzzing resort of Kavos in the north to the pristine beaches of Agios Spiridons in the south.

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MAKE A SPLASH

With 18 acres of water slides, wave pool, restaurants and shops, Aqualand (www.aqualand-corfu.com) is Europe’s third largest water park. Whether it’s swooshing down one of the giant slides into a frothing pool, floating along Crazy River in a tube, fighting with the bubbles in the giant Jacuzzi, or sliding around on the slippery octopus kids’ ride, a wet ‘n’ wild day out is guaranteed. Fans of jet skiing, banana boat rides and other blood-pumping water activities will get their kicks at Star Beach Water Park (www.starbeach.gr), a vast amusement park in Hersonissos which also has pedalos, pools and water rides for smaller adventurers.



SEE LITTLE NEMO

Fans of *Finding Nemo* will love The Calypso Star (Old Port, tel: +30 671 46 525) a glass bottomed boat that chugs out every hour from Corfu’s Old Port to see the reefs and rock formations around Vidos Island. Kids will love watching hundreds of fish flitter in multi-coloured shoals below the boat’s see-through hull, then applauding the divers who bring up squid and star fish. As a grand finale to this sea-themed trip, a troupe of sea lions perform with their trainer beneath the boat.



BE A BEACH BABY

For toddlers there’s no bigger adventure than being on a soft sandy beach in warm sunshine building a sandcastle – and since Corfu has a plethora of stunning beaches with shallow, calm waters, safety is guaranteed. Paleokastritsa, a short bus ride from Corfu Town, has some of the best beaches on the island, while the pretty village has a whole host of good value tavernas. The wide sandy beaches of Glyfada are another good choice, backed by bustling shops and taverns. Young children will have fun snorkelling in clear waters while parents can try one of the watersports activities on site.