

GREECE – IONIAN ISLANDS FROM CORFU TO CEPHALONIA / ATHENS

8-days / 7-nights Moderate to challenging **PREMIUM** GUIDED cycling & sailing between scenic islands



The Ionian Islands are to the west of the Greek mainland. The archipelago is a place of sparkling colours: silvery green vegetation, deep blue skies and the clear azure Ionian Sea. Starting from the popular island of Corfu or bustling Athens, our journey takes us off the beaten track to discover Ithaca, known locally as the '*diamond of the Ionians*', to see the abundant bird life of Lefkas, the rugged mountains of Cephalonia and the beautiful olive groves of Paxos. Relax, soak in the beauty and enjoy the delicious Greek cuisine in the local restaurants and onboard our traditional motor yacht.

Bike & Boat cycling cruises combine cycling and island hopping, making them ideal for partners with different interests or fitness levels. Unpack once and return each evening to a comfortable cabin with private bathroom and a freshly prepared meal. Choose to cycle (typically 25–50 km daily, with some hills) or relax onboard and enjoy the cruise. It's a flexible, enjoyable way to explore at your own pace.

From & back to Corfu, cost from: \$3950 per person (twin share lower deck)

From & back to Corfu departure dates: 17, 24 April; 15, 22 May; 12, 19 June; 10 July; 14 August; 4, 11 September; 2, 9, 16, 23 October, 2027

Corfu to Athens or v.v. cost from: \$4130 per person (twin share lower deck)

Corfu to Athens departure dates: 1, 29 May; 26 June; 21 August; 18 September, 2027

Athens to Corfu departure dates: 8 May; 5 June; 3 July; 28 August; 25 September, 2027

Upper deck supplement from \$635 per person (twin share) Single cabin supplement on request

Mid/High season supplements from \$270-545 per person, applies to all departures 8 May to 16 Oct 2027

Includes: 7 nights on a motor yacht with crew, in comfortable cabin with ensuite; 2 days at full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), 5 days at half-board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner); English speaking tour guide and guided cycling tours; hire of hybrid bicycle with pannier; group entry to museums and archaeological sites.

Not included: Personal expenses, gratuities, local fees, drinking water, port & tourist taxes (approximately €80 per person paid to captain), drinks, meals taken onshore on half-board days, transfers to/from the ship (group transfer from Corfu airport on arrival or departure date can be booked at extra cost - please ask for details), bike helmet (mandatory – we recommend you bring your own, some available aboard, must be requested beforehand), bicycle insurance (available at additional cost) E-bike hire available at extra cost – please request when booking as there is limited availability.

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Suggested itinerary, from & back to Corfu: subject to weather and sailing conditions
Selected departures operate Corfu to Athens or vice versa, please ask for detailed itinerary

Day 1 (Saturday) Arrive in Corfu

Plan to arrive at the boat from 2.00pm onwards. Dinner is on board and overnight mooring in the port of Corfu.

Day 2 (Sunday) Corfu Island – Sivota – Parga – Lefkas Island cycling @ 30km

After breakfast we sail to Sivota and then ride to Parga, the main tourist town on the west coast of the mainland. A highlight is the medieval fort above the old town. We rejoin the yacht and head to Nidri on Lefkas Island.

Day 3 (Monday) Island of Lefkas cycling @ 35km

After breakfast we cycle to waterfalls just outside Nidri, where we may get in a swim, then continue along peaceful roads through the mountains via Siyros to the picturesque harbor town of Sivota. From there we cruise to our overnight stop at Fiskardo on the northern tip of Cephalonia. Visitors are charmed by Fiskardo's historic buildings, traditional fishing boats, and the cafés, bars and restaurants on the harbour promenade.

Day 4 (Tuesday) Cephalonia Island cycling @ 40km

We cycle today from Fiskardo to Sami, along the impressive mountain pass on the eastern coast of Cephalonia. We can stop for photographs, especially the panoramic view across to neighbouring Ithaca. En route to Sami we can stop for an optional visit to the stalactite and stalagmite caves of Melissani, which can only be viewed in row boats. After our cycle tour we cruise to Vathy on Ithaca.

Day 5 (Wednesday) Islands of Ithaca – Meganisi cycling @ 20km or 30km

Picturesque Ithaca, the home of the mythical king Odysseus, is an island where time seems to stand still. On our cycle route we can enjoy the gnarled olive trees, crystal clear water and friendly islanders of Ithaca. From Frikes the boat takes us to the island of Meganisi (passing the private island of shipping magnate Aristoteles Onassis).

Day 6 (Thursday) Island of Meganisi – Paxos**cycling @ 20km**

In the morning we explore the island of Meganisi, cycling along quiet island roads and through the three villages of the island, giving us a good impression of the traditional life of the Greeks. In the afternoon we sail to Paxos, where we have the option to spend the evening in a cozy taverna in Gaios.

Day 7 (Friday) Islands of Paxos and Corfu**cycling @ 25km**

The beautiful olive groves of Paxos, the smallest of the seven Ionian Islands, give the island its wonderful silvery green colour. Our ride takes us around the island, stopping to have a swim in the Mediterranean at one of the many beaches. After lunch we cruise back to Corfu town, and enjoy dinner on board, a festive final get-together in a cosy atmosphere with crew and tour guides.

Day 8 (Saturday) Corfu town

Tour ends after breakfast with optional transfers to the airport or ask about extending your stay in Greece.



Outdoor Travel offers Bike & Boat cruises to the Dalmatian coast of Croatia, the Lycian Coast of Turkey and several locations in Italy. Bike & Barge cycling cruises are available on many of the canals and rivers of Europe including Bordeaux, Loire Valley and Burgundy or Provence in France. We also offer several routes in Holland, Belgium and Germany. Inn-to-inn cycling tours are available in Europe, Australia or New Zealand.

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