

SAILING THE GREEK ISLANDS: 8 DAYS IN THE CYCLADES ISLANDS ABOARD THE YACHT IRINA

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About Your Yacht:

The **Irina** is the ideal size yacht for your trip around the Greek Islands. Perfectly sized enough to navigate the little coves and village harbors Irina is spacious and each passenger has plenty of personal space below decks and room for a sunbed topsides. Generally, the yacht anchors in a picturesque cove in the middle of the day (lunch on board) before sailing to the next island harbor in the afternoon. Breakfast and lunch are served aboard and dinner each evening is available in one of the island's "tavernas".

Day 1-Saturday evening: Mykonos

Fly to Mykonos island, travel by taxi to **Irina** to join the captain and his crew at the harbor. You will board Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

First night on board

Day 2 to Day 7-Cruise among the islands from Mykonos→Delos→Rhynia→Paros, Antiparos→Naxos→The small Cyclades →Mykonos

Mykonos:

Stroll through Mykonos' **narrow marbled streets**, and admire **whitewashed houses with colorful doors and window frames**; **bougainvillea trees in purple bloom**, and **hidden churches**.

Visit the church of **Panayia Paraportiani**, the **Town Hall**, and the **castle** situated above the harbor. Wander around the pedestrian shopping streets of the Hóra, always colorful and busy. Soak in the beauty and lively atmosphere of the **waterfront**, and see a **fleet of fishing boats casting colorful reflections in the azure waters**.

One of the most scenic corners of the island is Alefkántra or "**Little Venice**", an 18th century district dominated by grand **captains' mansions with colorful balconies** and stylish windows. Relax at a waterfront café and admire the view of the **windmills standing imposingly on the hillside** above.

The second traditional settlement of Mykonos is **Áno Merá**, situated around the historic monastery of **Panayia Tourliani** (a 16th century church with a brilliantly carved wooden statues). To the north, in **Fteliá**, lies an important Neolithic settlement, and a 14th-13th century B.C. Mycenaean tomb.

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If you are looking for a serene beach far from the cosmopolitan and vibrant side of the island, go to the northern coast and relax in **Ayia Ánna, Houlákia, Kápari, Agrári** and **Ayios Stéfanos**.

Rhynia / Delos:

Delos is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. It is an ark of history, floating lazily on **the waters of the Aegean Sea**, just a few miles away from the cosmopolitan Mykonos. Here, you will learn about the revival of the **glory of the Greek civilization**. It's the head priest of the Cyclades, **the birthplace of the immortals**. In ancient times, the myth of god **Apollo**, god of light, and goddess **Artemis** having been born there rendered the island sacred; no mortal would ever be allowed to be born on its land.

Paros:

Páros has it all: **beaches to laze on with crystal clear waters, Byzantine footpaths connecting traditional villages** and breathtaking landscapes.

Explore **Parikía**, the capital of Páros, a beautiful **Cycladic village with whitewashed cubic houses and impressive neoclassical mansions**. Do not miss the well preserved **13th century Venetian castle** which stands proudly on a hill at the centre of the village offering **an amazing view of Parikía**.

Discover the **baptistery from the 4th century AD**, one of the best preserved baptisteries in the Orthodox East, and the Byzantine Museum.

Wander through the traditional charming villages of **Náoussa**, where the **ruins of a Venetian fortress** stand at the entrance to its small harbour.

Léfkes is set up in the mountains and surrounded by a rich green landscape. It has very well preserved Cycladic and neoclassical buildings, beautiful squares and **narrow marble alleys**.

Antiparos:

You will love the **enchanting and quiet atmosphere of Antiparos** with its **stone-paved streets**, its **whitewashed alleys**, its houses decorated with **bougainvilleas** and the central square with its **shadowy eucalyptus trees**.

Explore the **cave of Antiparos on Ayios Ioánnis Hill**, where you will find the **oldest stalagmite** in Europe! The cave is 295 feet deep, 164 wide and 131 high, and consists of three chambers.

The small Cyclades:

Located between Naxos and Amorgos, **Donoussa, Pano Koufonissi, Schinoussa, Iraklia**, are the only populated islands of the small Cyclades.

Encounter the **friendly and hospitable locals** and **savor delicious local seafood dishes**.

Enjoy the **numerous beaches**, the different shades of **blue and turquoise of the clear water** will fascinate you.

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Naxos:

Náxos is the biggest and the **greenest** island in **Cyclades** with **high mountains, fertile valleys, lush green gorges**, stunning seascapes and **traditional villages** perched high on mountain tops.

Hike on the 19 miles trail from Apeíranthos to Moutsouna beach and enjoy the **breathtaking view to the Archipelago all the way!**

Climb to the top of Zas Mountain, Cyclades' highest mountain! Visit the beautiful **cave of Zas**, that used to be dedicated to Milosios Zeus and observe its **impressive stalactite formations**.

Explore traditional villages spread around the island, with a particular, “magical” character: **Apérathos** is a colorful mountainous village boasting five museums, stone-built houses, beautiful squares and narrow alleys paved with marble. **Filoti**, built on the top of a rock, is a **picturesque mountainous village surrounded by lush vegetation** with cubic shaped houses and narrow stone-paved alleys.

Taste quality local products, like olive oil, potatoes, spoon sweets, the island's famous liqueur (called “Kitron”) and all the renowned cheeses of Náxos.

Day 8: Saturday morning (B) → Mykonos

Disembark around 9 a.m. at Mykonos. Spend few more hours in Mykonos, go shopping, have your last drink on a terrace before flying back home.

This represents our usual sail plan but can be modified as needed for weather conditions.

DETAILS

❖ **Departure dates:**

May : from the 03rd to the 10th-from the 10th to 17th-from the 17th to the 24th- from the 24th to the 31st.

June: from the 31st of May to the 07th-from the 07th to the 14th-from the 14th to the 21st-from the 21st the 28th-from the 28th to the 05th of July

September: from the 30th of august to 06th september-from the 06th to the 13th-from the 13th to 20th-from the 20th to 27th-from the 27th to the 04th of

October: from the 04th to the 11th-from the 11th to the 18th- from the 18th to the 25th-from the 25th to the 01st of November.

The rest of the year:

In August and July, cruise in the Sporades islands, <http://denormalise.com/portfolio/sailing-in-greece-sporades-islands-8-days/>

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❖ **Tour duration:** 8 days

❖ **Price starts at:** Price per person in \$ based on double occupancy-2014

	May and October	June and September	July and August
Eco cabin	1445	1535	1780
Eco+ cabin	1535	1690	1800
Master cabin	1780	1940	2130

CABIN EXAMPLES

"Eco" starboard triple cabin on the IRINA
Small windows - Shared toilet / shower



"Eco +" portside backward on the ANATOLIE
Small private toilet / shower - reduced height



"MASTER" starboard cabin on the IRINA
Bathroom - "queen-size" bed - large windows



- ❖ **Group Size:** This cruise is purchased per cabin, but the maximum capacity of the boat is 10 adults.
- ❖ **Start on:** May-June-September-October 2014- July and August on request only
- ❖ **Countries visited:** Greece - the Cyclades Islands
- ❖ **Comfort:** Good
- ❖ **Level of difficulty:** easy
- ❖ **Transport:** sailing on the yacht
- ❖ **Accommodation:** Private double cabin or private triple cabin-Eco (shared bathroom) /Eco (shared bathroom)+/Master cabin (private bathroom)
- ❖ **Additional Information:** Passport needed at the moment of booking

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❖ **What's Included:**

- 8-day cruise aboard the Irina
- English-speaking Skipper and Hostess
- Insurance
- Fuel, harbor fees, and all taxes including VAT.
- Breakfast and lunches from Day 2 through Day 7. Breakfast only on Day 8

❖ **What's not included:**

- €260 half-board and open-bar expenses to be paid in cash on boarding time
- Flights from your country of origin
- The dinners
- Tips for the sailing team

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