

Greece: Saronic Cyclades

7-night: Athens to Mykonos





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 Kolona Bay, Kithnos

48 miles – 6 hours. Northerly winds in the summer months and southwesterly air in the spring make this a great sailing passage.



Day 4: Tuesday

KOLONA BAY, KITHNOS: A long day sail is rewarded by an incredible anchorage surrounded by towering, a 300-meter sandbar, crystal clear waters and a volcanically heated thermal hot tub on the beach! Spend the evening dining aboard and identifying the constellations.



Dinner: Dine aboard under the stars or have a beach BBQ.



Kolona Bay, Kithnos to Loutra town, Kithnos

10 miles – 1.3 hours. Motor up the west coast then down the eastern side of the island.

Day 5: Wednesday

LOUTRA: Loutra is a tiny windswept Greek fishing village with an interesting past. The healing thermal waters of Loutra were once used to help Greece's first Queen Amelia with her fertility issues. Visitors can book time at the healing centre for a soak in a marble tub, or simply enjoy the volcanic thermal waters as they cascade from sacred church grounds down to a large natural hot tub at the beach.

There is also a spa massage service at the local hotel and a scuba diving school. The quaint village of Loutra also offers two lovely beaches, some fun restaurants, bars and a great gelato shop. A taxi excursion is also well worth it to see the quintessentially beautiful Greek hilltop town or Chora.



Dinner: A wonderful evening meal on the beach at Sofrano Taverna restaurant.





Loutra, Kithnos to Syros

40 miles – 5 hours. Northerly winds in the summer months and southwesterly air in the spring make this a great sailing passage.



Day 6: Thursday

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.



Dinner: 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 Delos to Mykonos, Neo Limani port

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

Day 7: Friday

DELOS: An early departure from Syros 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: 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.



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 town. Nearby, Napoli offers excellent thin crust pizzas and pasta. Scandinavian bar boasts the best nightlife but only after midnight!



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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