



Cyclades & Saronic Islands PLUS - Greece

Route

from Athens / to Athens

Duration

8 days / 7 nights

Distance

approx. 170 km

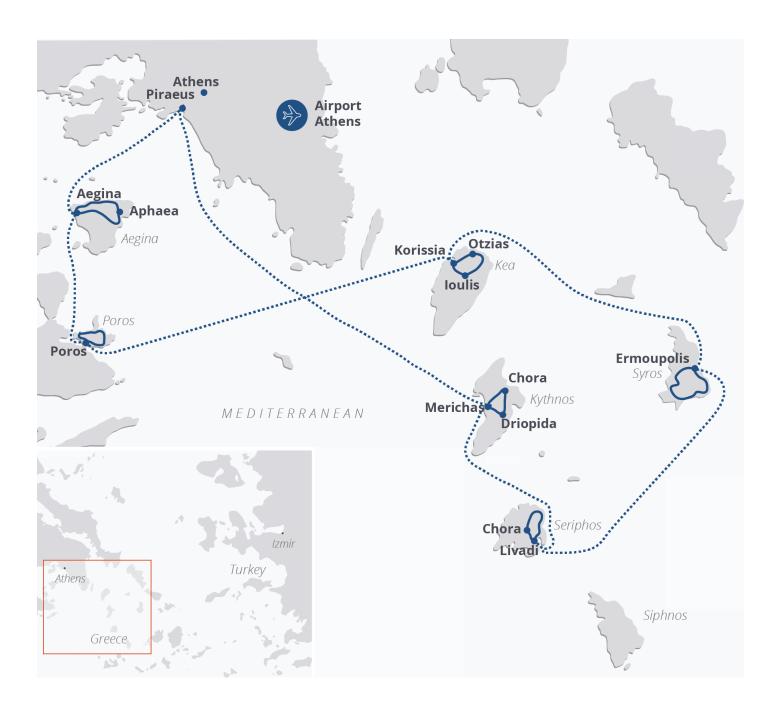
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Blue and white island dreams in the Greek Aegean

Our Islandhopping trip Cyclades [&] Saronic Islands let you experience the diversity of Greece in an impressive way: The Cyclades Islands was the cradle of the first European civilisation 5,000 years ago. Here we also see a truly authentic side of Greece: Gleaming white cube houses with blue shutters and labyrinth-like alleys dominate the architectural character of the islands' villages and towns. Along the mostly ragged coastlines there are impressive geological formations, turquoise-blue sea, and fantastic sand beaches.

Experience Greece from its greenest side on the Saronic Islands. Learn about the Greek Liberation Struggle between 1821 and 1830 without which Greece would not be as we know it today. Experience the fascinating symbiosis of antiquity and modern times by E-Bike [&] Boat and delight in the authentic beauty of the Greek Aegean.

TO NOTE: The Cyclades are one of the most wind-prone regions of Greece, which frequently affects the itinerary of this tour. More information can be found under "Things to Note."



Itinerary

1st Day Athens(Embarkation)

Individual journey to Athens. Check-in on the ship is possible from 4 pm onwards. Dinner on board and overnight stay in Athens.

2nd Day Kythnos Island(aprx. 15 mi./25 km)

Early in the morning we sail to Kythnos Island, famous for its cheese and honey since the antiquity. We begin our first cycling tour in the harbour of Merichas and head towards the island's capital, Chora. Along the way we can enjoy wonderful, scenic views of the coastline. Chora is a lovely town, situated on a high plateau. The town's alleys are decorated with painted flowers and geometric patterns. We continue on to the picturesque village of Driopida before returning to Merichas, where we can spend the evening in one of the cosy tavernas.

3rd Day Seriphos Island(aprx. 18.5 mi./30 km)

In the morning, our boat takes us to Seriphos, a small island far off the beaten tourist track. The island is characterised by deep valleys, countless bays and coves, and numerous beautiful sandy beaches. From the harbour town of Livadi, we cycle along a serpentine road to the island's main town of Seriphos, whose cube form houses, nestled into landscape, stretch along the mountain ridge high above the sea. From Seriphos, we continue on through untouched landscape to the Byzantine monastery of the Archangel Michael. We then return to Livadi along a panoramic road on the East coast. In the afternoon the ship takes us to Syros, where we can stroll through the breathtaking old town and round off the day in one of the numerous cafes on the spacious harbour promenade.

4th Day Syros Island(aprx. 18.5 mi./30 km)

The town of Ermoupolis on Syros is the capital town of the Cyclades and offers an unforgettable view upon arrival: The town which is built on two hills is different from the other Cycladic towns. Pastel coloured houses, many of which have classical facades dominant the townscape. We cycle along the coast of Syros which is full of bays and coves along the entire southern half of the island to the beautiful beach of Galissas and then past the convent of Saint Barbara back to Ermoupolis. In the afternoon we continue by boat to the island of Kea.

5th DayKea Island(aprx. 15 mi./25 km)

Our starting point for exploring the northwestern-most inhabited Cycladic island is the beautiful natural harbour of Korissia. From here we climb up to the island's capital loulis before continuing on to the white sand Otzias Beach where we enjoy a refreshing swim stop. Afterwards, we cycle back to Korissia and then sail to Poros in the Saronic Gulf in the afternoon. The harbour town of Poros is truly spectacular with its iconic clock tower soaring above the rest of the town. Poros is the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing evening and get lost in the authentic Greek island atmosphere.

6th Day Poros Island(aprx. 15 mi./25 km)

We start our day with a bike tour from Poros to the Zoodochos Pigis monestary, which dates back to the 18th century. We cycle on and almost completely circle the entire island, which in ancient times was dedicated to the sea god, Poseidon. Shortly before the end of the tour, we arrive at Russian Bay, a sandy beach with turquoise blue waters, the perfect place for a relaxing swim! Once back in Poros, we board the boat and enjoy a delicious midday meal as we

cruise to Aegina.

7th DayIsland Aegina(aprx. 22 mi./35 km)

The island of Aegina is known far beyond the Greek borders for its incredible pistachio nuts! Today's bike tour takes us up to the sanctuary of Aphaia, towering high above the azure blue of the sea. The incredibly well-preserved temple is located on the only point on the island where the Aegean Sea can be seen on both sides. On our way back to the boat, we cycle across the middle of the island past the monastery of Nektarios all the way to the town of Aegina. Here we board the boat for our last cruise back to Athen. The last evening on board concludes with a communal dinner and last get-together in a cosy atmosphere with crew, fellow travellers, and tour guides.

8th Day Athens(Disembarkation)

After breakfast check-out and individual return home or extended stay in Athens.



Thalassa · Deluxe Class

Port of Embarkation

from Athens (Piräus)

Size

36 m x 8 m

Capacity

9 cabins, 18 beds

Special Features

Year of construction

2002
br>Complete Reconstruction: 2020 - 2022

Cabin size

9 - 12 m²

Cabin features

teak cladding, A/C, hairdryer, bathroom with a mirror, shower, washbasin and WC

Beds

double: 200 x 140 cm,
single and twin: 200 x 80 cm

Service

cabin service, mid-week towel change

Extras

stern access, quiet generator, sunning mats on the sundeck, upholstered benches at the stern, large tables with chairs on deck in the shade

Thalassa

Thalassa is a beautiful three mast motor sailor where elegance and comfort combined result in one of the most majestic ships of our fleet. The tall masts make the Thalassa an eye catcher in every harbor.

The saloon and the cabins are spacious and the wood finish give a noble touch. The vast deck provides plenty of comfortable sitting areas with tables and chairs available in the shade and sunning mats on the sundeck. Fitted ideally for maximum relaxation during the crossings from island to island.

The crew spoils their guests at mealtimes with a delicious selection of local specialties prepared in the ship's own galley. No wonder that the favorite sound of our guests is the ringing of the mealtime bell!

















Erato · Deluxe Class

Port of Embarkation

from Athens (Marina Alimos)

Size

27.5 m x 7.1 m

Capacity

7 cabins, 19 beds



Year of construction

2001

Cabin size

10 - 12 m²

Cabin features

Air-conditioning, tiled bathroom with hairdryer, mirror, shower cabin, washbasin & WC

Beds

double 200 x 140 cm
single and twin: 200 x 80 cm

Service

Daily cabin service, mid-week towel and bedding change

Extras

Two masts with sails, noble wooden interior, deck with cushioned benches, deck chairs, large tables and chairs on deck in the shade, WiFi

Erato

The elegant motorsailer Erato offers all the comfort and luxury you could desire during your bike and boat adventure. The Bordeaux-red yacht, named after the ancient muse of lyric and love poetry, immediately captures the eye.

The cabins are clad in fine wood while the saloon offers a warm and cosy atmosphere creating a homely ambience onboard. Each of the six guest cabins below deck offers ample space, en-suite bathrooms with a shower and WC, as well as storage for your luggage.

The salon boasts a well-stocked bar and plenty of space for socialising. The outdoor area has a variety of comfortable seating and space for you to relax under the sky. The friendly, attentive crew have spent most of their lives on the water and are dedicated to helping fulfil your holiday dreams. Not to be forgotten, the Erato offers a delicious range of traditional Greek cuisine, lovingly served at every meal.



Dates, Prices & Services

Included services

- 8-day trip on a motorized yacht with crew
- 7 nights in a twin cabin below deck with shower/toilet
- 2 x full-board and 5 x half-board on board
- Drinking water on board
- Guided bicycle tours and sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- Entrance fee to museums and archaeological sites (group visit only)
- Bed linen and towels
- English-speaking tour guide

Not included in the basic tour price

- Journey to Athens
- Beverages on board (tally sheet; to be paid to the captain)
- Meals and beverages ashore
- Entrance fee for sights not included in the tour price
- Beach towel for use off the boat (if needed)
- Tips for tour guides and crew
- SGR Insolvency protection (5€ per person)

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■ SGR Insolvency protection (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person - will be specified separately on the booking confirmation)

Prices for Additional Optional Services 2026

Surcharge for a double cabin for single use below deck (limited)	50% on the tour base price
Rental e-bike with Ortlieb pannier	E-bike: 252 euros/week
Limited liability protection for rental e-bikes	E-bike: 28 euros/week
(theft and damage)	
(not covered: grossly negligent damage)	
Special dietary requests	70 euros
(lactose free / gluten free / vegan)	(to be reserved in advance, payment on board)
Transfer between Athens airport and the boat (available on embarkation or disembarkation days only)	On request
Transfer between a hotel in Athens city and the boat (available on embarkation or disembarkation days only)	On request

Exclusive transfers	On request
Additional nights (B[&]B) in Athens	Prices see <u>additional nights Athens</u>
Extension modules	Prices and information see extension program Athens extension program Santorini extension program Meteora

Discounts 2026

- Children up to the age of 16 receive a discount of 200 euro on the tour base price (double occupancy, not combinable with other discounts). When travelling with children, we recommend our Multi-Adventure Tours in Greece and Croatia which are specifically curated for families and offer family-friendly pricing.
- If this is your second Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Welcome-back-discount of 3% on the basic tour price.
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Loyalty-discount of 5% on the basic tour price.

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Arrival

Ports of Embarkation in Athens

Please be aware that this trip is offered on both the ship Erato and the ship Thalassa.

The embarkation and disembarkation ports vary depending on the ship.

The ship Erato departs from the Marina Alimos harbor, located in the Athens suburb of Palaia Faliro. The ship Thalassa, on the other hand, departs from the Marina Zeas harbor, which is part of the Athens port of Piraeus.

Port of Embarkation Erato: Marina Alimos

For our ship Erato the port of embarkation is

Marina Alimos, which is a part of the Athens suburb of Palaia Faliro. Usually the ship will dock here at Pier E.

You can check in on board from 4pm on embarkation day.

If you arrive without a pre-booked transfer with us and have difficulty finding your ship, please call your local tour guide (number provided in your travel documents).

Port of Embarkation Thalassa: Marina Zeas/Piraeus

For our ship Thalassa the port of embarkation is Marina Zeas, which is a part of the Athens port of Piraeus.

The exact berth is always decided on the eve of your trip. Usually your ship will dock here at Pier A (long pier towards the lighthouse) or at Pier L (below Plateia Alexandras at the Olympiacos Piraeus office).

You can check in on board from 4pm on the day of embarkation.

Arrival by airplane

A flight is the fastest, easiest and cheapest way to get to Greece. Piraeus, your port of embarkation is only 15 mi./25 km away from Athens Airport named El. Venizelos Airport (ATH).

Please choose an outbound flight departing in the afternoon to ensure a stress-free journey home.

From the Airport to the harbour

Transfer

Exclusive airport transfers between Athens Airport or a hotel in Athens city and the boat are available on request. Prices can be found under "additional bookable services".

If you would like an exclusive airport transfer, please contact our office by email or phone:

Contact us

Taxi

You are of course welcome to take a taxi or bus from the airport to the harbour. Should you choose to do so, please insist that the driver turns on the taximeter to avoid unpleasant surprises regarding the fare.