

www.country-club.gr This is a great place to stay if you want to experience the rural and tourist-free side of Corfu, while having the sea just a short drive away. The Pelecas Country Club is a magnificent 200-year-old 50-acre family estate that was used for olive and wine production until owner Nikos Velianitis turned it into a hotel. The idea was to create a setting and an atmosphere that would allow guests to experience the lifestyle of times past, while at the same time enjoying contemporary comfort. With a helicopter pad in the middle of a meadow, televisions and a fabulous swimming pool, it became a not too accurate version of bygone times, but you do definitely get a sense of history. You could simply enjoy the peace and quiet, go for walks or do some horseback riding, but you can also play tennis before getting a tan on one of the sun-beds by the pool and sipping cocktails. There's a feeling of unpolished luxury; the atmosphere is relaxed and laid-back, friendly and uncomplicated. Spacious studios and suites are located in the buildings where the stables and the olive press used to be. They are furnished with fabulous family heirloom pieces and tastefully adorned with big candles, dried flowers and baskets with books and magazines. Most bathrooms and kitchenettes have recently been renovated. The "Casa Padronale" (four bedrooms, a sitting/dining room and an office) occupies the first floor of the mansion, where the family used to live. It has its own garden. A fantastic brunch is served in the mansion's gorgeous dining room.

Open: From early April until mid-October.

Children: Welcome.

Accommodation: 10 studios and suites for 2, 4 or 5 persons, all with en-suite bathroom (shower), telephone, television, Internet access, kitchenette with refrigerator, air conditioning, safe (suites only) and hairdryer. "Casa Padronale" has 4 double bedrooms, an office, a sitting/dining room and a private garden.

Meals: Brunch.

Also: Sitting room, outdoor swimming pool, pool bar, large

gardens and terraces, tennis court, stables, helipad.

Dogs: Allowed with prior agreement. Horses too.

Room rates: From €110 per night, brunch included.

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Directions: From Corfu Town follow signs for Paleokastritsa and Pelecas. After about 7 km turn left towards the village Pelecas. The entrance (two red brick pillars and an iron entry gate) to the Pelecas Country Club is after 2.5 km on your right. There is no sign.

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