

GREECE – THE ISLANDS OF THE AEGEAN

8-days / 7-nights island hopping & cycling Kos and the sun islands of the Greek Aegean



Explore the magical 'Sun Islands' of the Aegean Sea by bicycle and aboard a comfortable Turkish gulet. These islands are filled with historical monuments and are the source of many legends. Relax while swimming in idyllic bays, enjoy panoramic views, and explore a turbulent, glorious past. Visit ancient Asclepion where Hippocrates, the famous physician, practiced his art. Enjoy the peaceful and lovely island Lipsi and dive into the atmosphere of the holy island Patmos. The cruise starts and ends in the cosmopolitan Turkish seaside resort of Bodrum.

Stay on a beautifully crafted PREMIUM motor yacht, built in the style of a traditional Turkish gulet (sailing boat). The boat has spacious, comfortably furnished cabins and lounge/dining areas: a spacious saloon / bar and outside shaded rear deck area. All cabins are equipped with an ensuite bathroom and air-conditioning. The sun deck has mattresses and cushions and is an ideal place to relax.

This moderate to challenging level cycling tour requires a good level of fitness acquired from regular cycling. The cycling routes are 15km to 45km, often through hilly or mountainous areas with some uphill stretches. There is time to stop and enjoy the scenery along the way. A limited number of E-bikes are available at extra cost, please ask when booking. The roads are mostly sealed and each day you can either decide to bike independently using the maps provided or join the tour guides. Free time is set aside each day to swim or relax on board the boat.

Cost from: \$3650 per person (twin share lower deck cabin) Single cabin (lower deck) supplement \$1355

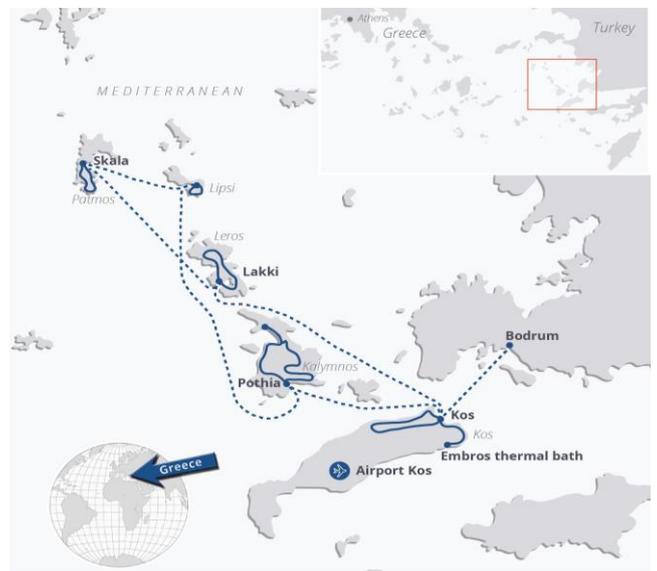
Departs: 27 April, 11, 25 May, 8 June, 31 August, 14, 28 September, 12 October 2024

Cruise includes: 7-nights in double / twin or single cabins with shower/toilet, 7 nights half board (includes breakfast and either lunch or dinner onboard), bottled drinking water, English and German speaking tour guide, guided cycling tours as described, 21-gear hybrid bike hire with pannier, museum and archaeological entry fees as described in the itinerary.

Not included: Transfers from Bodrum airport to ship, personal expenses and gratuities, meals on land, drinks, entrance fees to sites not included in the tour, bicycle insurance (can be pre-paid if required).



CALL OUTDOOR TRAVEL ON 1800 331 582 FOR DETAILS OR RESERVATIONS



Suggested itinerary: *subject to weather and sailing conditions, the route may operate in reverse as necessary.*

Day 1 Saturday: Arrive Bodrum

Arrive at the port of Bodrum, where the picturesque 15th Century crusader castle towers above the marina. Check-in from 2.00pm onboard the gulet. Welcome dinner on board and time to explore Bodrum.

Day 2 Sunday: Kos Island

cycling @ 30km

Before lunch we sail to Kos and explore the island by bicycle, with time for a refreshing swim in the Mediterranean. We pass the world-famous archaeological excavation site of the Asclepion, where Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, practised. We spend the evening in Kos, the lively capital of the island, with its Roman forum, the fortress of the Knights of St. John and the mosques from the time when Kos was part of the Ottoman Empire. While away an hour or two relaxing this evening in one of the town's numerous bars and cafés.

Day 3 Monday: Leros Island

cycling @ 28km

In the morning we cruise to the island of Leros with its small harbour. Our cycling takes us to the fort of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem in Agia Marina and then to the seaside chapel of Agios Isidoros. We hug the coastline and there is time for a swim before rejoining the boat to sail to Patmos Island, weather permitting. Patmos' whitewashed buildings and its towering monastery can be seen from afar.

Day 4 Tuesday: Islands of Patmos and Lipsi

cycling @ 12-16km

We ride to the grotto where St John is reputed to have received visions of the Apocalypse during his captivity on the island. We discover the famous monastery of St. John of Chora in a village with alleyways and many churches and chapels. We cycle past a wonderful beach to the port and meet the boat for lunch. We cruise on to Lipsi in the afternoon, where there is a divine pastry shop at the port.

Day 5 Wednesday: Islands of Lipsi and Kalymnos

cycling @ 9-16km

This morning we explore Lipsi by bike, cycling around the whole tiny island, with perhaps a chance to visit one of its secluded beaches. In the afternoon we sail to Kalymnos and the main port of Pothia, where we moor for the night. There is time to explore Pothia's old town and learn about the sponge divers – the sponge-diving industry brought great wealth to Kalymnos in the 19th Century.

Day 6 Thursday: Kalymnos Island – Kos Island

cycling @ 42km

After breakfast we cycle across Kalymnos. The first impression may be of a rocky and barren place, but as we cycle over the pass from Emporios the green valley opens up in front of us. We ride through varied landscapes then return to Pothia for lunch before cruising to Kos town for an overnight stay.

Day 7 Friday: Kos Island and Bodrum

cycling @ 24km

Cycle to the Embros thermal spring, where the hot waters of the thermal pool contrast with the cooler sea water. After lunch our last cruise is to the Turkish port of Bodrum. There is time to explore the old town including the castle of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem and the remains of the famous Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the *Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*. We have a farewell dinner onboard the boat.

Day 8 Saturday: Tour ends in Bodrum. Disembark the boat after breakfast.

CALL OUTDOOR TRAVEL ON 1800 331 582 FOR DETAILS OR RESERVATIONS



Contact the experienced staff at Outdoor Travel for more details and reservations:

- Call Toll free 1800 331 582 or (03) 57551743 or Fax (03) 57501020
- Email: info@outdoortravel.com.au
- Web: <http://www.outdoortravel.com.au>
- Mail: Outdoor Travel Pty Ltd, PO Box 286, Bright, VIC 3741, Australia