

# Greece: Cyclades

7-night: Paros to Paros







## Parikia town to Naousa town Paros

11 miles – 1.5 hours. A motor sail along the coast of Paros

### Day 1: Saturday

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Saturday is best spent shopping and enjoying Paros and it's delightful harbour town with many cobbled laneways and boutique shops.

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

Upon boarding there is time to unpack and a safety briefing or yacht check-in will follow with the skipper or yacht operator. It is important that you understand the safety and operational information prior to sailing.

After boarding sail to the charming picturesque sea level town of Naousa, on the north east coast of Paros. Wander the white-washed streets surrounded by equally white fishing boat bows, as they bob up and down in the fisherman's harbour.



**Dinner:** 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.







## Nauosa town, Paros to Delos

19 miles – 2.5 hours. Typical northerlies don't allow a sail.



## Day 2: Sunday

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**DELOS:** An early departure from Paros allows 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.





## Delos to Mykonos

6 miles – 1 hour. A short tack in northerly winds.

### Day 2: Sunday (continued)

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**MYKONOS:** 20 minutes north of the yacht marina is Mykonos town. Take a short bus or taxi ride to experience the labyrinth of Mykonos town, Little Venice and enjoy great shopping, a vast choice of dining and world-famous nightlife.



**Dinner:** 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.

**NOTE:** Mykonos can be excessively windy and the unfinished yacht harbour, 20-mins away from the old town is tricky to moor due to its poor design. It is accessed by reservation only. The busy harbour has many cargo, cruise ships and ferries docked so it is noisy and has exhaust fumes. The decision to go to Mykonos is made by the Captain based on weather and safety by Captain.







## Mykonos to Syros

22 miles – 3.5 hours. Beam reach in northerly winds

## Syros to Despotico, Andi Paros Bay

38 miles – 5 hour broad reach in northerly winds.



## Day 3: Monday

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**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 to the harbour. Arriving by yacht the town resembles the 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.



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

## Day 4: Tuesday

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**Andi Paros:** Enjoy an unforgettable night under the stars in a protected bay,



**Dinner:** Eat aboard or ashore and sample dozens of local 'meze' dishes of fresh seafood, salads and meats at rustic Pippino's Taverna.



## Despotico, Andi Paros Bay to Ios

23 miles – 3 hours. North winds allow for a broad reach.

### Day 5: Wednesday

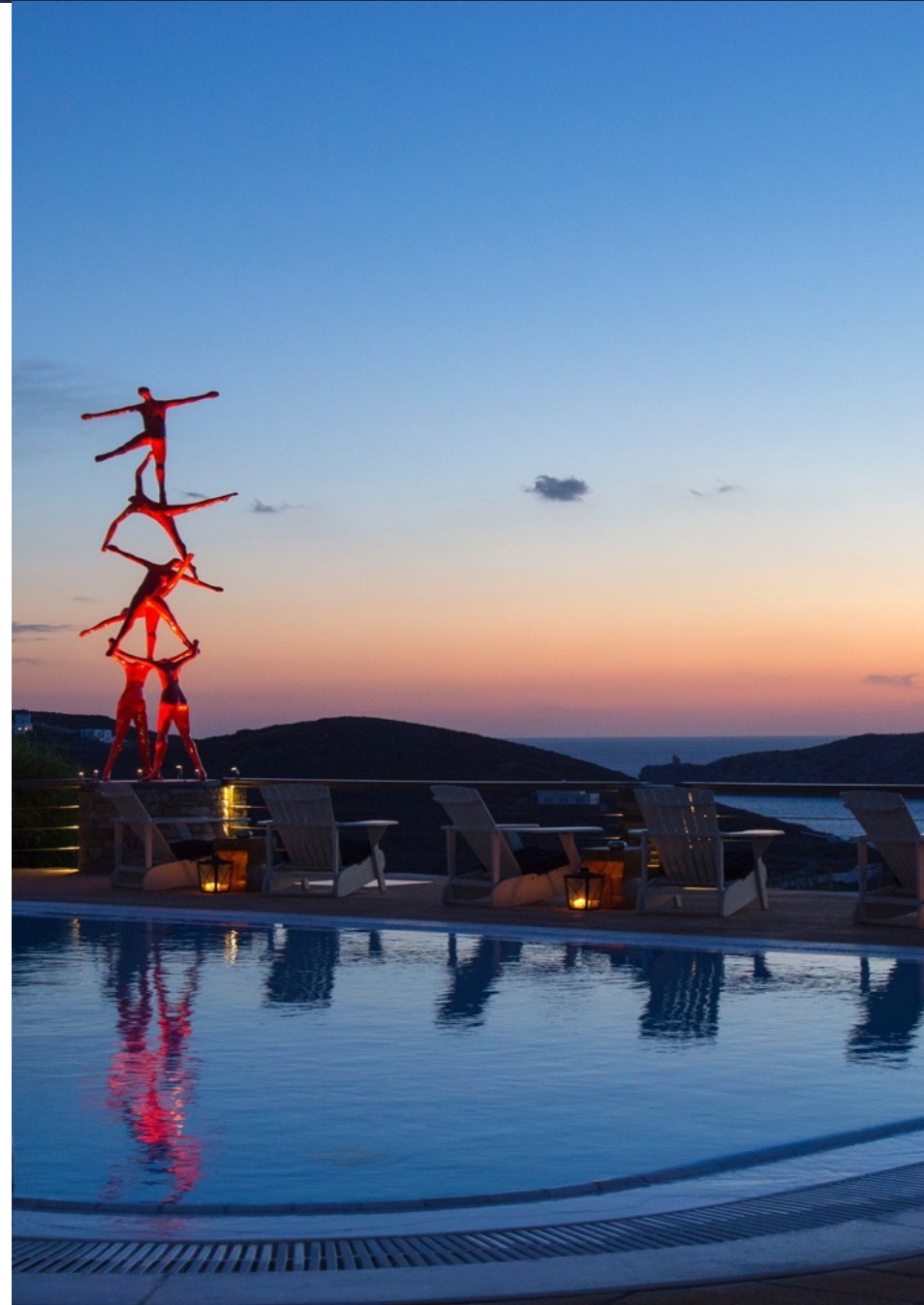
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**IOS:** An enjoyable morning sail allows for a noon time tie up at Ios harbour, which can get busy in the summer months. Once docked, spend time and be spoilt at the luxurious Liostasi 5 star hotel and spa. Swim in the infinity pool, reserve a massage, facial or pedicure or simply enjoy a cocktail watching the spectacular sunset over Ios harbour and surrounding islands.

For a more active few hours, rent quad bikes or small cars from the port to see Homer's Tomb, popular Milopotas beach for watersports or remote Maganari beach.



**Dinner:** Liostasi's 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, 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 Skinoussa

22 miles – 3 hours. Motor then close reach.



## Day 6: Thursday

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**IRAKLIA and SKINOUSSA:** Venture further east to 'Les Petite Cyclades', a remote group 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. After lunch sail into the tiny fishing cove of Skinoussa, population 147! What is special about this little known island, is the lovely beach, 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 fit for Gods and Goddesses with the setting sun illuminating golden hills sloping to the sea and countless islands in the distance.





## Skinoussa to Tigania to Paros

32 miles – 4.5 hours. This leg tends to be close hauled.

### Day 7: Friday

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**PAROS:** Sail early out of Skinoussa to the azure lagoon of Tigania for a swim and lunch, then move on to Parikia town Paros island, for the night. Navigating the tricky 14ft passage between Paros and Andi Paros is always interesting, before arriving in Parikia and exploring this charming sea-level harbour town. Visit the 4th-century Panagia Ekatonapyliani (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:** Dionysos 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

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

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**DISEMBARK:** Paros 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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