

GREECE – CORFU & THE IONIAN ISLANDS

8-days / 7-nights island hopping through history with harbour towns, beaches and moderate cycling



The home of Odysseus, the Ionian Islands off the west coast of Greece where Hellas is at its most verdant. Natural wonders, the crystal clear blue shimmering Ionian Sea and centuries of Venetian influences dominate the archipelago of the Ionian Islands. From Zakynthos with its idyllic beaches where large sea turtles lay their eggs, to the bird sanctuary island of Lefkas, the fantastic mountain world of Cephalonia and the famous island of Ithaca, this journey will help you discover the lesser known attractions of this fascinating part of Greece.

Our accommodation is an affectionately restored two masted motor yacht, 23 ft. wide and 102 ft. long with all the comfort requirements of bike and boat cruises. There are 6-cabins below deck and 4-cabins above deck (book early if you want the upper-deck cabins). All cabins are air-conditioned and equipped with a French bed (a double & single bunk bed as pictured overleaf), one single bed and private shower and toilet. There is room for all guests in the spacious saloon to eat meals inside and to relax. When the weather conditions are fine the guests can take their meals outside on the shaded rear deck area. The spacious sun deck, equipped with cosy mats, invites you to relax.

Our moderate level cycling tours require a basic level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. The bike routes have a length of 20 to 50 km and can lead through hilly or mountainous areas - some uphill stretches are included. The roads are mostly sealed and each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the tour guides. Free time is set aside each day to swim or relax on board the boat as the mood takes you.

Cost: AU\$2095 per person (twin share lower deck cabins). Single cabin supplement: AU\$1045

Upper deck: Supplement: AU\$85 per person (twin share). Single cabin: AU\$170

Departs: 21,28 April, 5,12* May, 23*,30 June, 7,14 July, 8,25* August, 29* September, 6,13,20 October, 2012

Starts & Ends: Corfu

* Denotes special departures or different itineraries – ask for details

Cruise includes: 7-nights in double / twin or single cabins with own shower/toilet (bed linen & towels provided), 2 nights full board on the ship includes breakfast, lunch & dinner, 5 nights at half board includes breakfast & dinner, English & German speaking cycle tour guide with 6-guided cycling tours as described in itinerary, 21-gear hybrid bike hire with pannier, museum & archaeological site entries on the group visits.

Not included: Personal expenses & gratuities, meals on land, drinks, transfer from Corfu Airport to the ship (available on request @ €40 each way). Helmets available but we recommend you buy or bring your own.

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Suggested itinerary – subject to weather & sailing conditions

Day 1 (Saturday) Arrive Corfu

Make your own way to the port of Corfu. Check-in is from 2pm onboard your traditional wooden ship. Dinner on board. Overnight stay Corfu.

Day 2 (Sunday) Corfu Island – Sivota – Lefkas Island (Cycling @ 28 km)

In the morning the boat cruises to Sivota, from where you cycle to Parga, the only centre of tourism on the western coast of the Greek mainland. Parga is a pretty town with the medieval fort, which towers over the old town. Rejoin the boat for the cruise to Nidri on Lefkas Island. On the way the boat will pass the original swing-bridge, which connects Lefkas with the Greek mainland.

Day 3 (Monday) Islands of Lefkas and Cephalonia (Cycling @ 35 km)

This morning, cycle from Nidri to nearby waterfalls. If you are lucky they carry still enough water for a refreshing morning swim. From there follow quiet roads through the mountains past Sivros and on to meet the boat at the harbour in Sivota. After a short cruise, the boat will anchor at Porto Katsiki, one of the most famous beaches in Greece, for those who want to swim. The boat then cruises to Fiskardo on Cephalonia, to spend the night. The charming harbour town on the Northern point of the island is awash with colorful houses and numerous cafés and bars along the picturesque harbor promenade.

Day 4 (Tuesday) Cephalonia Island (Cycling @ 39 km)

Today's ride departs Fiskardo for a cycle along the high road of the western coast of the island, where there are unforgettable sights, including the panoramic view down to Myrtos beach. Continue on through the interior of the island and finally reach the eastern coast of Cephalonia with the harbour of Sami. On the way you may get to visit the stalactite and stalagmite caves of Melissani, which can only be viewed in rowboats. In the late afternoon the boat cruises to Vathi on the island of Ithaca.

Day 5 (Wednesday) Islands of Ithaca and Meganisi (Cycling @ 21 + 13 km)

Ithaca, the homeland of the mythical king Odysseus is a hilly island with a beautiful landscape. This is a chance to enjoy the typical character of the Ionian Islands away from the beaten tourist track: gnarled olive trees, crystal clear water and friendly islanders – time appears to stand still on Ithaca. From Frikes the boat then takes us to the small island of Meganisi. On the way you pass the private island of the influential ship-owner Aristoteles Onassis. Meganisi is a tiny, charming island, which you can explore by bike in the afternoon.

Day 6 (Thursday) Mytikas – Lefkas town (Cycling @ 49 km)

The day starts with a morning cruise to Mytikas on the Greek mainland. From Mytikas ride along the coast and further on panoramic roads, passing some mountain villages until you reach Lefkas town. In the afternoon there is another cruise to Paxos Island, whose unique natural harbour in Gaios creates a very special island atmosphere. There is the chance to spend the evening in a cozy tavern in Gaios.

Day 7 (Friday) Islands of Paxos and Corfu (Cycling @ 23 km)

Paxos, the smallest of the seven Ionian Islands is a grove of olive trees, which gives the island its wonderful silver green color. Today you circle the island by bike, before a last swim in the Mediterranean on one of the

many beaches. After lunch the boat cruises back to Corfu town, for a last dinner on board, before a leisurely evening in the romantic historical town centre.

Day 8 (Saturday) Tour ends in Corfu.

Guests disembark after breakfast.



Other Bike & Boat cruises available in Greece – ask for full itinerary details:

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The Cyclades Islands departs: 19 May, 2, 9, 16 June, 8, 15, 22 September, 2012
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