



# WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE PRE-DEPARTURE PACK



## Greece Marine Conservation Project



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# TRIP OVERVIEW



## Warwickshire College – Booking Reference 4688

### Travel Dates:

24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

### Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
LS0927	24/06/2026	Manchester (MAN)	15.00	Kefalonia (EFL)	20.50
LS0928	01/07/2026	Kefalonia (EFL)	21.45	Manchester (MAN)	23.40

\*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

**Baggage Allowance** – 1 piece checked baggage @ 22kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x45x25 cms

### Project:

Greece Marine Conservation Project

## Arrival at Kefalonia International Airport Anna Pollatou

On arrival at Kefalonia airport, you must clear passport control and collect your baggage from baggage reclaim before heading into the arrivals hall.

You will be met by a Wildlife Sense representative, They will be holding a board with the Gap Africa Projects Logo.

If you are unable to locate the representative, please call Chanel Comis:

+30 697 723014

You will be transferred to Hotel Astra to check in to your accommodation, a journey of approximately 15 minutes.



# CONTACTS

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## ASTRA VILLAGE Hotel Address:

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Kefalonia

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## Gap Africa Projects

Telephone: +44 (0) 797 657 5949

**24 Hour Emergency Only**



# USEFUL INFORMATION



## Practical Advice

### Power / Electricity:

It is important that you take the right travel adapter so you can charge your phone and other devices whilst away.



### Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated and have packed an insulated water bottle. We recommend taking concentrated squash as the water will taste different from home.



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## Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance does not need to be expensive and there are many good deals available for backpackers etc. Always be sure to check the insurance details to make sure you are covered for Covid 19, theft, loss, illness and injury. Check to see if your medical benefits are paid out as they incur or on your return home.

You should select 'Adventure Pack' as this will cover you for the type of activities you will undertake during your trip.



<https://www.true Traveller.com/?tag=4480>

## Passport Requirements

It can take up to 6 weeks to obtain a passport – remember to start this process in plenty of time.

Your passport must have a 'date of issue' of less than 10 years on the date you arrive. Passports must be valid for 3 months beyond the planned date of departure.

You can check the requirements at the IATA Travel Centre site. [www.iatatravelcentre.com](http://www.iatatravelcentre.com)

## Stay Safe Overseas – KBYG:

The better prepared you are when you travel abroad the safer you will be. The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office offers 'Know before you go' travel advice, including simple precautions you can take before and during your trip.

To find out more, check out their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad>

## Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for British passport holders. You can check the following website for visa information:

<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/europe/greece/>

# USEFUL INFORMATION



## Health Risks

### Immunisation:

Contact your GP around 8 weeks before your trip to check whether you need any vaccinations or other preventive measures. The following website offers up to date information for travellers to the Greek islands:

<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/91/greece>

### Mosquitoes:

There are mosquitoes on Kefalonia, which can be an irritant, so it is worth using a suitable insect repellent and bringing antihistamines.

### Sun:

Kefalonia has a warm sunny climate, you should wear sunscreen and a hat whenever you are out of doors during the day, particularly between 10am and 4pm - regardless of whether there is cloud cover or not. Sunglasses are also recommended, as the glare of the sun can be very strong.

During your time with the project you will be involved with night beach surveys so bear in mind it may be a little cooler during the night at the beach.

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## Climate

### Summer (June – September)

Many consider the Ionian climate of Kefalonia to be near perfection and the main season begins as early as May, when temperatures climb to around 25°C, although the evenings can be quite cool and the water a little cold. June to September are the summer months and the temperature is around 29°C – 32°C during the day.

During your time with the project you will be involved with night beach surveys so you will need darker clothing and bear in mind it may be a little cooler during the night at the beach.

Have a look at AccuWeather for more information:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/gr/argostoli/184606/weather-forecast/184606>

## Tipping

Whilst there is no obligation, it is a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the project and housekeeping staff by leaving a small tip/donation when you leave; any amount is always appreciated.

## Currency & Credit Cards

The currency of Greece is the Euro. Credit cards are accepted in Greece however most restaurants and small outlets only accept cash. A good option is to take a currency card which can be used at ATMs to withdraw cash.

It is not recommended that travellers carry large sums of cash, keep a reasonable amount on hand and primarily use debit/credit/travel cards.

Travel Cards are very useful; preload before travelling and the best exchange rate is used. Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for GAP Africa Projects travellers.



<https://wise.prf.hn/l/XZJx9gq>

# USEFUL INFORMATION



## Phones & Internet

Mobile phone coverage is good in Kefalonia and is included in most mobile phone packages, check with your supplier. Remember that roaming charges may apply.

The hotel also offers free WiFi.

Using an eSIM is a good option. We have partnered with Holafly eSim provider 5% discount use code GAPAFRICAPROJECTS.

## Benefits of an eSIM

- Unlimited Data Plans
- Keep your WhatsApp number
- Immediate Delivery



<https://shorturl.at/sxE29>



 <b>Unlimited data</b> Enjoy unlimited data while traveling to numerous destinations worry-free. <a href="#">Learn more</a>	 <b>Keep using your favorite apps</b> Get that safe ride home, find that great restaurant, and pin the local attractions, all while staying connected with your loved ones.	 <b>Keep your WhatsApp number</b> You can call and message all your contacts on WhatsApp, like you're in the same country. Don't lose touch with family and friends.
 <b>24/7 Customer Support</b> In need of assistance? Our 24/7 chat support is just a message away to keep you connected and help you with everything you need.	 <b>Fast and Reliable Internet Connection</b> Connect to the best networks at your destination and get internet that's both reliable and fast	 <b>Enjoy dual SIMs</b> Enjoy the flexibility of our digital eSIM while keeping the option to use your original SIM as usual whenever you need it.

# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



## Accommodation

Astra Village Hotel is a friendly family run hotel located close to the sea turtle conservation centre.

Rooms are shared 2-4 people per room with a shared bathroom.

There is free internet access and the hotel has a rooftop pool for you to enjoy during any free time.

## Food at the Project

The restaurant will provide breakfast, dinner and a packed lunch each day.

## Dietary Requirements

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.



## Suggested kit list

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

- Short and long sleeve T-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work/zip-off trousers)
- Long sleeve shirts for sun protection/cold
- Dark clothing for night nesting beach surveys
- Beach sandals
- Trainers
- Hiking boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Waterproof jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece
- Socks
- Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Daypack rucksack
- Beach Towel
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Flashlight/Torch (red light)

### Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Waterproof bag for phone/camera
- Water shoes

\* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones whilst at the project.  
**No skimpy/revealing or brightly-coloured clothing to be worn.**

# WHAT'S INCLUDED



## What is Included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 Emergency contact

## NOT Included

- UK Transfers
- Personal Travel Insurance \*
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

\* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.





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