



Greece: Saronic

7-night: Athens to Athens





Athens to Aegina

12 miles – 2 hours. The Saronic Gulf area is known for light winds from the south in the spring and from the north in the summer.

Aegina to Poros

20 miles – 2.5 hours. Breezes tend to pick up in the afternoon but generally remain light.

Day 1: Saturday

Saturday is best spent touring the many sites and museums in Athens.

Arrive at Alimos Kalamaki Marina for boarding at 17:00hrs or earlier if you are provisioning for your own charter yacht.

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.

The first night is typically a sleepover in the marina unless early boarding has been pre-arranged.



Dinner: Edem restaurant just outside the marina is a good place for lunch and is our meeting point for Aegean Adventure cabin charter and flotilla guests. Our staff is there from approximately 7pm.

Day 2: Sunday

AEGINA: See the famous Temple of Aphaia (490 BC) by taking a 1.5-hour round-trip hike from the small port. You can also explore the quaint little village and have coffee overlooking the bay. Aegina boasts the best pistachio nuts in the world and they can be found in the local shops. Enjoy a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay and lunch before getting underway to Poros.

POROS: When viewed from seaward Poros is one of the most beautiful towns in Greece, so a great photo opportunity. After docking explore this bustling little port town and take a hike up to the clock tower seeing bougainvillea, jasmine, cactus, fig and cypress trees on the way. The clock tower offers a panoramic view of the sun setting over the majestic Peloponnese Mountains.



Dinner: Dine at the beautiful Garden taverna, where fresh grilled fish and a dish of baked lamb, potatoes, melted cheese and herbs (traditional kleftiko) are the specialties. Alternatively, busy Oasis taverna at the port, where wonderful fresh fish and barbecued octopus are highly recommended.



Poros to Spathi Bay

7 miles - 1 hour. Motor sailing along the coastline.

Spathi Bay to Hydra

6 miles - 1 hour. In northerly conditions this is a broad reach.

Day 3: Monday

POROS AND SPATHI: The narrow channel between Poros and Spathi provides an excellent photo opportunity of the built up terracotta roofed town. The channel is filled with yachts, fishing boats and at the entrance Bourtzi island features Venetian fort that once defended this narrow passage. Spathi is a great place for brunch and a morning swim, in the translucent waters of this protected sandy bottom bay.

HYDRA: The historic port of Hydra is a Saronic Gulf highlight, as there are no roads or cars on the island. The tiny harbour becomes congested in the summer with yachts regularly rafting three deep, so it is important to arrive early to get a good spot on the wharf. Once docked, explore this famous Venetian town and pick a seaside taverna or café for lunch. Spend the afternoon on a donkey tour or wander the cobblestone streets and stop at art galleries, jewellery, clothing and handicraft shops. To cool off, dive in at Hydra's refreshing swimming area. A one-hour hike through winding Venetian stairways allows a visit to song writer and poet Leonard Cohen's house and a great view of the steep harbor. A more challenging two-hour hike through an enchanting pine forest ends at Profitis Ilias monastery, which offers a fantastic panoramic view of Hydra channel and the surrounding Peloponnese coastline.



Dinner: A great choice for a sunset dinner is Kodylenia's taverna in tiny Kamini harbour. It is a wonderful 20-minute walk south west along the coast or 5-minute water taxi ride from Hydra port. The open-air terrace restaurant overlooks quaint Kamini fishing village and offers an extensive menu of Greek delicacies including fresh fish and giant Hydra Kalamari. Following dinner, cocktails and dancing can be enjoyed at Amalour or Pirate's bar back at Hydra harbour.





Hydra to Spetses

18 miles – 2.5 hours. With northerly breezes a nice broad reach.

Spetses to Ermioni

12 miles – 1.5 hours. closed hauled or motoring against northerlies.

Day 4: Tuesday

SPETSES: Enjoy a lovely sail to Spetses. After securing the yacht in Baltiza Creek, take a stroll along the boardwalk seeing the Greek caiques (traditional boats) being hand made in their cradles. Then explore Admiral Bouboulina's fascinating 18th century mansion museum and tour bustling Spetses town. Return to the boat by horse drawn calech or water taxi.



Dinner: A great choice is the olive press restaurant, Liotrivi taverna, that produced phenomenal traditional Greek gastronomy.

Day 5: Wednesday

ERMIONI: Following a short afternoon sail, arrive at the thickly forested peninsula surrounding quaint Ermioni harbor. Hike around the peninsula seeing an active windmill or have a late afternoon dip.



Dinner: The best choice is Ganossis Restaurant right on harbour pier, they offer a large Greek menu, can always accommodate, have good wifi and friendly service.



Erminoni to Epidaurus

46 miles – 6 hours. Northerly winds, motor sailing to start the day followed by a broad reach in the afternoon.



Day 6: Thursday

EPIDAUROS: Leave Ermioni early to allow a swim and lunch along the south side of Poros island. In the afternoon sail around the Methana peninsula then due west into beautiful Palaia Epidaurous harbor. This is an exquisite little harbour with a quaint hotel and swimming beach on the west side.



Dinner: Enjoy a delicious traditional Greek meal in the lovely ambience of Ta Klimata taverna restaurant.



Epidaurus to Aghistri to Athens

35 miles – 5 hours. close hauled or motor sailing when winds are from the north west.

Day 7: Friday

EPIDAUROS: Wake early and visit the Palais Epidaurous amphitheatre which is set in orange groves near the harbour. A 20-minute taxi ride from the harbor allows access to spectacular Epidaurus and the largest ancient amphitheatre in Greece. Later sail for a lunch stop and swim at Kira or Aghistri Island. Magical Kira is located between Aghistri and Palais Epidaurous and boasts the cleanest water in the Saronic Gulf as it is beside the deepest area which plummets to 400 metres. There is good snorkeling and dolphins and seals are often seen. Later in the day enjoy a lovely late afternoon sail or motor-sail back to Athens.



Dinner: Arriving back at Alimos Kalamaki Marina in Athens, celebrate the end of tour with a toast in the cockpit and a Greek fusion meal at Alimonaki restaurant, or return to Edem taverna for a farewell dinner.

Day 8: Saturday

DISEMBARK: Athens at 09:00hrs.



NOTE: All itineraries are shown in good faith, but can be changed without notice while on charter due to weather, logistics, safety and technical reasons.