

GREEK CYCLADIC ISLANDS

11 Nights Itinerary

Athens – Sounion – Kithnos – Mykonos – Naxos – Santorini – Milos – Sifnos – Paros – Syros - Athens

Date	Port	Comments
<p data-bbox="188 284 259 312">Day 1</p>	<p data-bbox="427 284 712 312">Faliron Marina, Athens</p> <p data-bbox="427 357 465 386">To</p> <p data-bbox="427 427 533 456">Sounion</p> 	<p data-bbox="1294 284 2020 528">Your crew will be eagerly awaiting your arrival with a glass of Champagne ready to welcome you on board your new home for the next 4 days. Take the time to explore the yacht while we immediately cruise to our first destination, Cape Sounion. The journey time is under two hours therefore time enough to don your swimming suits and enjoy the beautiful scenery en route.</p> <p data-bbox="1294 536 2020 962">On arrival at the Cape, if we are lucky enough to get there before sunset, we would suggest going straight up to the Temple of Poseidon. Though his famous statue is long gone, safely imprisoned at the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, great Poseidon needs no bronze props to make his presence felt. The Greeks have always watched the sea, for the return of loved ones, for the safe delivery of goods, for news of war. Maybe that's why the Temple of Poseidon, with its magnificent view of the Aegean, seems to still fulfil the role of sea watcher from the high promontory. Sounion is cleansing to the mind and spirit and thrilling to the soul and heart – enjoy your first glimpse of ancient Greece.</p> <p data-bbox="1294 1003 2020 1067">Once you are refreshed, cocktails and canapés will be served on the Sun Deck.</p> <p data-bbox="1294 1110 2020 1174">At around 8.30 a lavish dinner will await you on the Aft Saloon Deck accompanied by the finest wines.</p> <p data-bbox="1294 1217 1666 1246">A night cap under the stars.....</p>

Day 2

Kithnos



Today we cruise to Kithnos. This charming island is approximately 15 miles long and 5 miles wide. It is idyllic.

Somehow tourism has in the main passed Kithnos by and most visitors are Greeks from Athens. It is a typical Cycladic island, with some superb, empty beaches, some natural, unspoilt villages, friendly locals and intriguing hot springs running beside the road. Before or after dinner why not take a trip to Chora the island's capital, a picturesque village in medieval style and visit the Church of the Trinity

Days 3/4

Mykonos



We would suggest anchoring in Psarou Bay and enjoying lunch ashore at Namos.

The shops in Mykonos are open all night long and they are definitely worth a visit. We will organise cars for you to go into town in the early evening for a stroll around and hopefully to meet Peter the Pelican who wanders freely around the alleyways.

In the evening we can book any one of the famous restaurants and why not take a wander around some of the famous Mykonos bars to enjoy the famous nightlife the island is famous for.

Day 5

Mykonos – Naxos



The largest, most fertile, and most self-sufficient of the Cycladic Islands, Naxos is a joy to explore, chiefly because there is such a large variety of things to see and so many wonderful impressions to be left with at the end of your journey. It has magnificent sandy beaches, steep mountains, fertile valleys, and some wonderful archaeological monuments and remnants recording its fascinating history.

In modern times, the island has only recently begun to beckon tourists to its shores, primarily because of its self-sufficiency and chief occupation of farming.

You will surely know that you have reached Naxos when you catch a glimpse of the Portara, the marble doorway to a never-completed temple of Apollo, begun in the 6th Century BC. The signature of Naxos, it is the most well known of the many monuments of the island. It is also one of the most visible, as it greets you at the entrance to the harbor from its own little island connected to the mainland by a causeway.

Days 6/7

Naxos – Santorini



'Great poets have sung its praises, a 4.000 year old history. And the eternal rock continues to stand, strong and majestic, rising proudly from the sea and guarding well the secrets of Atlantis...'

The wonderful beauty of the Santorini landscape and the deep blue sea filling the central caldera surrounded by red, black, purple, brown, and yellow rocks, speak of one of the largest natural catastrophes to occur during human antiquity in the Mediterranean. A feeling of awesomeness and forbidding remain with us today, some 3.600 years after this landscape was shaped by a tremendous volcanic eruption that devastated an island, reshaping it into the gorgeous scenery we visit now.

The villages are perched up on the cliffs and this is where you need to head to see what is said to be the most stunning sunset in the world.

Should you wish we will organize drinks and dinner ashore for you to enjoy the spectacle.

Day 8

Santorini – Milos



This morning when you wake up we will be anchored off the southern tip of Milos, at Kleftiko. This island has its own special charm due to the rare morphology of its terrain and its mineral wealth. Spectacular rock formations with different textures and unusual colours, from the purest white to black and from golden yellow to deep red, combine to form marvellous multicoloured images and landscapes.

The sea too has left its mark on the landscape. It has sculpted the coastline into countless indentations and inlets, mostly covered by fine white sand, that the visitor will find it difficult to resist. On the south coast of the island specifically, the endless motion of the waves has created caves small and large that once hid pirates and buried treasure, local independence fighters and members of the resistance during the Great Wars. This is a wonderful area to swim and explore the caves.

In the afternoon we will cruise into the Bay of Milos. This is the fifth largest island in the Cyclades. Its shape resembles a horseshoe, as the two sides of the island are joined by a narrow isthmus; in between, the sea penetrates deep inland to form the huge Bay of Milos and its safe natural harbour, one of the largest in the Mediterranean. Should you wish to site see there is the Venus de Milo that should be visited together with the catacombs.

Day 9

Milos – Sifnos



Sifnos has become known for its authentic and changeless traditional whitewashed settlements, enchantingly harmonized with the natural surroundings, for its remarkable cleanliness, for its superb beaches, and for its living cultural heritage.

Apollonia, Sifnos' beautiful Chora, stretches out radiantly on the hillside, uniting the nearby villages in such a way that it is difficult to discern where one village begins and another ends. We would suggest a walk around town prior to dinner.

Pottery is an important occupation of the people of Sifnos, an activity long associated with the traditions and the history of the island.

Day 10

Sifnos – Paros



Wake up in Paros.

Welcome to the windsurfer's paradise, of the valley of the Jersey Tiger moths; of golden sandy secluded beaches with crystal clear blue water; of tiny fishing harbors; of the legendary

Parikia is the lively, picturesque capital of the island and has some excellent restaurants and tavernas, and a nightlife nearly rivaling that of nearby Mykonos. Naoussa, the picturesque fishing village on the north coast is also worth visiting for a glass of ouzo and a mezze at one of its myriad bars.

<p>Day 11</p>	<p>Paros – Syros</p>  	<p>Next stop Syros. Once again we would suggest swimming in the morning followed by a visit into town in the afternoon.</p> <p>Hermoupolis is the capital of Syros. The architecture, unlike the rest of the Cycladic islands is Venetian and definitely worth seeing. The life in the main port is always vibrant and to boot there is a casino in town for those who feel like placing a small bet. It is a seriously picturesque place with some very good shopping.</p> <p>Also a site not to be missed with its narrow, cobblestone streets is Ano Syros a city from the Middle Ages, built on a hill above today's Hermoupolis during the domination of the Roman Catholics.</p> <p>After your walk about – I am sure that the team on board would like to prepare dinner on board as this is your last evening.</p>
<p>Day 12</p>	<p>Syros – Flisvos Marina</p>	<p>Disembarkation at 12:00 hrs</p>

This itinerary is subject to the weather prevalent at the time.