

Greece: Cyclades

7-night: Mykonos to Mykonos





Mykonos Neo Limani port to Delos island

7 miles – 1 hour. Motor out of greater Mykonos harbour on a short sail south to a Delos channel anchorage

Day 1: Saturday

Saturday is best spent shopping and enjoying Mykonos and its delightful harbour town with many cobbled laneways.

Arrive at Mykonos port for boarding at 17:00hrs or earlier if pre-arranged.

Upon boarding there is time to do a yacht check-in and make the decision to stay in Mykonos and visit this notorious, vibrant town or sail to a secluded anchorage at Delos island. Dependent on weather, the option to spend the night at an anchorage near sacred Delos island entails an evening meal aboard, as there are no restaurants ashore, and allows easy access the next morning to sacred Delos island -the largest and most important archaeological site in Greece.



Dinner: On the boat if on anchor at Delos, or if at Mykonos, Nikos taverna, the largest restaurant in town offers great daily specials, good service and captures the flavor of Mykonos with its outdoor seating right in the middle of the town. Nearby, Napoli offers excellent thin crust pizzas and pasta. Scandinavian bar offers fun nightlife.





Mykonos or Delos to Syros

20 miles – 3.5 hours. Beam reach in northerly winds.



Day 2: Sunday

DELOS: Take a few hours to explore sacred Delos, the most important archaeological site of ancient Greece. Delos remains in an excellent state of preservation to be able to wander along the Street of the Lions, explore an amphitheater, a stadium, see private palaces and Roman baths. A highlight is to climb up sacred Mount Kynthos, for a divine view of the Cycladic Islands. Eat lunch aboard followed by a swim in the refreshing waters of Delos channel.

Archaeological guides may be available and hired at the entrance at additional cost. All visitors must leave Delos by 3pm.

SYROS: The Venetian town of Ermoupoli is the capital of the Cyclades and features neo-classical mansions, Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic cathedrals surrounded by pastel-coloured houses which cascade down the surrounding hills to the harbour. Arriving by yacht the town resembles the largest coastal Amalfi towns of Italy. Exploring this bustling metropolis in the middle of the Aegean is remarkable, with streets made of marble, ornate architecture, a huge open piazza and the impressive parliament buildings of the Cyclades.



Phenomenal Mazi restaurant offers the most enchanting ambience with its' courtyard of hanging vines, cascading Bougainvillea and 19th century stone arches meeting 30ft above the tables. The restaurant features an exquisite Greek fusion menu, fine wine and an exceptional cocktail bar.



Syros to Despotico Andi Paros bay

40 miles – 6 hour broad reach in northerly winds.

Day 3: Monday

ANDI PAROS: Enjoy an unforgettable night under the stars in a completely protected sound, eat aboard or ashore. The anchorage offers exceptional swimming and hiking along the rocky coves and small beaches of uninhabited Despotiko island.



Dinner: Sample dozens of local 'meze' dishes of the freshest Mediterranean seafood, salads and meats at rustic and unforgettable Pippino's Taverna, under strings of lights strung between the trees.





Andi Paros to los island

23 miles – 3 hours broad reach in northerly winds.



Day 4: Tuesday

los: An enjoyable morning sail allows for a noon time tie up at los harbour, which can get busy in the summer months. Once docked, guests can get spoiled at luxurious Liostasi 5 star hotel and spa. Swim in the infinity pool, reserve a massage, facial or pedicure or simply enjoy a cocktail watching the spectacular sunset over los harbour and surrounding islands. In the port guests can also rent quad bikes or small cars to see Homer's Tomb, popular Milopotas beach for watersports or remote Maganari beach.



Dinner: Liostasis exquisite menu is prepared by a Michelin star chef and offers an excellent pairing menu, wine list and 5-star service. For a more bohemian and lively experience, famous Lord Byron's Taverna restaurant is the place to go for fantastic Greek fusion dining in a pub atmosphere. After dinner explore the hilltop Chora town with its many shops and bars.



Ios to Iraklia to Schinoussa

28 miles – 5 hours. Motor sail on a close reach.

Day 5: Wednesday

Iraklia: Leaving Ios port venture for a swim at beautiful Maganari beach, one of the nicest in the Cyclades. Then turn northeast to 'Les Petite Cyclades', a remote archipelago of islands south of Naxos known for quaint coves, beaches and very little traffic. A lunch and swim stop is made at Iraklia island to view a sunken aircraft from World War II, which is 25 feet down in the crystal-clear bay.

Schinoussa: After lunch sail into the tiny fishing cove of Schinoussa, population 147! What is so special about this little-known island is the tiny port and beach with crystal clear water, the tiny hilltop Chora town and a fabulous restaurant. After dinner the 15-minute walk down to the yacht is breath-taking, with bright Aegean stars lighting your way and a remarkable silence all around - except for the buzz of the cicadas.



Dinner: Deli taverna restaurant offers a divine 7-course meal and owner Dimitri explains the wonderful island produce and recipes as he serves the dishes; delicious local kalamari, scampi pasta, creamy goat cheese, sun dried tomatoes, arugula salad and the fabulous fava bean puree. The view is also divine, with the setting sun illuminating golden hills sloping to the sea and countless islands in the distance.





Schinoussa to Naousa or Parikia town, Paros

32 miles – 4.5 hours. This leg tends to be a close reach sail.



Day 6: Thursday

IRAKLIA and SKINOUSSA: Sail out of Schinoussa for a swim and lunch at Paradise beach or a mud bath at Kalogeros bay on the Eastern side of Paros, then move on to the picturesque sea level town of Naousa, on the north-east coast of Paros. Wander the white-washed streets surrounded by traditional wooden fishing boats, as they bob up and down in the fisherman's harbour. A second option is to sail from Schinoussa to the west side of Paros, stopping in at Tigania island for a swim and lunch, then move on to charming Parikia town for the evening. Navigating the tricky 14ft passage between Paros and Andi Paros is always interesting, before arriving in Parikia and exploring this busy harbour town. Visit the 4th-century Panagia Ekatontapyliani (Our Lady of a Hundred Doors) church. This is the oldest remaining Byzantine church in Greece and has exceptional architecture, religious icons and an exquisite marble baptismal chamber. Wander the bougainvillea-fringed streets and check out a maze of shops offering fashion, jewelry and local handicrafts.

Dinner at Naousa Paros: Eat at delectable Sigi Ikthios Taverna, an authentic local seafood and meat restaurant with tables set right on the promenade of the old harbour. After dinner there are numerous local pubs and cafes for a night-cap.



Dinner at Parikia Paros: Dionysus restaurant is beautifully set in an open-air atrium and is a favorite on the tour. An authentic menu of local Greek dishes is combined with French cuisine to offer a huge variety meat, seafood, pastas and salads. After dinner there are numerous local pubs for a night-cap before going back to the harbour.



Paros to Delos to Mykonos New Limani port

24 miles – 3.5 hours. Typical northerlies require motoring north.

Day 7: Friday

DELOS: An early departure from Paros allows for a morning exploring the vast archaeological site of sacred Delos island. Delos is the most important archaeological site of ancient Greece and remains in an excellent state of preservation. Visitors can wander along the Street of the Lions, explore an amphitheatre, a stadium, see private palaces and Roman baths. A highlight is the leisurely climb up sacred Mount Kynthos for a divine view of the Cycladic Islands. *Archaeological guides may be available and hired at the entrance. After 3 hours exploring ashore eat lunch aboard followed by a swim in the refreshing waters of Delos channel.

MYKONOS: If there is time, sail to the south coast of Mykonos and spend the afternoon at Ornos beach, famous Paradise beach or nearby and more notorious Super Paradise beach (Gay & nudist), before rounding up the west coast and into Neo Limani port just north of Mykonos town. Your last night aboard is a great opportunity to explore lively Mykonos town with its fabulous Little Venice and the Windmill area for sunset, the huge range of restaurants, night clubs and great shopping for art, jewelry and handicrafts.



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Mykonos

After disembarking, a visit to Santorini is highly recommended as it's the jewel of the Cyclades. Santorini transport and accommodations are not included in the price of any boat trip and can easily be pre-arranged with Poseidon Charters.

Day 8: Saturday

DISEMBARK: Mykonos at 09:00hrs

SANTORINI: Visit the UNESCO Heritage village of Oia where accommodations with sea view or the more sought after caldera view, allow panoramic views of the spectacular 6-mile round volcanic crater formed in the eruption of 1500BC. Things to do in Oia town include incredible shopping, art galleries and watching the world-renowned sunset at the northernmost tip of town. Outside of Oia town visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri (1500BC), hilltop settlement of ancient Thira (900BC), volcanic beach of Perissa and the exquisite hilltop Chora town of Pyrgos. Sample excellent wines at many famous vineyards including Roussos, Boutari, Venetsanos and Sigalas which is near Oia and one of the best on the island.



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