

## GREECE – CENTRAL AEGEAN BIKE & BOAT 2008

*With a comfortable Turkish Gulet and by bicycle you explore the sunny islands of the Greek Aegean. These islands are a magic and mystic world, rich in historic evidences and stories. A world, where the sun is painting its pictures and the sea is providing life. Join with us a mystery tour and experience the Greek Aegean with a very special view from the sea and from the land. Relax in idyllic bays, enjoy the wonderful outlooks and follow the traces of a moving and glorious past. Come with us to the famous Asclipion, where the well known doctor Hippocrates practiced. Dive into the atmosphere of the holy island of Patmos or admire the wonderful panoramas on your bicycle tour on the island of Samos.*

*Our easy to moderate graded cycling tours are all-inclusive. They require a basic level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. The tours will range up to a height of 200 - 400m above sea level. The daily itineraries of 20 - 60km will take you through hilly, sometimes mountainous terrain without any time-constraints. There are long and steep climbs but there is plenty of time to rest or walk as you choose. You are free to set aside a time each day to swim or relax on board the boat as the mood takes you. We will travel mostly on sealed roads (rarely travelled outside the holiday season) and each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the two tour guides.*

**Greece - Central Aegean:** \$1930 per person (twin share). **Single supplement:** on request  
**Departs:** 26 Apr, 3, 10 May, 11, 18 Oct 08 Starts Bodrum & Ends Kusadasi

*Cruise includes: 7-day-trip on a motor yacht with a crew of four - double / twin or single cabins with shower/toilet, Full board on the ship includes breakfast, lunch & dinner, English-German speaking tour guide & 6-guided cycling tours as described in itinerary, 21-Speed trekking bike rental with bike bag.*

*Not included in tour: Personal expenses & gratuities, drinks – tally sheet onboard to be paid at end of trip etc, Museum entries, Transfer Izmir Airport – ship on request*

We highly recommend you bring a bike helmet on this trip.

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY** – subject to weather & sailing conditions

### **Day 1 (Sat) Bodrum (Boarding)**

Individual arrival at Izmir Airport and transfer to the ship in Bodrum. After checking in on board of the gulet, you will have the opportunity to visit the picturesque port town of Bodrum. Dinner on board. Some passengers will join the trip late in the evening.

### **Day 2 (Sun) Island of Kos**

**(approx. 30 km/19 mi. by bike)**

Vor dem Mittagessen Überfahrt nach Kos. Dort beginnt Ihre erste Radtour, die Sie durch grüne Ebenen zum Tingaki Beach führt, wo Sie Gelegenheit haben, ein erstes Bad in der Ägäis zu nehmen. Am Abend begleiten Sie die Reiseleiter in die lebhafteste Altstadt von Kos. Die antike Geschichte der Stadt begegnet Ihnen hier auf Schritt und Tritt.

### **Day 3 (Mon) Island of Kos**

**(approx. 30 km/19 mi. by bike)**

In the morning you will take a cycle trip to the world famous archaeological excavation site of the Asclipion, where Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, practiced. From here you will travel on to Zia, an old Greek mountain village, which tempts you to stay with its numerous, cosy tavernas. In the afternoon you will cross over on the boat to Leros, where you will spend the night.

### **Day 4 (Tue) Island of Leros**

**(approx. 25 km/16 mi. by bike)**

Leros is green, varied and always offers new and surprising views into small harbours. A cycle trip in the morning will bring you to the fort of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem in Agia Marina and into the small laneways of the town. After an espresso break in the idyllic harbour of the town you will cycle on to the seaside chapel of Agios Isidoros, in which many couples get married. After lunch you will travel in the Aegean Clipper to Lipsi, where you will have time to enjoy the small peaceful town with its numerous chapels.



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**Day 5 (Wed) Island of Lipsi****(approx. 15 km/9 mi. by bike)**

Your tour guide will show you the quiet beaches and parts of this island with its 55 churches, which has been largely spared from tourism. Afterwards a beautiful, peaceful beach invites you to enjoy a long swim break. You mustn't miss a visit to the wonderful bakery in the harbour. In the afternoon you will cross over to Patmos by boat, which can be seen from afar with its snow white upper town and its towering monastery.

**Day 6 (Thu) Island of Patmos****(approx. 25 km/16 mi. by bike)**

On a short but panoramic cycle route you will visit the grotto, in which St. John during his banishment by god saw the apocalypse. The world famous St. John monastery of Hora, a village, which has a paradise-like peaceful atmosphere with its numerous white laneways and 33 churches and chapels, is the next stop on your cycle. In the afternoon you will crossover by boat to the island of Samos to the picturesque harbour of Pythagorio with its lively beach promenade.

**Day 7 (Fri) Island of Samos - Kusadasi****(approx. 30 km/19 mi. by bike)**

From Pythagorio you will start off on this longer tour through charming island villages to the panoramic road 400m high. In this cultural landscape you will be surrounded by magnificent cypress and popular trees. Along the way you will visit the famous Hera sanctuary of Samos. From the highest point on the cycle tour you will be able to enjoy the view of the Turkish Dilek mountains in the distance. A 15 km long descent brings you back to the harbour in Pythagorio. In the afternoon the boat will take you to Kusadasi on the Turkish coast.

**Day 8 (Sat) Disembarkation and departure**

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to the airport.

**This trip is conducted in the opposite direction every other week.**

**Your boarding harbour is stated on your booking confirmation.**

**THE BOATS... The individual boat can vary, but all are renovated to a comfortable standard. For example:**

**The SUNWORLD IX** - The "Sunworld IX" is a typical Turkish sailing ship, a so-called Gulet. The boat, which is 30 m long and 7,30 m wide, combines a great comfort with functionality in an outstanding way. The "Sunworld IX" was built in the year 1999 especially for cruises and offers enough space for 16 guests. The generous saloon with its comfortable seats and the spacious sun deck with cosy mats are at the guests' disposal. When the weather conditions are fine, guests can have meals outside on the rear deck of the boat. The ship, which is completely air-conditioned, has four double cabins and four triple cabins. A crew of four takes great care of the well being of our guests with the traditional Turkish hospitality. The four double cabins are equipped with a French bed, the triple cabins with a French bed and a single bed. Every cabin has a private little bathroom with shower/WC.

**The „BAHRIYELI“** - On the Turkish south coast a Bahriyeli is a synonym for greatest possible comfort and best material. The three-masted ship reaches the sky and the well shaped hull resists the waves easily. On the ship 8 to 12 spacious cabins with heating/air-conditioning and shower/toilet are available. The tasteful furnished saloon invites you to enjoy your meals and linger around. The sun decks offer you the opportunity to relax and to sunbathe. The crew members understand their job perfectly well and therefore know how to pamper the guests with all kind of delicacies.

**Fitness**

The bike routes require a basic level of fitness, which you can acquire by steady cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 200 to 400 metres. The daily routes, of 20-60 km, cover hilly and mountainous terrain and can be completed without time constraints. You will also come across some longer and rather steep climbs. The tour guides will inform you about the course of the tour in due time. You can also choose to skip a bike-tour and spend a day sunbathing on the ship instead. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday-periods. You can decide every day for yourself, whether you would like to cycle individually, using the maps provided, or join one of the tour guides (or individual participants).

**Bringing Children:**

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and of a minimum age of 10 and previous bicycle tour experience are able to master the bike-tours on their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a rental bike is 1.40 m (4.6 ft.).