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# Sail the dream

The sea is nearly all about Greece. An aquatic heaven, teeming with life. Seawaters wash the continental part from the East, the South and the West, creating a wealth of ever-changing images, completing the greater picture, showing the harmony and sheer beauty of it all.

Visiting a place is not just about seeing it; it is mostly about experiencing the way of life on it. Geographical information, even the most detailed data, cannot but fail to describe the place's true character. This brochure aims only at becoming an incentive for future tourists, as the true challenge is about discovery and experience.

When one thinks of Greek seas, water sports are most likely to spring to mind. Greece is the ideal place for enjoying them as there are modern facilities, experienced teachers and well-organised schools for a wide variety of activities such as water-skiing, windsurfing, kite surfing, scuba diving, sport fishing or ringo and banana riding.

Cruising off the Greek coastline is a fine way to get to know the country better, where seawater is an element

in abundance. So, sail the deep blue sea and explore the 3,000 islands of the Greek archipelago and the coastline that extends for more than 20,000 km. Live your dream!

Follow this travelogue and sail the Greek seas, discover mythological figures, legendary heroes and ordinary men. View the coastline and part of the inland from a different perspective. Acquaint yourself with the unique character and amazing topography of the various groups of islands. Feel the vigour of nature!

Our sea voyage will start from the Ionian Sea and the western Greek shoreline, continue all along the Peloponesian coast, Attica and the Argo-Saronic Gulf; we will sail through the Cycladic islands, then on to the Sporades Islands and the Northern Aegean Islands, then travel south to the Dodecanese Group and finally reach Crete.

Bon voyage or – as they say – Godspeed!



# Sail the Ionian Sea



Kefalonia

The starting point of our maritime travelogue is the Ionian Sea and the famous group of islands situated off the Greek west coastline, where new thrills await you and no doubt unforgettable memories. Long golden beaches catch the eye. Crystal-clear waters, safe harbours and winding beaches captivate the senses as you sail on. After all, the mild weather conditions in the Ionian Sea are the best travelling companion all year round.

As you approach **Corfu** Island (Kerkyra), you will set eyes on some of the best-known beaches attracting many visitors every year. The multitude of sandy shores, the amazing Pontikonisi islet, and the surrounding isles of Ereikoussa, Mathraki and Othonoi will make you catch your breath. You will find the biggest marina in the area at Gouvia.

Next on your route are the shores of two lovely islands: **Paxi** and **Antipaxi**. Situated south of Corfu, they are renowned for their green landscape and secluded sea-caves which can be approached only from the sea.

Heading southeast, you will reach **Lefkada**, an island accessible by car as well. The east shoreline is green with smooth, flat beaches, whereas on the west coast the scenery is varied with some lovely beaches along the way. Sailing around the nearby islands of Scorpios and Meganisi is a must. There is a very well equipped marina in Lefkada town.

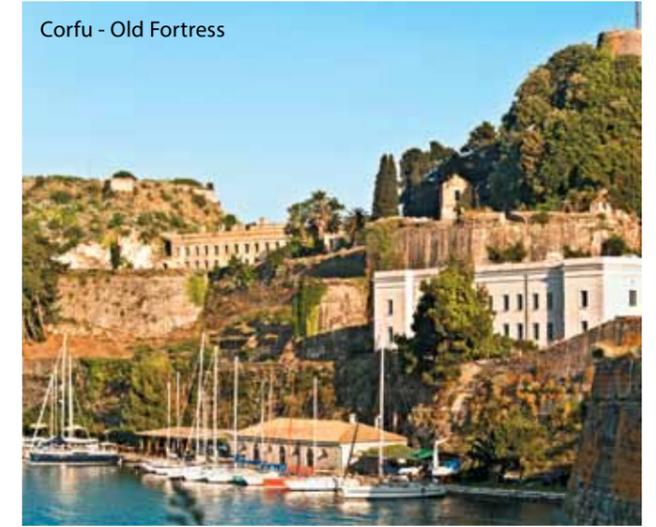
Another option for you is to dock at the marinas in Aktio and Vounaki, on the west coast of Central Greece, which you can use as your base for nearby sea explorations.

Your next stop is **Kefalonia** Island – the biggest one in the Ionian Sea. As you sail around it, you will find unspoiled beaches and others with many facilities by the shore. The capital town, Argostoli, and Lixouri are two beautiful towns. The biggest marina on the island is located at Fiskardo, a place famous for its beauty and delicious seafood.

**Ithaca**, the birthplace of Odysseus, is the next island you will visit, located east of Kefalonia. Monuments all over the island are proof of Ithaca's long history. Small secluded beaches make Ithaca the ideal place for relaxation amidst lovely natural surroundings.

The last island to the south is "Il Fior di Levante" – the Flower of the East – the island of **Zante** (Zakynthos), the habitat of Caretta caretta, the sea turtle. High mountains, deep blue waters, sea-caves and picturesque little harbours make up the picture here. Locals will make you feel at home with their singing and warm hospitality.

Corfu - Old Fortress



## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

- The crystal clear waters of Ereikoussa Island
- The gigantic rocks in the sea off Mathraki Island
- Ginger-beer and Kumquat liqueur distilled only in Corfu Island
- The healing spring waters at Paxi Island, known since the ancient times
- The charming Antipaxi Island
- Kounopetra, a moving rock, in the sea off Kefalonia Island
- Picturesque Kastos Island
- The Nymphs and Loizos Caves, on Ithaca Island
- Windsurfing by Vassiliki beach, Lefkada Island
- The indigo waters at the sea-caves of Zakynthos Island



Paxi - Lakka harbour



Antipaxi



Lefkada - Porto Katsiki



Zakynthos



Ithaca port

# Sail around Peloponnese and Kythera Island



Nafplio

Continue your journey along the coasts of Peloponnese. Your first stop is the district of **Achaia** and the port of Patras: this is the third biggest city in Greece, a metropolis in the western part of the country. Large ships of all kinds dock at the harbour as this port connects Greece with Italy and Western Europe. Secure a berth at the marina and have fun as you explore the area close to Patraikos Gulf.

Sailing further south, you will reach **Ileia**. Go past Glyfa, Kourouta, Palouki, Skafidia; you will be amazed at the views of Kyparissia Gulf. The next land on your journey is that of **Messinia**. You will see small coves alternating with cosmopolitan beaches and secluded bays. You can drop anchor and relax at the well-equipped marina in Kalamata. The scenery becomes impressive and rugged as the rocky shores of **Laconia** appear next.

The lovely **Elafonisos** Island is off the Laconian coast. The Gulf of Sarakiniko brings to mind images and memories of Saracen pirates (*Sarakini* meaning Saracens). **Kythera** Island is situated a bit further south. This is the place where Aphrodite, the goddess of beauty, was born. It is endowed with idyllic beaches and breathtaking landscapes. St. Nicholas cove, the picturesque little

harbour of Avlemonas and Kapsali beach are some of the places that will stay with you forever.

Follow the Peloponesian shoreline heading north and you will reach the coast of **Arcadia**. Make a stop and relax at Paralio Astros, at the pebble beaches at Tyros, or at the well known beaches of Leonidio: the beauty of nature is truly rewarding.

Further north you will sail towards the coast of **Argolida**. Visit Nafplio, the first capital in the history of modern Greece. The imposing rock at Palamidi will catch your attention as it offers a panoramic view of the city and of Bourtzi castle by the sea. Drop anchor at the natural harbour of Epidaurus, which is very close to the ancient theatre where performances of ancient Greek plays are held.

Your last 'ports of call' on this route are in **Korinthia**. There are cosmopolitan beaches and secluded shores to suit any taste. The long beach at Loutraki, Kiato, Xylokastro and Vrachati are but a few of the places where you will live memorable moments. A last trip that is absolutely worth taking is through the 6,436 m. long Canal of Corinth, between Peloponnese and Central Greece.



Charilaos Trikoupis Bridge



Canal of Corinth



Patras



Monemvasia



Gythio

## Maritime Routes

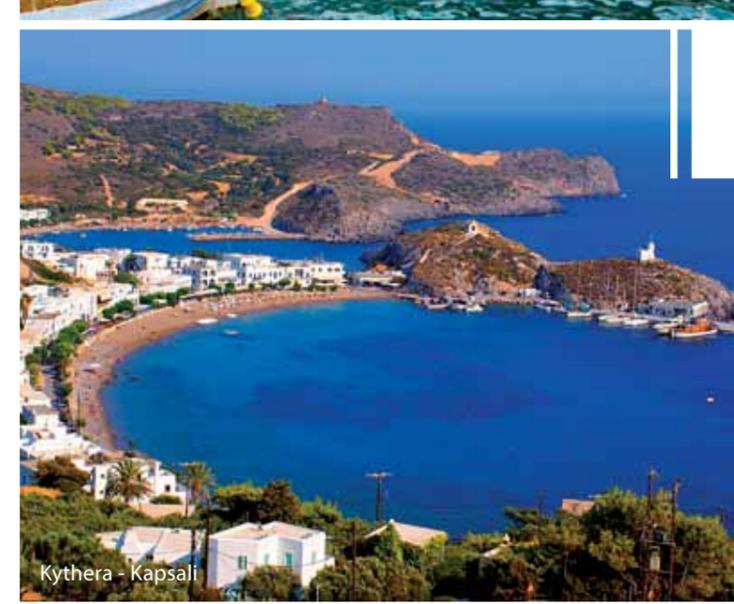
### Must-see, do & taste

#### *Peloponnese:*

- Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games
- The picturesque coves of Messinia
- The beach at Vathy, Gythio, Laconia
- Palamidi castle at Nafplio and the 999 steps that lead to it
- Fresh fish dishes at Elafonisos
- The lively beaches on the Corinthian gulf, with a variety of services on offer
- Plaka, the small quiet harbour in Arcadia
- Kalogria sandy beach at Achaia

#### *Kythera Island:*

- Firi Ammos, the red-coloured sandy beach
- The ancient shipwreck at Avlemonas
- The picturesque Antikythera island



Kythera - Kapsali

# Sail around Attica and the Argo-Saronic Gulf



You set sail for **Attica** and once you are there, it is time to step on solid ground. Piraeus is the country's chief port. Pick any one of the marinas at Zeas, Alimos, Floisvos, Glyfada, Vouliagmeni or Lavrio. From Attica you can start off towards many a destination: head west through the Isthmus of Corinth, south to the Dodecanese or north towards the Sporades Islands and the Islands of the Northern Aegean.

Once you are in Attica, make sure you visit Athens, the capital of Greece: it is a modern metropolis, a historic city with monuments, museums and great sights that you get to see either on foot or sailing around them. The views are truly memorable: the sunset seen from the temple of Poseidon in Sounio and the bright city lights that reflect on seawaters at night. Keep these lovely images in mind as you set sail once again.

Next destination is the islands of the Argo-Saronic Gulf: **Aegina, Poros, Spetses, Hydra** and **Angistri**. These islands are widely known not only for their great history but also for their modern, cosmopolitan style. The short distance from Athens and a mild climate throughout the year make this group of islands ideal for a brief holiday. Enjoy the beauty of nature by solitary coves, and have a swim at secluded beaches.

The character, passion and dynamism of the islanders have played a very significant role in the Greek nation's history. Their hospitality, positive way of thinking and the smile on their face show their kind nature.

Stroll past traditional stone-built houses, walk in the narrow streets and alleys, and enjoy the picture! Although close to Athens, these islands have kept their enchanting insular character. As a matter of fact, the old ways of island life, which seem to be present everywhere, and the modern fast everyday pace make a quaint mixture of daily routine.

## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

#### Attica:

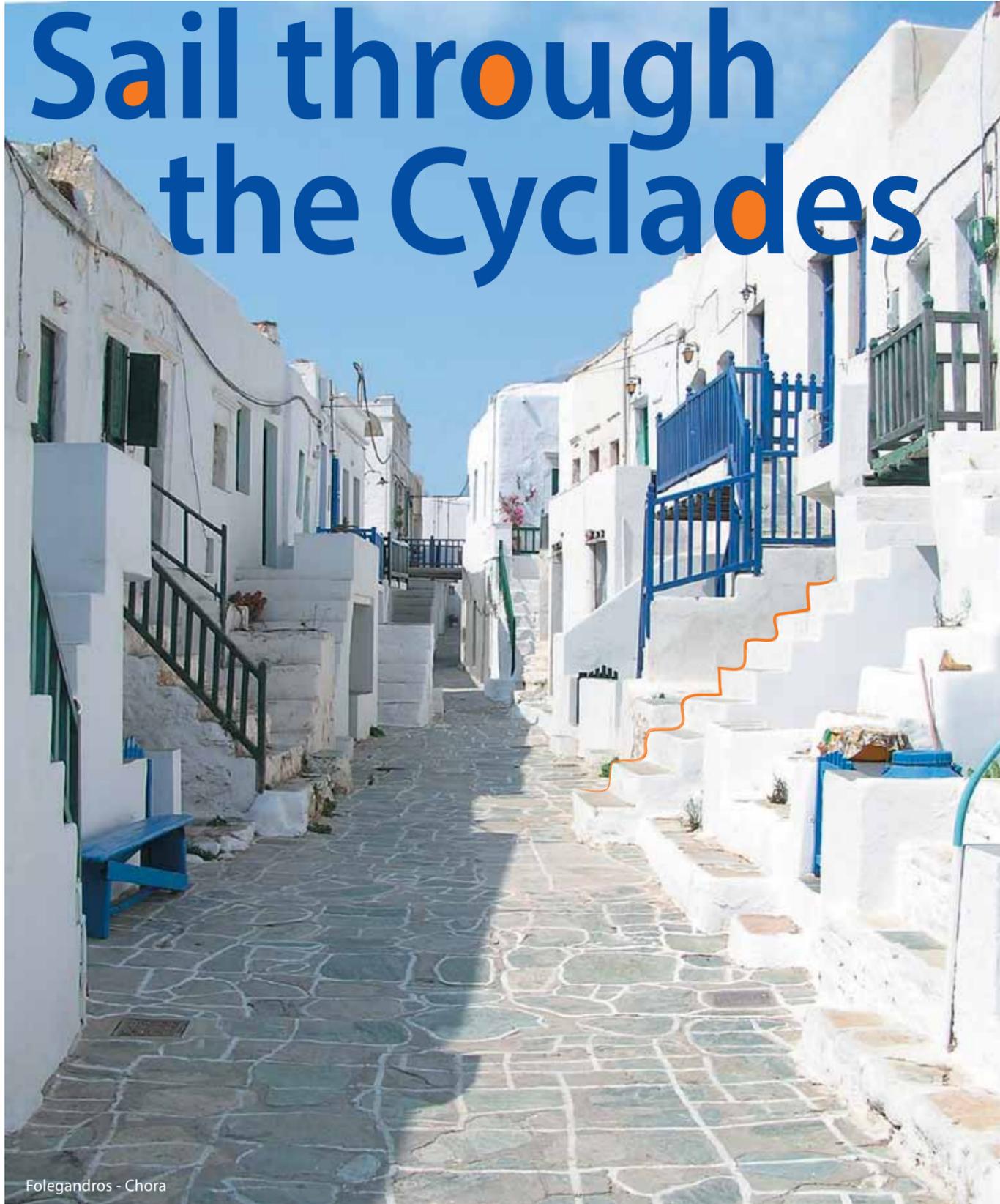
- A walk along the foot of the Acropolis Rock, through the narrow streets of Plaka, towards the centre of Athens
- Seafood delicacies at Mikrolimano, Piraeus
- A performance at Herodion Theatre - the Odeon of Herodes Atticus - in Athens

#### Argo-Saronic Gulf:

- The top quality pistachio nuts, on Aegina Island
- The lemon tree forest on Poros Island
- The marina at Methana peninsula
- A stroll around the islands, following the picturesque narrow streets
- Fishing at Bisti bay, Hydra Island
- The spectacular Armata feast in September on Spetses Island
- Fish cooked 'a la Spetsiota', a local Spetses dish



# Sail through the Cyclades



Folegandros - Chora

The dominant blue and white colours of the Aegean will be your companion on your journey through the marvellous Cyclades Islands. According to Greek mythology, Poseidon the god of the sea created this group of 56 islands and islets.

Cyclades charm and pose a challenge to all sea-lovers. Blue waters awaken the senses and the sharp colour contrast and brilliance on the islands will make you catch your breath. An amazing voyage is before you as the strong local winds swell the sails out.

The islands speak the language of dreams... listen to it!

Your first stop is beautiful **Andros** Island; mourning doves and martins will welcome you against a backdrop of precipitous coastline. The religious tradition and the unique landscape of **Tinos** Island will definitely make an impression on you. Heading further south you reach cosmopolitan **Mykonos** Island, famous for the nightlife and its windmills which are a part of Mykonos' history.

The Cyclades Islands form a circle [kyklos – cycle] around the deserted island of **Delos**, one of the most important archaeological sites of Greece, where natural beauty meets the most important religious centre of Greek antiquity.

Sailing with a tailwind, you approach Naxos Island. The image before you is that of sandy beaches surrounded and set off by the white and blue light of the Aegean. Steer the boat southeast and you will reach the small coves of lovely **Amorgos** Island. Continuing south at full speed you will arrive at **Anafi** Island. It has a peculiar conic shape, due to the height of Mount Kalamos. Tranquillity and sheer beauty are the dominant features of this place.

Next on your journey, towards the west, lies **Santorini** Island; you will see the shadow of the volcano growing longer on the white houses perched on the steep rocks. Watch as the shadow fades away into the colours of the astounding Santorini sunset. Sail north and moor the boat at **Ios** Island; the golden beaches and gorgeous coves will captivate you and make you feel at home.

Seagulls and dolphins will accompany the boat as you head for **Sifnos**, **Serifos** and then south to **Milos** Island. Rocky scenery, striking beaches and natural havens await you. Kimolos, Folegandros, Sikinos, and then northwestbound to Kythnos, Kea and Gyros Islands: you will view stunning coasts, enclosed bays and all this imagery will become your cherished memories!

Next, you drop anchor southeast at **Syros** Island - the 'Nymph of the Aegean' and the administrative centre of the Cyclades. You will be attracted by the captains' houses and mansions in the capital of the island. Sail on to the south and get to **Paros** island to watch the amazing sunset at Naousa, the most picturesque port of the island. West of Paros lies **Antiparos**, a small lovely island.

Sail south-east: you will reach the Minor Cyclades Group of Islands which includes the islands of Irakleia, Schoinousa, Donousa and Koufonisia.



Syros

## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

- The white rocks rising from the sea, Milos Island
- The sheltered harbour at Faros, Sifnos Island
- Windsurfing and waterskiing at Pounta beach on Paros
- The intense nightlife on Mykonos
- Foinikas, the safest dock of Syros Island
- The volcano on Santorini
- 'Tis grias to pidima' beach (the old lady's jump) at Andros Island
- Panagia Hozoviotissa monastery visible only from the sea, Amorgos Island
- The traditional dovecotes on Tinos Island
- A trip to Antiparos Island
- The golden beaches and the crystal-clear blue waters of Ios Island
- The small harbours and the 'unseen' beaches approachable only by boat on Kimolos Island
- Chrysospilia (the golden cave) on Folegandros Island



Milos



Andros - Tis grias to pidima



Mykonos



Naxos - Portara

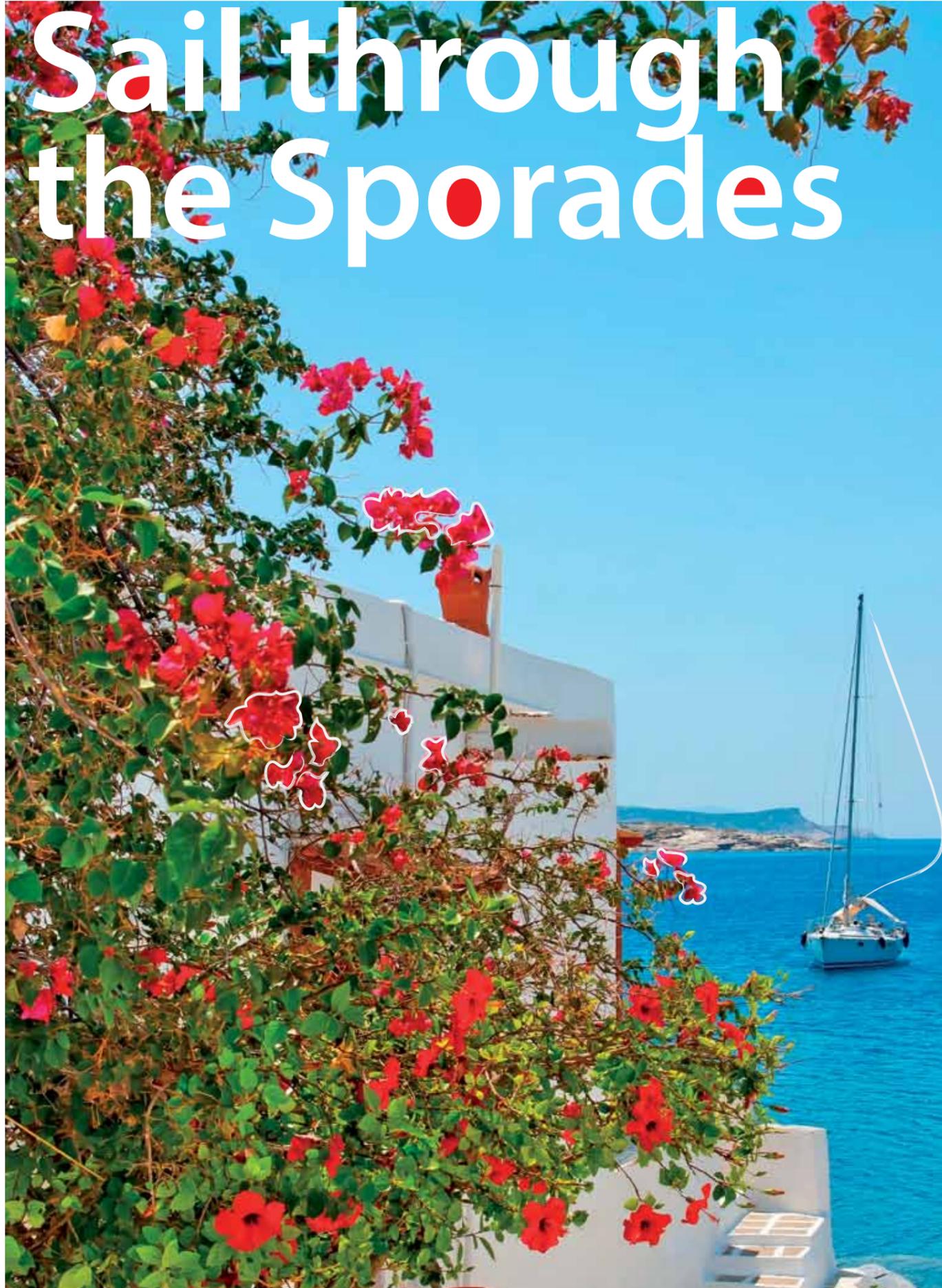


Paros - Naousa



Ios

# Sail through the Sporades



Alonnisos - Votsi Bay



Skiathos

Sail north, along the east coastline of Evvia (or Euboea) and you will reach the Sporades Islands. The change of scenery from the rocky, wild image of the Cyclades to the green Sporades is remarkable. Four islands are populated in this group, namely **Skyros, Skiathos, Skopelos** and **Alonnisos**. The views are bewitching and the peaceful surroundings will make you feel rejuvenated...

Dense pine forests go all the way down to the sandy beaches, adding a unique emerald tone to the waters. Look out for the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*) as the Sporades waters are its habitat. Excluding the area of Skiathos and Skopelos Islands, the rest is included in the National Marine Park of N. Sporades as it hosts a large population of the above species, particularly in the sea caves around Alonnisos Island where they reproduce. If you sail in the area look out for the seals and their endless games.

Try the renowned local pies and if you're into fresh fish and seafood, taste the delicious fish dishes served in any traditional taverna.

The weather in Sporades is calm throughout the year. Summers are sunny and hot, yet local *meltemia* (northerly winds) blow in July and August, moderating heat and swelling the sails. Deep blue sea, small sheltered inlets, and countless beaches – some of them only accessible from the sea: the Sporades Islands provide the setting for a truly memorable holiday!

Sailing north, it is worth visiting the coast of northern Greece. You will find that the biggest marinas are in Aretsou, Thessaloniki, in Porto Sani and in Porto Carras at Halkidiki peninsula. From there you can explore Halkidiki's gorgeous beaches and enjoy a swim in the deep, indigo waters at a distance from the crowded beaches of the big resorts. You will be impressed by the lush greenery that ends on the beach and the breathtaking view of Mount Athos.



Skiathos - Chora



Skopelos

## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

#### Skiathos Island:

- The protected aquatic reserve in lake Strofilia
- The colossal white rocks at Lalaria
- Lovely Koukounaries beach

#### Skopelos Island:

- The ruins of ancient Roman baths at Loutraki
- Swim in the crystal-clear blue waters
- The renowned homemade pies and sweets

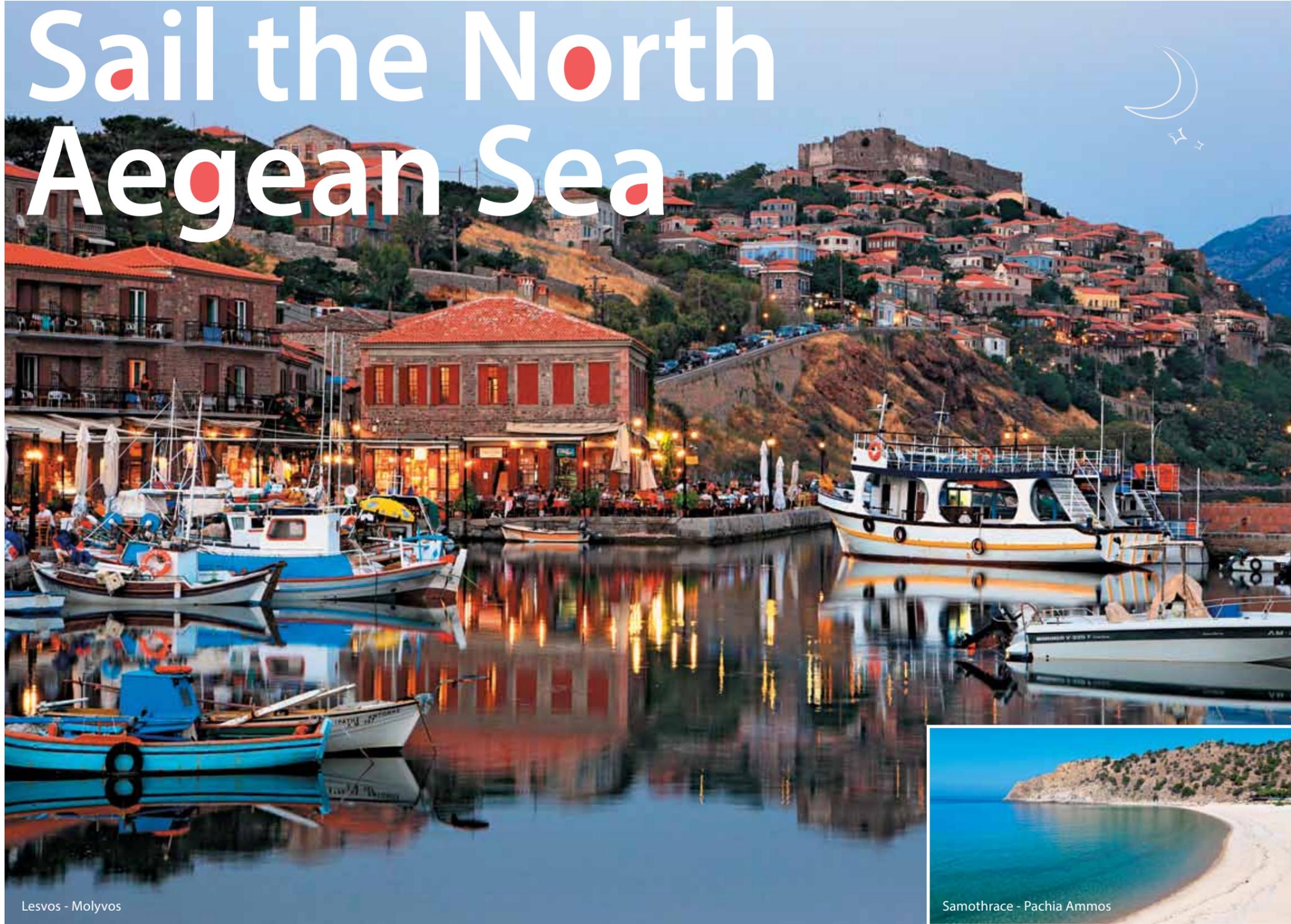
#### Skyros Island:

- Hand-made pottery and wood-carved artefacts
- Achilli bay, Achilles' point of departure for Troy

#### Alonnisos Island:

- Swim in the unique secluded beaches
- The tasty local specialities of stuffed squids and fried figs with honey
- The Alonnisos National Marine Park where you may hear or even spot *Monachus monachus*, the Mediterranean monk seal

# Sail the North Aegean Sea



Lesvos - Molyvos



Samothrace - Pachia Ammos



Limnos



Samos - Tsabou



Thassos

## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

- Pachia Ammos beach on Samothrace Island
- The maritime museum at Oinousses Island
- Watersports on Evgati beach, Limnos Island
- The sea caves in Agios Efstratios Island – a seal habitat
- Delicious Kalloni sardines on Lesvos Island

Dolphins will most probably be your companions as you cruise the north Aegean Sea. The Northeastern Aegean Islands dot the blue sea, like colourful gems painted on a canvas, offering fascinating views to visitors.

The islands are divided into two categories to make your tour easier. The first one includes the bigger islands namely **Thassos, Samothrace, Limnos, Lesvos, Chios, Samos** and **Ikaria** and the second one includes smaller ones such as **Agios Efstratios, Psara, Fourni** and **Oinousses**. There is a different 'atmosphere' on each island, apart from natural beauty. Legends, traditions, history that goes back to antiquity, combined with the lovely nature, turn these islands into very attractive destinations. Many famous Greeks come from these islands like Pythagoras, Epikouros, Sappho, Theofilos and Elytis, to name but a few. Indigo seawaters, long stretches of beach, small sheltered harbours and more remote rocky bays accessible only from the sea are some of the reasons why the Aegean Sea will always be a dream destination.

**Thassos** and **Samothrace** are the two northernmost islands of the Aegean.

**Limnos**, the island of god Hephaestus, is volcanic as well as green. Black rocks, mountains and lacy white sandy shores create a dream destination.

**Lesvos** a.k.a. Mytilini is Greece's third largest island. Traditional villages, fabulous beaches, impressive monasteries, the extraordinary Petrified Forest, and top quality products such as ouzo, olive oil and cheese make Lesvos a must-see island.

**Chios** is yet another gifted island. Once you step foot on it, the colours and scents will seduce you. Mastic is the most famous local product with amazing properties, awarded a protected designation of origin. Hospitality and the delicious local cuisine should be added to the list of pros.

Dense forests, flowing waters, traditional villages and golden beaches are all to be found on **Samos** Island, creating a fascinating picture.

**Ikaria** Island was named after Ikaros – the first man who "spread his wings and flew" according to the ancient myth. The place is well known for its natural therapeutic springs. Enjoy swimming and your favourite water sport in the crystal clear blue waters.

Smaller islands such as Agios Efstratios, Psara, Fourni and Oinousses carry a heavy maritime tradition and they are well-known destinations. Secluded beaches, remote bays and natural harbours, sea caves, cold waters and 'cinematic' landscapes will take visitors on a fascinating journey. You should definitely try the fresh fish and seafood served in the small tavernas.

- Buying fresh fish straight off the fishing boats at Fourni Island (east of Ikaria Island)
- Unique mastic products from Chios Island
- The picturesque tavernas on Psara Island
- Enjoying some fine Samos wine
- The amazing beaches on Ikaria Island

# Sail around the Dodecanese



Symi



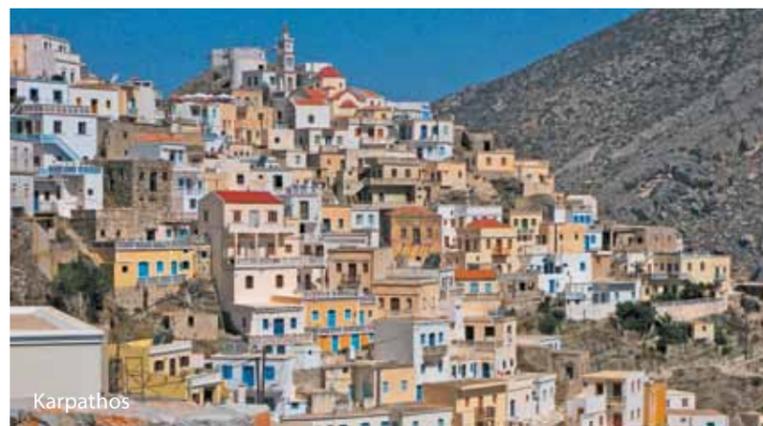
Nisyros



Kastellorizo



Rhodes



Karpathos

## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

- The cave of the Apocalypse and the monastery of St. John the Theologian on Patmos Island
- The butterflies on Lindos, Rhodes Island
- Eristos beach on Tilos Island
- The aquatic reserve in Psalidi, Kos Island
- Ro islet, opposite Kastellorizo Island
- Scuba diving in the beautiful underwater area of Kalymnos Island
- Traditional dishes from Kasos Island
- Panormos cove in Astypalaia Island
- Swimming in Kyra Panagia, Achata, and Ampela on Karpathos Island
- Katsouni caves on Nisyros Island
- The maritime museum on Symi Island
- The two caves at Kelia and Amiglai on Chalki Island
- Partheni, the small fishing village on Leros Island
- Katsavia cove on Leipsoi (or Lipsi) Island

The Dodecanese group of islands is the south-eastern part of Greece. The sea, sun and strong winds are the powerful natural elements that create the right atmosphere for those unforgettable times we all dream of.

Start off at **Lipsi**, an island with white sandy beaches and then sail to **Leros**, the favourite island of Artemis the goddess of hunting, where the deep waters of the sheltered natural harbours await you. Heading south, you will arrive at **Kalymnos**, the island of sponge-harvesters.

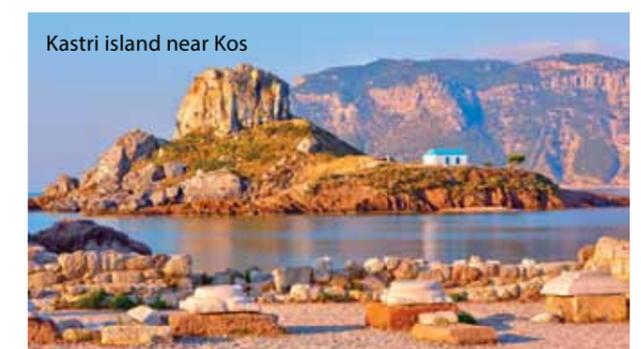
Further down, you reach **Kos**, the island of Hippocrates, father of medicine, and you drop anchor at the marina. Mountains Dikaio and Sympatro create a versatile landscape. More colours are added on the 'Dodecanesian canvas' as you approach the black rocks of **Nisyros** Island; you will be impressed by the contrast of the vividly coloured doors and windows against the white houses.

Your journey continues south-east to the lacey beaches, the inlets and the crystal clear waters of **Tilos**, **Symi** and **Chalki** Islands. The breathtaking view brings to mind images of mermaids whispering songs and tales to the sailors' ears.

Head east and you will reach **Rhodes**. Dock in Mandraki marina. You will feel that time has stopped on the island of the knights. The present and the past are in perfect harmony here. Your next destination is **Kastellorizo**, a quiet little place. From there you sail to the island of **Karpathos**: you will be fascinated by the mountains, valleys, flatlands, coves and long stretches of beach.

Your tour will continue south-west towards the rocky island of **Kasos**. You will then steer the boat north east until you reach **Astypalaia** Island. The lovely view of the Venetian Castle and the white villages show that true beauty is timeless. Set your course north towards the island of **Patmos**. Dock at the port, in a lee bay. You will be impressed by the gorgeous pebble beaches shining under the bright sun.

The Dodecanese group of islands is like a painting where the colours are exceptionally brilliant. Follow this maritime route which will -no doubt- touch your heart and soul.



Kastri island near Kos



Kos

# Sail around Crete



Heraklion - Matala



Chania



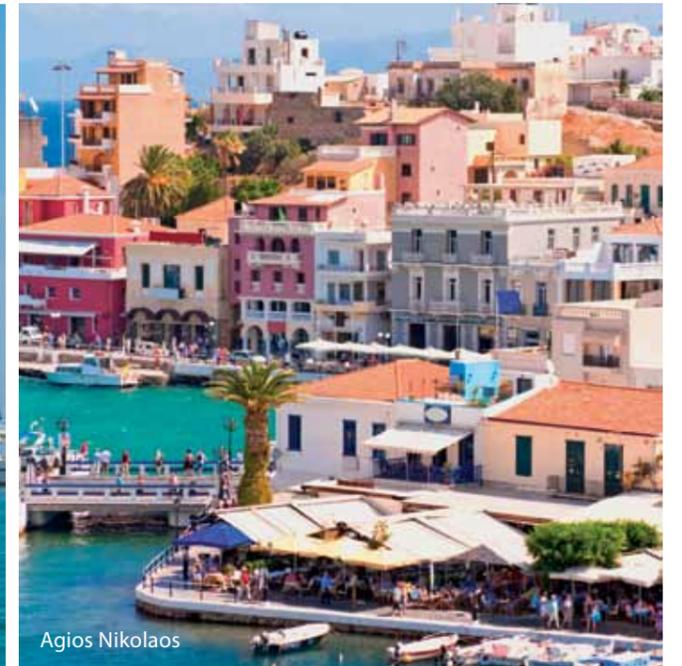
Rethymno



Heraklion



Lasithi - Spinalonga



Agios Nikolaos

The strong winds will lead you south to the shores of **Crete**. The biggest Greek island is a crossroads where three continents meet. It is washed by the Cretan sea to the north, and by the Libyan sea to the south. Dock at the marinas in the ports of Heraklion and Agios Nikolaos and explore the surrounding area.

The waters around Crete are natural habitats known the world over as there are Sperm Whale populations (*Physeter Macrocephalus*) one of the biggest sea-mammals on Earth, which remain there all year round.

Discover the island's interesting topography as you sail around Crete. The first thing that will catch your attention is the changing coastline. Bays, gulfs, peninsulas, capes, serene beaches, steep rocks, secluded coves, as well as cosmopolitan resorts make up the pieces of an awesome puzzle. You will see picturesque villages and fascinating aquatic reserves among other sights.

The charming Agios Nikolaos port is the administrative centre of **Lasithi** which is the eastern district of Crete. Within the greater Siteia area lies the largest palm tree forest in Europe, surrounded by fine golden sand that borders the emerald waters. Elounda, Ierapetra, Istros, Makrygialos and Pachia Ammos are some of the most popular beaches.

Follow a westbound course and you will reach **Heraklion**, the capital of the island. The nearby resorts offer a wide range of services and facilities. Keep a note of the following beaches: Limenas Chersonisou, Malia, Agia Pelagia, Mesara gulf as they will all come to hold a special place in your heart.

Continue sailing westward to **Rethymno**, an attractive town with numerous Venetian-style buildings. There are many facilities and services on the south coast beaches, and the remote small coves on the north coast offer a vast range of choices. Preveli is

a famed beach, an oasis with palm trees, turquoise waters and fine sand. Agia Galini, Bali and Plakias are three other popular destinations.

**Chania** is the biggest town of western Crete. There are elements relating to the city's history everywhere, making it one of the most picturesque towns you have ever seen. The beaches vary from fine sandy to colourful pebbly ones all along the coast. Sail to Chrysi Akti, Pachia Ammos, Palaiochora and Gramvousa; they are the most famous beaches. You can also drop anchor at Sfakia.

Within a short distance from Crete's lovely beaches lie small islands, each with a different character yet equally lovely, such as Chrysi or Gaidouronisi, Gavdos, Gavdopoula and Dia. Visit them and explore their unique nature!

## Maritime Routes

### Must-see, do & taste

- Gavdos, Calypso's island south of Crete
- Falassarna beach offering a marvellous sunset view
- The famous caves in Matala area, inhabited in the prehistoric times
- The palm tree forest at Vai
- The tasty Cretan cuisine
- The small harbours in Bali, Rethymno
- *Drosoulites* i.e. visions appearing around Fragkokastello
- The Minoan palace of Knossos
- Elounda's cosmopolitan harbour
- A *raki* drink with the locals

# Sail the Dream...



Aegean Rally



Naxos



## Useful websites:

Greek National Tourism Organisation	<a href="http://www.visitgreece.gr">www.visitgreece.gr</a>
Hellenic Sailing Federation	<a href="http://www.eio.gr">www.eio.gr</a>
Hellenic Water Ski Federation	<a href="http://www.waterski.gr">www.waterski.gr</a>
Greek Federation of Submarine Activity - Sport Fishing and Technical Swimming	<a href="http://www.eoyda.gr">www.eoyda.gr</a>

## Greek Weather Forecasting Sites

<a href="http://www.hnms.gr">www.hnms.gr</a>
<a href="http://www.meteo.ntua.gr">www.meteo.ntua.gr</a>
<a href="http://www.poseidon.ncmr.gr">www.poseidon.ncmr.gr</a>
<a href="http://www.noa.gr/forecast">www.noa.gr/forecast</a>
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## Water sports activities: take your pick!

You are in Greece, so, here are some of your holiday options: adventure and water sports activities by or inside warm crystal-clear waters, in the multitude of bays, gulfs and lagoons. Enjoy expensive-style holiday activities, only reasonably priced. Walk on sun-kissed beaches, feel the pristine waters and gaze at the blue skies; go deep sea fishing or have a luxurious dinner cruise or charter a boat and sail out in the open sea!

Greece and its thousands of islands is really a water sports heaven! Windsurfing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, scuba diving are only a few of the water sports you can practice. The country ranks high on the list of windsurfing destinations: lovely coastal scenery, high quality services, associated with a high standard of living that is affordable and a unique culture to boast about. There are hundreds of windsurfing spots. The best known ones are by the islands of Paros, Rhodes, Kos, Lefkada, Andros and in Schinias (Attica), but if you are in an exploratory mood you will find that there are unsurfed waves practically everywhere along and off the Greek coastline. If you are into waterskiing, visit the worldwide known Vouliagmeni beach in Attica, Poros Island, Porto Cheli, Lake Pamvotis & Lake Kaiafas: they rank high in the list of international boardsailing venues.

Wakeboarding is a sport which combines features from surfing, snowboarding, skating and waterskiing. Wakeboarders have their own spots and every year they renew their rendezvous with the waves for impressive raleys, hoochies, vulcans and tantrums.

Diving has been an activity practiced by people in Greece in as early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC. Greek seas offer to scuba diving enthusiasts an abundance of dive sites such as reefs and underwater caves, fascinating canyons and underwater ways. Water temperature varies from 18 to 26 degrees and fine weather will permit a visibility of up to 25 metres. You may come across all sorts of marine animals such as dolphins, barracudas, stingrays, sea-turtles, rare snails, nudibranchs, jack fishes, soldier fishes, octopuses, murray-eels, trumpet fishes, many kinds of basses and lots more...

Deep sea fishing, freshwater fishing, luxury yachts, dinner cruises, gaming cruises, speedboats, bareboat and sailboat charters are only a few of the activities you can enjoy on Greek waters and beaches.

Greece is a great choice for your holidays whether you're already a water sports fan or are keen to try a new activity.

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

Central Port Authority of Piraeus	<b>+30 210 4511311-9</b>
Hellenic Coast Guard	<b>108</b>
National Centre for Immediate Medical Assistance	<b>166</b>
Life Line S.O.S.	<b>175</b>
European Emergency Number	<b>112</b>
Domestic directory enquiries	<b>11888</b>
International directory enquiries	<b>139</b>
Tourist Police	<b>171</b>

## Useful Information

### Fuel service

Diesel fuel for sailing boats is available at any port of the country. Tanker boats fill up the smaller sailing boats under the supervision of local port authorities.

Further information on VHF, channel 12.

### Catering – Equipment – Other Provisions

There are caterers of food, ice, liquid gas and other goods in every Greek port.

Further information on VHF, channel 12.

### Repairs

All types of repairs on any type of boat can be undertaken in most Greek harbours, at a short distance from the port-areas of Continental Greece and at the major port areas on the islands. On smaller or remote islands, the range of repairs is narrower and on limited types of boats.

### Marinas - Anchorages

Here is a list of a number of marinas and smaller docking areas across the country.

#### Marinas

NAME	LOCATION	CAPACITY
<b>Ionian Sea - Western Greece</b>		
Gouvia	Corfu Island	960 - 1235
Kleopatra - Aktio	Aitolokarnania - Central Greece	88
Vounaki	Aitolokarnania - Central Greece	70
<b>Peloponnese</b>		
Patras	Achaia	450
Kalamata	Messinia	250
Xylokastro	Korinthia	220
Methana	Argolida	70
<b>Crete</b>		
Agios Nikolaos	Lasithi	253
Gouves Pediados	Heraklion	72
<b>Attica - Argo-Saronic Gulf</b>		
Alimos	Attica	677
Vouliagmeni	Attica	115
Glyfada	Attica	780
Zea	Attica	625
Floisvos	Attica	186
Olympic Marina, Lavrio	Attica	685
<b>North Aegean Sea</b>		
Aretsou	Kalamaria, Thessaloniki	245
Porto - Carras	Halkidiki	315
Porto - Sani	Halkidiki	215
<b>Dodecanese</b>		
Mandraki	Rhodes Island	115 - 175
Kos	Kos Island	250

#### Anchorages

<b>Ionian Sea</b>	
Paxi Island	
Ithaca Island	
Kefalonia Island	
Lefkada Island	
Zakynthos Island	
<b>Peloponnese</b>	
Pylos	
Gythio	
Nafplio	
<b>Attica - Argo-Saronic Gulf</b>	
Mikrolimano, Piraeus	
Aegina Island	
Poros Island	
Hydra Island	
Spetses Island	
<b>Cyclades Islands</b>	
Mykonos Island	
los Island	
<b>North Aegean Sea</b>	
Lesvos Island	
Samos Island	
Chios Island	
<b>Dodecanese</b>	
Patmos Island	
Symi Island	



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