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SAIL THE DREAM

Greece is all about sea... An aquatic heaven, full of life... Bounding the mainland from side to side, greek seas create an amalgamation of images... interchanging with each other... completing one another... bestowing absolute harmony, sheer beauty...

Locations are not simply visited, they are experienced. Geographic information of a place, even the most analytic description of it, merely fails to deliver its core essence. This presentation is only a stepping stone, as the challenge hides in the acquaintance; true challenge lies in living the experience of one's own discovery.

Even more, when someone thinks of the Greek seas, he must also consider the endless opportunities of enjoying all kinds of water sports. Greece is truly an ideal place for the lovers of these sports, offering modern and upscale facilities and many experienced teachers and well-organised schools for a wide variety of activities, ranging from the water ski, wind surf and kite surf to scuba diving, sport fishing or riding on "ringos" and "bananas".

To gain knowledge of Greece, means cruising around from every spot to the next. And since Greece is bursting with the aquatic element and blossoms within it, there is one alternative way to explore the 3,000 island Greek archipelago and the coastline that extends for more than 20,000 km: sailing through the deep blue waters and living the dream, generated only by the nautical routes.

Follow the travelogue through the Greek seas and discover mythical figures, historical heroes and ordinary individuals. Enjoy the coastline and part of the inland from a different perspective. Live the distinctiveness and the exquisite geography of the island complexes. Keep the image of vigorous nature alive.

A nautical itinerary therefore, commencing from the Ionian Sea and the western greek shoreline, followed by the Peloponnesian coasts, Attica and the Saronikos gulf, passing through the islands of Cyclades arrive at the Sporades complex and the islands of northern Aegean, reaching the Dodecanese complex and finally Crete.

Bon voyage our fellow sailor, but most importantly Godspeed!

Sail the Ionian Sea

Nautical Routes

DON'T MISS

- ✓ Swimming the crystal waters of Erikoussa
- ✓ The gigantic rocks inside the sea at Mathraki
- ✓ Tasting Ginger-beer and Koum-Kouat, distilled only at Corfu
- ✓ The healing spas at Paxi, known from ancient times
- ✓ Visiting the charming Antipaxi
- ✓ Kounopetra, the endlessly moving rock, at Kefalonia
- ✓ The picturesque islet of Kastos
- ✓ The Nymfes and Loizos caves, in Ithaca
- ✓ Wind-surf at Vassiliki beach, in Lefkada
- ✓ The indigo waters at the sea-caves of Zakynthos


Kefalonia

The starting point of our nautical travelogue is the Ionian Sea and its renowned island complex, embracing the entire Greek west coast, offering unique thrills and unforgettable memories. Vast, golden beaches capture all eyes. Crystal-clear waters, safe harbours and versatile beaches allure all senses, when touring the sea. After all the mild weather of the Ionian is your fellow traveller all year round.

Approaching **Corfu** (Kerkyra) you meet some of the most well-known beaches attracting thousands of visitors every year. You can admire the multitude of sandy shores, the stunning Pontikonissi islet, as well as the surrounding isles of Erikoussa, Mathraki and Othoni; whilst, the largest marina of the area is located at Gouvia.

Continuing, the journey finds you at the seashores of the marvellous islands **Paxi** and **Antipaxi**. Positioned south of Corfu, they are renowned for their green landscape and secluded sea-caves only approachable by sea.

Reaching the island of **Kefalonia**, you find yourself on the biggest island of the Ionian Sea. Sailing around, you easily find many isolated beaches, as well as many organized ones. Admirable is the capital Argostoli, but also the "melodic" Lixouri. The major marina of the island is called Fiskardo, famed for its beauty and delicious seafood, which never falls short of visitors' admiration.

Next anchorage of the journey is the birthplace of Odysseus, **Ithaca**. Its story goes back in time, as the monuments spread throughout the island, confess. The small isolated beaches turn Ithaca into the ideal place to relax and enjoy the landscape away from any nuisance.

Standing at awe, you approach **Lefkada**, an island that is also accessible by automobile. The east shoreline is verdurous with smooth, flat beaches, whereas on the west coast the scenery is more versatile. Within this versatility, you will find outstanding beaches. Sailing around the islands of Scorpios and Meganissi is a must for sea-dwellers. Lefkada also offers a very well equipped anchorage for all visitors' convenience.

The sea travel concludes at the "Flower of Levanter", the island of **Zakynthos**, home of the sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*). Visitors are welcomed by tall mountains, deep-blue waters, sea-caves and picturesque ports. The locals make you feel at home with their singing, while their hospitality fascinates.

You can also dock at the marinas of Aktio and Vounaki, on the west coastline of Central Greece and make them your base for nearby sea explorations.




Ithaca


Vassiliki - Lefkada


Sidari - Corfu


Fiskardo - Kefalonia


Paxi


Kastos


Galazia Spilia - Zakynthos


Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

Sail around Peloponnese and Kythira



Nautical Routes

DON'T MISS

Peloponnese:

- ✓ Visiting ancient Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games
- ✓ The picturesque coves of Messinia
- ✓ The beach at Vathy (deep), at Gythio, in Lakonia
- ✓ Pallamidi castle at Nafplio with the 999 stair steps
- ✓ The fresh fish at Elafonissos
- ✓ The full of life, organised beaches of the Corinthian gulf
- ✓ Plaka the small peacefull harbour of Arcadia
- ✓ Kalogria (nun) sand beach at Achaia

Kythira:

- ✓ The red-sanded Firi Ammos beach
- ✓ The ancient shipwreck at Avlemonas
- ✓ To visit the picturesque Antikythira island


Gythio


Kalamata


Nafplio

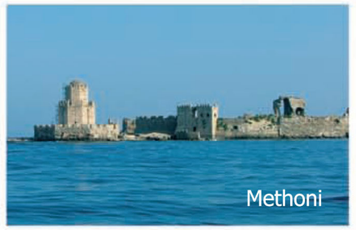

Kythira


Elafonissos


Kalamata


Epidavros


Kythira


Methoni

Continuing the journey, you sail along the coasts of Peloponnese. First stop **Achaia** and the port of Patra, third bigger city of Greece and metropolitan center of the western part of the country. It is considered to be the "entrance" to Italy and all western Europe justified by the vast number of ships docked at its harbour. The Patraikos gulf offers great opportunities for exploration and fun and you can use the marina as your base.

Sailing southern you reach **Ilia**. You pass through the waterfronts of Glifa, Kourouta, Palouki, Skafidia and amaze yourself with images from the gulf of Kyparissia, just before reaching **Messinia**. Little coves, cosmopolitan beaches, secluded bays are interchanged, setting the scene of the Greek coastline. The well-organized marina of Kalamata offers a place to anchor and relax. The rocky shores of **Lakonia** will amaze you with their wildness.

Continuing the circumnavigation of Peloponnese, you reach the coasts of **Arcadia**. Paralio Astros (Coastal Star), with its name citing to the asteroid shape of the peninsula, Tyros with the pebbled beach and the famed shores of Leonidio are stations where you will relax by gazing the natural beauty.

The journey carries on to the north, to the coasts of **Argolida**. There, you can visit the first capital of modern Greece, Nafplion. Your gaze will be captured by the imposing rock of Palamidi, which offers panoramic view over the city and the Bourtzi castle arising from the sea. You must also make a stop at the natural harbor of Epidavros, very close to the ancient theatre, which keeps alive till today the ancient cultural tradition of Greece.

Last stop **Korinthia**. Cosmopolitan beaches and remote seashores offer all kind of choices. Loutraki, with its endless coastline, Kiato, Ksilokastro and Vrahati are only few of the most indicative places where you can live magical moments. Crossing the Korinthian Isthmus, which is 6.436 meters long and parts Peloponnese from Central Greece, is a thrilling experience that you will never forget.

Letting yourself on the wave flow, you reach the heavenly island of **Elafonissos** and revive memories from pirates at the gulf of Sarakiniko. Near by you find **Kythira**, the island where Aphrodite, the goddess of beauty, was born. Surrounded by idyllic beaches of typical mediterranean luxury, the scenery will amaze you. The majestic cove of St. Nicolas, the pictorial port of Avlemonas and the Kapsali beach are characteristic places that will be engraved in your memory forever.

Sail around Attica and Saronikos Gulf

Nautical Routes

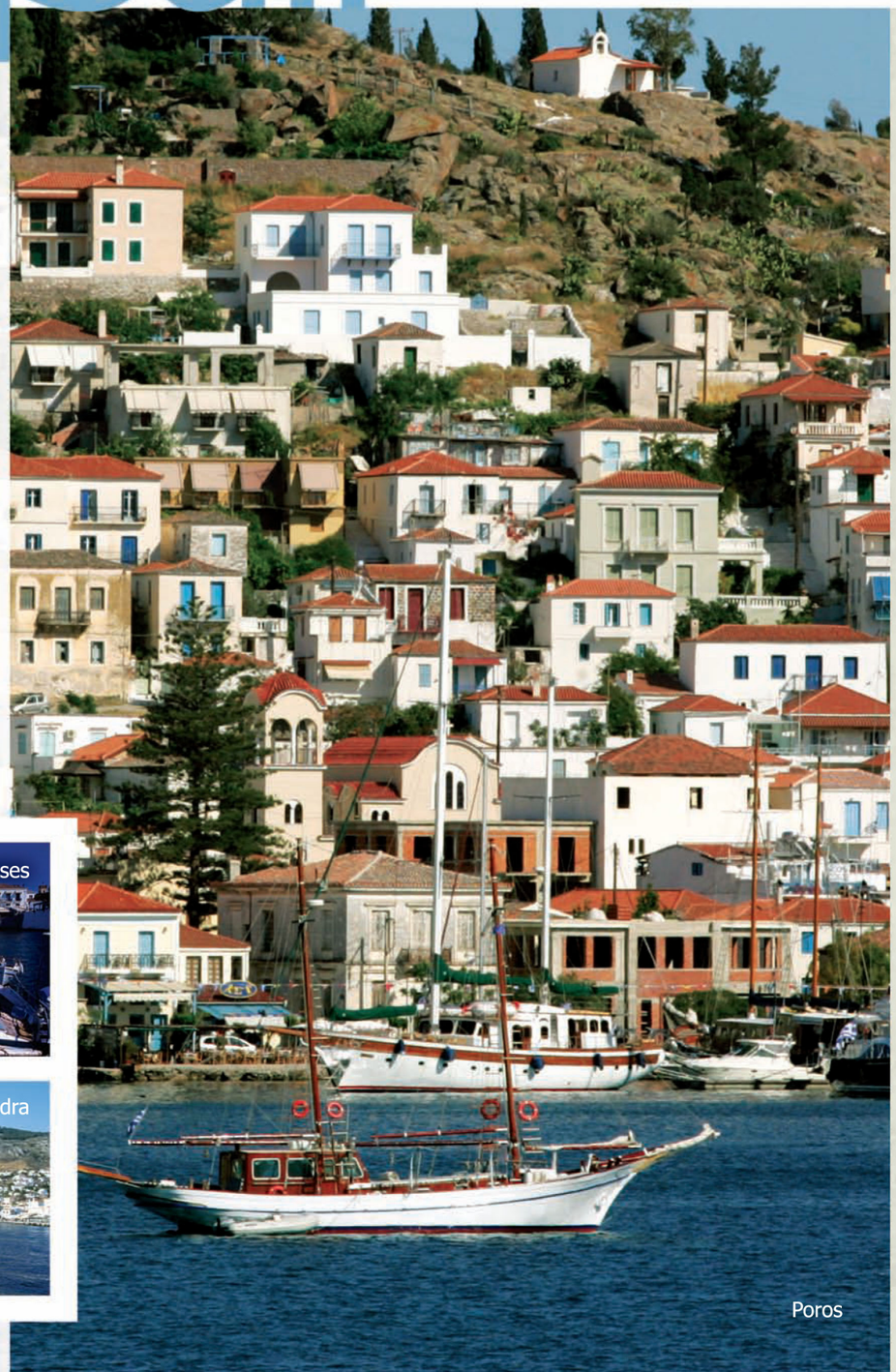
DON'T MISS

Attica:

- ✓ A walk under the shadows of the Acropolis, through the alleys of Plaka towards the centre of Athens
- ✓ Seafood delicacies at Mikrolimano in Piraeus
- ✓ A performance at the Herodes Atticus Theatre-Herodion-, Athens

Saronikos Gulf:

- ✓ The renowned for quality and taste Aegina pistachios
- ✓ The lemon-forest at Poros
- ✓ The marina at the Methana peninsula
- ✓ A walk at the picturesque alleys of the islands
- ✓ Fishing at Bisti bay in Hydra
- ✓ The spectacular Armata feast, during September in Spetses
- ✓ The 'fish a la spetsiota' specialty in Spetses



Poros



Spetses



Hydra

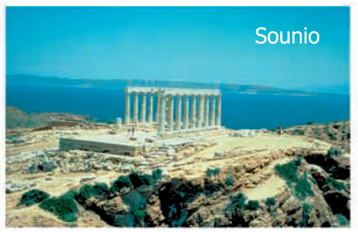
As the tour continues, it is time to step on solid ground… You have reached **Attica**, where Greece's most important port, Piraeus, is located. You can reside at the marinas of Zea, Alimos, Flisvos, Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, or Lavrio. Attica, apart from its premium geographic location, encompasses great infrastructure and can operate as the basis for your expeditions wherever you may choose to sail; west through the Isthmus (canal) of Corinth, south to the Dodecanese or north towards the Sporades and the islands of the north Aegean Sea.

Making a stop at Attica, gives you the chance to meet Athens, the capital of Greece, the modern metropolis, the historic city with monuments, museums and countless beauties that you can witness, either by walking or by sailing around. The landscapes you shall see are unforgettable; sunset at the temple of Poseidon in Sounio and bright city lights reflecting on the crystal waters at night. With this imagery in mind you set sail once again…

And you find yourself at the islands of the **Saronikos** gulf, **Aegina**, **Poros**, **Spetses**, **Hydra** and **Angistri**. It is not only their great past, but also their modern, cosmopolitan style that makes these islands widely known. Their small distance from Athens and mild climatic conditions throughout the year, constitute this complex as a perfect destination for a short nautical holiday. Sailors are given the chance to experience the natural beauties onboard, reach solitary coves and have a swim at isolated, almost private beaches.

The locals' might of character, their passion and dynamism have played a very significant role in the nation's history. Today, their hospitality, positiveness and graceful smile reflect their temperament.

Traditional houses made of rock, dominating the landscape, along with alleys awaiting your promenades, create a magnificent view. There, you can live scenes from the past, on today's unceasing pace.



Sounio



Spetses



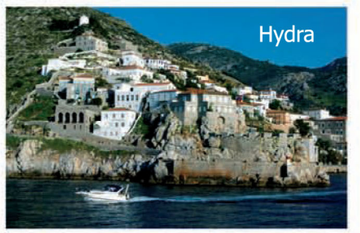
Angistri



Aegina



Glyfada



Hydra

Sail through the Cyclades

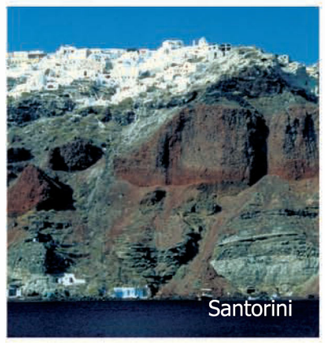
Nautical Routes





DON'T MISS

- ✓ The sea 'meteors' at Milos
- ✓ The leeward harbour at Faros, in Sifnos
- ✓ Windsurfing and waterskiing at Pounda beach in Paros
- ✓ The intense nightlife of Mykonos
- ✓ The safest dock of Syros, Phoenikas
- ✓ The volcano of Santorini
- ✓ "Tis Grias to Pidima" (The Old Lady's Leap) beach at Andros
- ✓ The monastery of "Panagia Hozoviotissa" at Amorgos visible only be the sea
- ✓ The traditional pigeon-houses at Tinos
- ✓ To visit Antiparos for relaxation
- ✓ The golden beaches and the crystal blue waters of Ios
- ✓ The small harbours with the "hidden" beaches, approached only by boat, at Kimolos
- ✓ The "Chryssospilia" (golden cave), in Folegandros



The journey through the marvellous islands of Cyclades is illuminated by the blue and white colours of the Aegean. According to the ancient myth, Poseidon, god of the sea, created this complex of 56 islands and islets.

The cycladic islands charm and challenge all sea-lovers. It is within their crystal-clear waters that senses awaken and travellers grasp the essence of the islands' brilliance. An amazing journey commences, guided by the strong cycladic wind.

You sail and the islands speak the language of dreams…

First stop, **Andros**, a beautiful island, where on the precipitous coastline, mourning doves and martins welcome you. **Tinos** with its holy aura and the unique landscape will captivate you. All compasses then, lead you to the cosmopolitan island of **Mykonos**, famous for its nightlife, where the windmills stand confident, connecting past with present.

Sailing with tailwind, you approach **Naxos**, to witness the light of the Aegean resting on sandy beaches, while the nautical route leads you to the small coves of **Amorgos**, an island ideal to experience the big blue. Onward, at full speed for **Anafi**, the island with the peculiar conic shape, due to the extreme height of mount Kalamos. Immense serenity and absolute beauty emerge in front of you.

The journey continues staring at the shadows of the volcano on the white houses climbing the steep rocks at **Santorini**. They nod, just before they dive into the colours of the astounding sunset. Mooring the boat at **Ios**, golden beaches and gorgeous coves captivate you, as the island's vibe becomes one with your heartbeat.
Seagulls and dolphins accompany your trip to **Serifos**, **Sifnos** and **Milos**. Rocky scenery, striking beaches and leeward natural havens await to be explored. **Kimolos**, **Folegandros**, **Sikinos**, **Kythnos**, **Kea**, **Gyaros**; stunning coastlines, closed bays, but most of all precious experiences.

Docking at the "Aegean Nymph", **Syros**, you find yourself in the capital of the Cyclades, seduced by its sapphire-watered gulfs, discovering its innermost beauties. Simply unforgettable is the sunset at the most picturesque port of Paros, Naoussa. Opposite to **Paros** rests a rather small, but utterly sublime island, **Antiparos**.
The Cyclades 'dance' around the non-inhabited island of **Delos**, one of the most important archaeological sights of Greece, where the sea-breeze runs into the 'air of civilization'.
Touring leads you at the Small Cyclades complex, including the islands of **Iraklia**, **Schinoussa**, **Donoussa** and **Koufonissia**.



The sailing boats, liners and flying dolphins, set the tone for a journey beset with priceless memories…













Sail through the Sporades

Nautical Routes



DON'T MISS

Skiathos:

- ✓ The protected aquatic reserve of lake Strofilia
- ✓ The colossal white rocks at Lalaria
- ✓ The unique Koukounaries beach

Skopelos:

- ✓ The remains of ancient Roman baths at Loutraki
- ✓ To swim in the crystal blue waters
- ✓ The renowned homemade pies and sweets

Skyros:

- ✓ The hand-made pottery and wooden sculpture ornaments
- ✓ The Achilli bay, where Achilles departed for the Trojan war

Alonissos:

- ✓ The unique secluded beaches
- ✓ The tasteful local specialties of stuffed squids and fried figs with honey
- ✓ Listening to the sounds of the famous mediterranean seal (Monachus monachus) at the National Marine Park of Alonissos





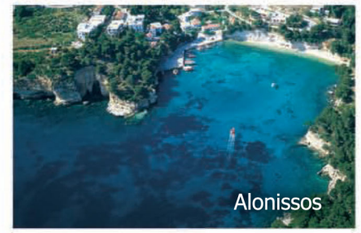
Skopelos



Skyros



Skopelos



Alonissos



Skopelos



Skiathos



Skyros

Sailing towards the northern part of the Aegean, you pass through the east coastline and crystal-waters of Evia and reach the Sporades islands. Transcending from the rocky, wild image of the Cyclades to the bursting plantation of the Sporades is remarkable. The complex is consisted of eleven islands in total, four of which are inhabited, **Skopelos**, **Skyros**, **Skiathos** and **Alonissos**. The imagery is bewitching and the atmosphere peaceful, rejuvenating…

Rich pine forests extend to the sandy beaches, colouring the waters in a unique emerald tone. Touring the Sporades waters, you will have the chance to observe the mediterranean seal (*Monachus monachus*). The area has been established as a protected, national water-park, since it hosts a large population of this species and specifically the sea caves of Alonissos, where their reproduction takes place. If you happen to pass through the area, don't miss the seals and their endless games.

At the Sporades you can taste the renowned home-made pies and if you enjoy eating fresh fish and seafood, you are at the right place, since delicious fish dishes cooked with mastery, are served in every traditional tavern.

The weather in the Sporades is calm throughout the year. Summers are hot and sunny, yet the meltemia (northern winds) are present during July and August and aid sailors in their nautical journeys.
From the deep clear waters, to the tiny leeward coves and the endless sandy beaches, only accessible by the sea, the islands of Sporades offer matchless moments.

Passing from the west side of the Aegean to the east, anchoring at the coasts of northern Greece is a must. Here you will find the biggest marinas of the area, Aretsou at Thessaloniki, Porto Sani and Porto Karras at Halkidiki. These can be your base for exploring the gorgeous beaches of Halkidiki, where you can enjoy a swim in deep, indigo waters at a distance from the crowded, organized beaches of the big resorts. You will be overwhelmed with the green landscape, extending to the blue sea and the breathtaking seaside of Agio Oros.

Sail the North Aegean Sea

Nautical Routes



DON'T MISS

- ✓ The Pahia Ammos (thick sand) beach in Samothraki
- ✓ The nautical museum at Inousses
- ✓ Watersports at Evgati beach in Limnos
- ✓ The sea-caves inhabited by seals in Agios Efstratios
- ✓ The delicious Kalloni sardines at Lesvos
- ✓ Buying fresh fish straight from the fishing-boats at Fourni
- ✓ The unique mastiha products from Hios
- ✓ The local picturesque tavernas at Psara
- ✓ Sipping on fine wine from Samos
- ✓ The stunning beaches of Ikaria


Lesvos


Hios


Ikaria

Letting yourself in the embrace of the northern Aegean sea, it is likely that dolphins will be your companion… The islands of north Aegean appear like colourful reflections in the sea, enriching one's vision with priceless images.

To facilitate the tour, the islands are divided into two categories: Bigger islands, including **Thassos**, **Samothraki**, **Limnos**, **Lesvos**, **Hios**, **Samos**, **Ikaria** and smaller ones such as **Agios Efstratios**, **Psara**, **Fourni** and **Inousses**. Each island, apart from its natural beauty, has something unique to offer. Legends, traditions, historic moments from ancient times, in combination with incredible natural brilliance infuse locations with great interest. After all, many renowned Greek personalities come from these islands like Pythagoras, Epikouros, Sapfo, Theofilos and Elytis to name a few. Indigo waters, endless beaches for every taste, small leeward harbours and secluded rocky bays accessible only by sea are elements turning the Aegean Sea into a destination to love for ever.

Thassos and **Samothraki** are located at the strategic, furthest north part of the Aegean where one can gaze at the entire sea.
Limnos, the island of god Ifestos, is simultaneously volcanic and verdurous. Black rocks, inclining mountains and "lacy" shores with white sand, set the dreamy scenery.
Lesvos also called Mytilene is Greece's third largest island. Traditional villages, fabulous beaches, solemn monasteries, the extraordinary fossil-forest, as well as exquisite products such as ouzo, oil and cheese compel all visitors to explore their magic.
Hios is gifted with unmatched beauty. Colours and scents instantly mesmerize visitors. Here is the only place in the world, where the miraculous mastiha is produced. Locals' hospitability and their unique cooking are simply thrilling. Dense forests, flowing waters, traditional settlements and golden beaches describe the island of **Samos**, easily charming all visitors.
Ikaria, named after the infamous Ikaros, the first man to 'spread his wings and fly' is well-known for the therapeutic natural spas it offers. Here one can enjoy swimming and water-sports at the blue seas.

The smaller islands **Agios Efstratios**, **Psara**, **Fourni** and **Inousses** carry heavy nautical tradition and are considered as 'clued-up' destinations. Secluded beaches, isolated bays and natural harbours, sea-caves, serene ice-cold waters and cinematic landscapes take all visitors on a 'seductive' journey. Here one can taste plenty of fresh fish and seafood at the small taverns.


Samos


Ikaria


Thassos


Samothraki


Limnos


Psara

Sail around the Dodecanese

Nautical Routes

DON'T MISS

- ✓ The cave of the Apocalypse and the monastery of Agios I. Theologos at Patmos
- ✓ The butterflies of Lindos in Rhodes
- ✓ The Eristos beach in Tilos
- ✓ The aquatic reserve of Psalidi in Kos
- ✓ The islet of Ro, opposite Kastelorizo
- ✓ Scuba diving in the beautiful underwater of Kalymnos
- ✓ Traditional foods from Kassos
- ✓ The Panormos cove in Astypalaia
- ✓ Swimming at Kyra Panagia, Ahata and Ambela in Karpathos
- ✓ The Katsouni caves at Nissyros
- ✓ The nautical museum at Symi
- ✓ The two caves at Kelia and Amiglai in Halki
- ✓ Partheni, the little fish village of Leros
- ✓ The Katsavia cove in Lipsi


Kastelorizo

The Dodecanese island complex is located at the southeastern part of Greece. It is the crossing point of sea, sun and strong winds that allure all senses and offer visitors unique experiences.

As the sea-songs praise earthly heavens, you reach **Lipsi**, an island with white, sandy beaches and **Leros**, with the deep, leeward, natural harbours, home of Artemis, ancient goddess of hunting. The waves then, lead you to **Kalymnos**, the 'island of sponges'.

Light and colours are never enough, as you reach **Kos**, island of Hippocrates, father of medicine and set anchor at its perfectly structured marina. Mountains Dikaio and Simbatro, add to the versatility of the landscape. The 'colourful Dodecanese painting' continues to awaken all senses at the sight of the black rocks of **Nissyros**, contradicting the white houses with the vividly coloured doors and windows.

The journey continues at the delicate beaches, little coves and crystal clear waters of **Tilos**, **Symi** and **Halki**. The breathtaking view makes you believe that mermaids will come and whisper to you songs and tales from the sea.

Time stops as you become part of history at Rhodes, the 'island of Knights'. Anchoring at the Mandraki marina, you realize that past and present are in perfect harmony with the island's beauty. Next you stop at the border island of **Kastelorizo**, where the soul becalms. Onwards, you sail to the little harbours at the island of **Karpathos**. There, you are fascinated by the contrasting mountains, valleys, flatlands, coves and endless beaches.

The nautical promenade goes on in the Dodecanese, when suddenly your eyes are caught by the rocky island of **Kassos**. Approaching the island of **Astypalaia**, you are instantly amazed by its spectacular figure. The beautiful images of the Venetian castle and the white settlements certify that true splendour is timeless. Into the blue of the sea and sky, you shall find the island of **Patmos**. Docking at the port, located in a secure bay, you will be seduced by the wonderful pebbled beaches shining under the bright sun.

The Dodecanese complex is an imagery of exceptional brilliance. A nautical route set directly to your heart and soul.


Rhodes


Kos


Karpathos


Symi


Patmos


Kalymnos


Leros

Sail around Crete

Nautical Routes

DON'T MISS

- ✓ Gavdos, the island of Calypso, south of Crete
- ✓ The magical sunset from Falassarna beach
- ✓ Matala with the famous caves, inhabited during prehistoric ages
- ✓ The palm-tree forest at Vai
- ✓ The tasteful Cretan cuisine
- ✓ The small harbours of Bali at Rethymno
- ✓ To see the "Drosoulites" phenomenon at Frangocastelo
- ✓ To visit Knossos
- ✓ The cosmopolitan harbour of Elouda
- ✓ To drink raki spirit with the locals



Agios Nikolaos



Rethymno



Preveli



Iraklio



Elafonisi



Hania



Vai



Matala

Strong winds sail you to the shores of **Crete**. The largest greek island is the crossroad of three continents and is surrounded north by the Cretan sea, which gazes the Aegean sea, and south by the Liviko sea. The marinas at Iraklio and Agios Nikolaos can become the bases for nautical explorations that will excite you.
Biotopes of worldwide interest, the Cretan waters are inhabited all year round, by the Phissitiras whale (Physeter Macrocephalus), one of the biggest sea-mammals of the Earth.

Sailing around the island, you discover its interesting morphology. The first thing you shall witness is the versatility of the coastline. Bays, gulfs, peninsulas, capes, serene beaches, steep rocks, secluded coves, as well as cosmopolitan resorts comprise the pieces of an awesome puzzle. Picturesque villages welcome you and exceptional aquatic reserves attract you.

The charming port of St. Nicolaos is the central spot of the easter prefecture of Crete, **Lasithi**. In Sitia area you will be bewitched by Vai, the largest palm-tree forest in Europe surrounded by pure, soft gold sand that reaches the emerald waters. Elounda, Ierapetra, Istros, Makrygialos and Pahia Ammos are some of the most known beaches that you can admire.

Sailing towards the west you reach **Iraklio**, the capital of the island. The coastal resorts of the area offer all kinds of comforts. Limenas Hersonisou, Malia, Agia Pelagia and the Messara gulf are beach names that become part of your vocabulary and heart.

The trip continues to **Rethymno**, an attractive city with numerous buildings of Venetian architecture.
The organized beaches of the southern coast and the small private coves of the northern coast offer a vast range of choices. Preveli is a famed beach, an oasis with palm-trees, green waters and thin sand. Agia Galini, Bali and Plakias are other well-known destinations that are worth sailing to.

Hania is the central city of western Crete. Each corner reminds the past, making Hania one of the most picturesque cities you have ever faced. Its numerous beaches are characterized by the succession of soft sand and colourful pebbles. Chryssi Acti, Pahia Ammos, Palaiohora and Gramvoussa are the most famed ones, while you can also anchor in Sfakia.

Apart from its magical coasts, Crete is surrounded by small islands, through which you can sail and experience unique moments. Such islands are Chryssi or Gaidouronissi, Gavdos,Gavdopoula and Dia.

Sail the Dream...

Come discover a variety of water sports activities

Being in Greece, you have only one option: to experience an adventure, activity and water sports holiday under the warm, crystal-clear waters, in the numerous bays, gulfs and lagoons of Greece... To enjoy millionaire style holiday activities yet reasonably priced. To imagine pristine waters and sun-kissed skies greeting you at every turn as you enjoy deep sea fishing or a luxurious dinner cruise or a sailboat charter off the coast.

You can choose among many water based activities from windsurfing and waterskiing to wakeboarding and scuba diving. With its beautiful blue waters and sunny skies, Greece beckons you to relish an unsurpassed experience. Get enthralled by the plethora of aquatic activities in the Greek seas... A water sports heaven.

Greece is one of the top windsurfing countries in the world, with sublime coastal scenery, consistent high-quality services, an affordable high standard of living, and a unique culture to be proud of. There are hundreds of windsurf breaks all along our coast. The best known spots are around Paros, Rhodes, Kos, Lefkada, Andros, Schinias (Attica) but there are loads of great, virtually unsurfed waves besides these. In Greece you will find some of the best waterskiing spots: Vouliagmeni, Poros, Porto Heli, Lake Pamvotis & Lake Kaiafas are internationally recognised as some of the best boardsailing venues in the world.

With its thousands of islands, Greece is ideal for wakeboarding which combines surfing, snowboarding, skating and waterskiing. Wakeboarders have their own spots along the Greek beaches and every year they renew their rendezvous with the waves for impressive raleys, hoochies, vulcans and tantrums.

Underwater diving has been an age-long tradition in Greece dating from the 2nd mill. B.C. The Greek seas offer to scuba diving enthusiasts plenty of dive sites including stunning reefs and walls, unexpected underwater canyons and amazing swim-throughs and tunnels. Water temperatures vary from between 18 and 26 degrees and visibility can reach up to 25 metres. There is an abundance of marine life to be seen including dolphins, barracudas, stingrays, sea-turtles, rare snails and nudibranches, jack fishes, soldier fishes, octopuses, murray-eels, trumpet fishes, many kinds of basses et al..

Deep sea fishing, freshwater fishing, luxury yachts, dining cruises, gaming cruises, speedboats, bareboat charters and sailboat charters — this and much more awaits you on the Greek waters and beaches.

If you're looking for water sports fun or are interested in trying something new and exciting, then Greece is the perfect destination for you!

Websites with useful information:

Greek National Tourism Organisation	www.visitgreece.gr
Hellenic Sailing Federation	www.eio.gr
Hellenic Water Ski Federation	www.waterski.gr
Greek Federation of Submarine Activity-Sports Fishing and Technical Swimming	www.eoydatk.gr

Greek Weather Forecasting Sites

www.hnms.gr
www.meteo.ntua.gr
www.poseidon.ncmr.gr
www.noa.gr/forecast
forecast.uoa.gr

Emergency Telephone Numbers	
Central Port Authority of Piraeus	**(+30) 210 4511311-9**
Hellenic Coast Guard	**108**
National Centre of Immediate Assistance	**166**
Lifeline S.O.S.	**175**
Civil Protection Line	**112**
Directory Enquiries	**11888**
Directory Enquiries Abroad	**139**
Tourist Police	**171**









Useful Information

Fuel

Diesel Fuel replenishment for sailing boats can be held at any port of Greece. This procedure takes place through tanker-boats and is supervised by local port authorities.

Further information can be found through VHF, channel 12.

Catering – Equipment – Other Provisions

Provision for catering, ice, liquid gas and other goods can be held at the Greek ports, through the organized network of port caterers and other private carriers.

Further information can be found through VHF, channel 12.

Repairs

Repairs of every kind, for every type of boat can be undertaken at the vast majority of Greek coasts, near the port-areas of the mainland and at the main port areas of the islands. On smaller and remote islands there is provision for repair of a narrower range of boats and damages.

Marinas – Anchorages

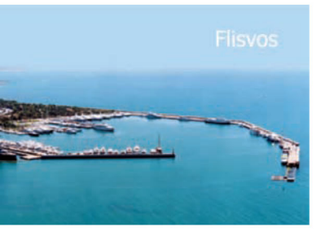
In Greece, currently, there are 20 operating marinas, offering 7,042 docking spots, along with high quality services. There are also 20 anchorage points, offering additionally 3.000 anchoring spots.

Marinas

NAME	LOCATION	CAPACITY
Ionian Sea – Western Greece		
Gouvia	Corfu	850
Cleopatra – Aktio	Aetoloakarnania, Central Greece	136
Vounaki	Aetoloakarnania, Central Greece	70
Peloponnese		
Patra	Ahaia	450
Kalamata	Messinia	300
Xylokastro	Korinthia	220
Methana	Argolida	70
Crete		
Agios Nikolaos	Lassithi	250
Iraklio	Iraklio	365
Attica – Saronikos Gulf		
Alimos	Attica	950
Vouliagmeni	Attica	115
Glyfada	Attica	780
Zea	Attica	650
Flisvos	Attica	211
Olympic Marine, Lavrio	Attica	685
Northern Aegean Sea		
Aretsou	Kalamaria, Thessaloniki	300
Porto – Karras	Halkidiki	175
Porto – Sani	Halkidiki	100
Dodecanese		
Mandraki	Rhodes	115
Kos	Kos	250

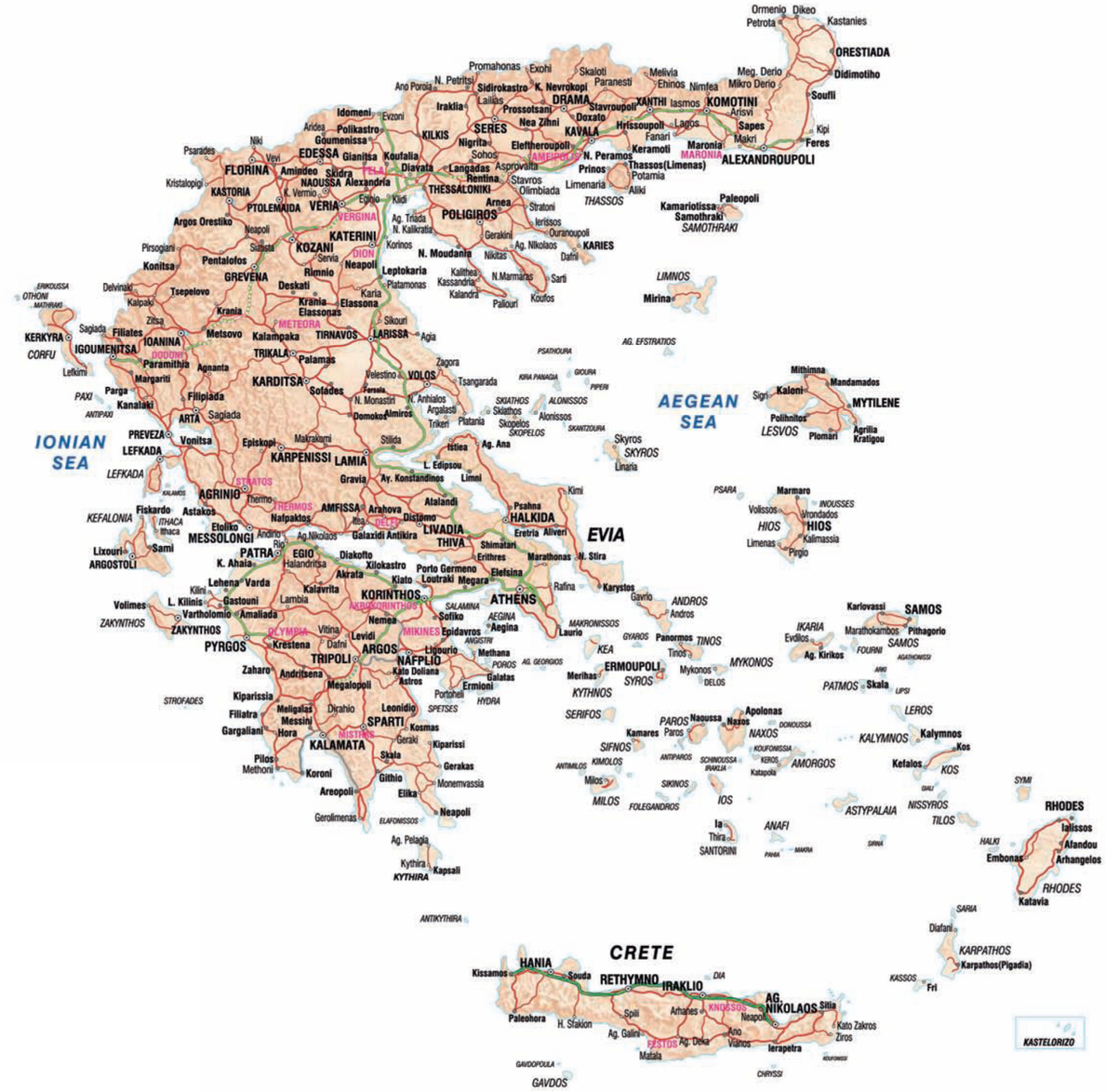
Anchorages

Ionian Sea
Paxi
Ithaca
Kefalonia
Lefkada
Zakynthos
Peloponnese
Pylos
Gythio
Nafplio
Attica – Saronikos Gulf
Mikrolimano, Pireaus
Aegina
Poros
Hydra
Spetses
Cyclades
Mykonos
Ios
Northern Aegean Sea
Lesvos
Samos
Hios
Dodecanese
Patmos
Symi









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