

## GREECE & TURKEY – SOUTHERN AEGEAN & DODECANESE ISLANDS

8-days / 7-nights with moderate cycling from Bodrum PREMIUM PLUS GUIDED **E-BIKE** cruise



Explore the Dodecanese islands of the Southern Aegean Sea on a traditionally styled motor yacht and by E-bike. Highlights include charming Symi Island with its neo-classical buildings, the towering volcano crater of Nisyros, and Kos with its Greek, Roman and Ottoman past. A journey to introduce you to the sponge divers of Symi, the Knights of St John and the turbulent history of this region of beautiful and unique islands in a sparkling blue sea. We sail on a beautifully crafted Premium Plus motor yacht in the style of a traditional Turkish gulet (sailing boat). The boat has comfortable air-conditioned cabins and a spacious saloon / bar and outside shaded rear deck area. The sun deck has mattresses and cushions and is an ideal place to relax.

**Cost from:** \$5085 per person (twin share lower deck) Single cabin supplement on request

**Mid/high season supplements** from \$545 - \$910 per person on selected dates

Mandatory Greece-Turkey transit surcharge (transit log fee) \$385 per person.

**Departs:** 23 April; 4, 25 June; 3, 17 September; 1 October 2027

**Includes:** 7 nights comfortable cabin accommodation, half board (breakfast and either dinner or lunch), multilingual cycle guide, cycling tours as per itinerary, **E-bike hire**, museum and archaeological site entries on the group visits.

**Not included:** Transfers to/from Bodrum (available at extra cost from Bodrum airport – ask when booking), personal expenses, gratuities, other meals, drinks, drinking water and port & tourist taxes (approximately €80 per person paid to captain), bike insurance (available for extra cost), bike helmet (mandatory – we recommend you bring your own, some available aboard, must be requested beforehand).





**Suggested itinerary** – subject to weather and sailing conditions, may operate in reverse

### Day 1: Arrive Bodrum

Make your way to Bodrum harbour by 2.00pm. A group transfer from Bodrum airport at a set time is available at extra cost if required. We moor here overnight so there is time to explore before dinner onboard.

### Day 2: Bodrum – Yalçıftlık – Kos Island

**cycling @ 38km**

After breakfast a brief cruise to Yalçıftlık, for our first bike ride through pine forests to Camlik, where we can have a coffee break, then through olive groves to Etrim, where descendants of Turkmen tribes still live semi-nomadic lives. Discover regional cuisine during lunch at a local restaurant. Then, returning to Yalçıftlık, we board the boat and cruise to Kos. The Roman Forum, Crusader fortress and Ottoman-era mosques in Kos town gives an insight into the town's turbulent past. Round off the day in one of the numerous bars and cafés.

### Day 3: Kos and Nisyros Island

**cycling @ 30km**

We bike in the direction of the archaeological excavation site of the Asclepion in Kos, a temple dedicated to the god Asclepius where Hippocrates is said to have received his medical training. We circle back along the coast to Kos town. Here we board the boat and cruise to the volcanic island of Nisyros.

### Day 4: Nisyros and Tilos Islands

**cycling @ 30km**

We cycle to picturesque Nikia, built at the edge of a 430-metre high volcanic crater. The white houses and the numerous pebble mosaics bring great character to the village. Have a Greek coffee in the village square before cycling to the crater itself with its steaming sulphur springs, then back to Mandraki, where we set sail for Tilos.

### Day 5: Tilos and Chalki Islands

**cycling @ 22km**

Our morning bike ride takes us from Livadia to Megalochorio, where it is possible to visit the pygmy elephant museum, before returning to the boat. A tasty lunch waits for us on board, then we cruise from Tilos to the island of Chalki, where the island's capital offers a preview of the classical architecture style found on Symi.

### Day 6: Symi Island

**cycling @ 25km**

We sail to Panormitis Bay on Symi Island this morning and visit the Byzantine monastery of Michalis Panormitis, with its famous icon of Archangel Michael Panormitis, the island's patron saint and guardian of sailors. We cycle a winding road over a ridge to the other side of the island, with plenty of time to stop and rest, to the island's capital city, Symi town. In the evening walk the 500 steps to the upper town of Symi to view the deep gorge.

### Day 7: Datça – Knidos – Bodrum

**cycling @ 41km**

From Symi we make our way to the neighbouring Datça peninsula in Turkey. We cycle along the peninsula to the ruins of Knidos, dating back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Century BC. It has a well-preserved amphitheatre and temple to Dionysus, the Greek god of wine. We sail to Bodrum for our last night and have a farewell dinner onboard the boat.

### Day 8: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast. You may like to pre-book a transfer to Bodrum airport at extra cost.

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