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## NORTHERN CYCLADES CRUISE - DISCOVER THE AUTHENTIC GREECE

Embark on a whirlwind journey through the ancient wonders and charming islands of Greece. Begin in Athens, where the Acropolis reigns supreme with its iconic structures like the Parthenon and the Temple of Athena Nike. Dive into history at the Roman Agora and the Ancient Agora before wandering the picturesque streets of Plaka. Then, set sail to the enchanting island of Kea, where shipwrecks, ancient ruins, and traditional pottery workshops await. Syros beckons with its Cycladic and Venetian architecture, while Delos offers a glimpse into ancient mythology. Mykonos exudes glamour and culture, with its museums and traditional villages. Amorgos captivates with its rugged landscapes and historic monasteries, while Naxos boasts fertile valleys and ancient temples. Finally, unwind in Kythnos, known for its thermal springs and pristine beaches, before returning to the bustling port of Piraeus. Highlights include exploring the Acropolis, discovering ancient ruins, and indulging in authentic Greek cuisine.



### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Athens-Piraeus

Start your grand tour of Athens with a proper visit of the Acropolis, the heart of Athens. It hosts many iconic buildings of the Greek Classical age, among them the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, and the Temple of Athena Nike.

Complete your walks of major ancient sites with Roman Agora and the Ancient Agora of Athens.

Find here the Theatre of Dionysus, a classical Athens' main theatre, the first theatre ever built. Many of the great Greek plays were performed here for the first time.

Get to the best preserved ancient Greek temple, Temple of Hephaestus at the ancient Agora.

Wander through the charming historic district at the foot of the Acropolis, Plaka, with its restored 19th-century neoclassical homes, pedestrianized streets, shops and restaurants, and picturesque ruins from the city's Roman era.

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## Day 2 Kea

World known shipwrecks, Royal Oak Forest, ancient lion and Ancient Karthea, plentiful springs.

Take a donkey to ride around Ioulida - the capital village with an artistic atmosphere. Cars are prohibited here!

Climb on the Kastri hill to get to the Monastery of Panagia Kastriani - the patron saint of Kea.

Visit an authentic family pottery workshop right on the top of the hill above the port. You can watch the whole process and buy pottery made fairly on thousand year old technology.

Take one of the most picturesque medieval cobblestone paths from Ioulida to Ancient Karthea and the secluded beach of Poles.

Review the remnants of an ancient acropolis at the Archaeological Site of Karthea.

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## Day 3 Syros

Heart of the Aegean Sea

Sitting in the heart of the Aegean Sea, Syros is a mixture of Cycladic and Venetian architecture. Just imagine whitewashed houses blending with colorful

mansions and big churches, surrounded by the Cycladic nature. Dreamy, right? Ideal for families and couples who seek a romantic, yet laid-back holiday destination, Syros has an elegant and nostalgic vibe that enchants every visitor.

Ermoupoli, the capital of Syros island and also the orthodox town of Syros, is an architectural gem! Colorful mansions, neoclassical buildings, imposing orthodox churches and squares, create the most postcard-perfect place in Syros! For a dip into the culture of Ermoupolis, visit the Town Hall building, which was created by Ernst Ziller, Apollo Theater and Pallas cinema.

Get amazed at the medieval district of Ano Syros north of the capital, which was built amphitheatrically to protect itself from pirate invasions. Feel yourself like an aristocrat in the village of Dellagracia, in the town of Posidonia, walking around its mansions.

Envelope in calmness and nature in the Botanical Garden in the village of Chroussa. Glance at the miracle of Saint Stefanos, a small chapel built inside a cave. Built by a fisherman to repay god for saving him after his boat sank during a storm.

Taste the famous cheese of Syros, San Mihalís, at the traditional village of Ai Mihalís. Delight yourself with more delicacies in the taverns of the seaside village of Galissas, like grilled octopus. The town hosts a big port and acts as a big resort with the largest beach on the island.

## Day 4 Delos

Archaeological sanctuary

Delos, sometimes spelled Dilos, was the most important Panhellenic sanctuary, and, according to mythology, the birth place of Apollo and Artemis. The first signs of habitation on the island date from the 3rd millennium B.C. The Delos archaeological sanctuary is listed by Unesco as one of mankind's most important cultural and historical sites.

Overnight stay on Delos is forbidden. The only "inhabitants" of the island are security personnel and archaeologists.

## Day 4.2 Mykonos

Mykonos is the great glamour island of Greece and flaunts its sizzling St-Tropez-meets-Ibiza style and party-hard reputation. It is the island of

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modern-day celebrities and not the island of spirits of the past. Sharon Stone and Brad Pitt, Madonna and Mike Jagger, Gina Lollobrigida and Sofia Loren visit quite often- this is a holiday!

Appreciate a fine collection of paintings at the Folklore Museum of Mykonos. It will let you travel through the ages of the island's history. Watch classic original movies open-air style at Cine Manto. Hop on to see the traditional ways of living of the locals at the village of Ano Mera. There you can observe farming households, restaurants and monasteries.

Snap a sneaky delightful meal at the best traditional Greek diner, Kiki's Tavern. Despite being a tavern you will experience incredible level of service. Admire the sea view and dine at either higher class places, or you can choose a unique spot like Farma, Mykonos' first farm-to-table restaurant.

Mykonos is the jumping-off point for the archaeological site of the nearby island of Delos.

## Day 5 Amorgos

Amorgos is a quiet mountainous island for nature lovers with minimalistic Cycladic architecture, mysterious caves, and fabulous beaches. Start from the capital - Hora, a medieval settlement with whitewashed houses and stone windmills amongst the labyrinthine alleys. Swim around the Olympia shipwreck in the Bay of Liveros. Swim or dive in two underwater caves near Mouros beach.

Learn the history of Amorgos in the Archaeological Museum, housed in the 16th century Tower of Gavras. View the remnants of the acropolis, defensive walls, Gymnasium, sanctuary and a temple in the Archaeological Site of Minoa. Pass the challenging route to the 11th century Monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa built into the face of a cliff above the beach of Agia Anna.

Take excursion boats to deserted isles of pristine natural beauty - Nikouria and Gramvousa. Hike to the Village of Asfondylitis, a monument of rural architecture, with deserted stone houses, paintings on the carved rocks and church of Agios Nikolaos. Visit the Church of Agios Giannis Theologos, the oldest monastery of Amorgos, where according to a legend, the church was built from a seaman who made a solemn promise for his ship to be saved. Enjoy the view of Aegiali Gulf from the cavernous chapel of Agia Triada. Visit the Chapel of Agia Anna, built on a rock in pure traditional Cycladic style. Explore the northern side that belongs to protected areas of Natura 2000 from Aegiali village - a true specimen of the Cycladic architecture and the nightlife

spot of Amorgos. Dive into the cavern of Nikouria Isle, shipwreck of Manina Three, reef of Gramvonisi Isle, Aegiali Bay, Deep Blue Wall, caves of Sparti and the Old Mines.

Pass through one of the most beautiful hiking routes - Palea Strata that starts from Hora and passes through the Monastery of Hozoviotissa, the villages of Kapsala, Asfondylitis and Potamos and leads to the bay of Aegiali. Observe stars in the dark, and not the daylight polluted sky, through telescopes at Tholaria village. Treat yourself in delicious taverns of Arkesini, one of the oldest settlements of Amorgos. Have shots of homemade "rakomelo", a local alcoholic beverage and taste local delicacies, such as "ladotyri" (local cheese), "xerotigana" (fried pies) and "patatato" (goat meat with potatoes).

## Day 6 Naxos

The largest of the Cyclades, Naxos packs a lot of bang for its buck. Its main city of Hora (known also as Naxos) has a gorgeous waterfront and a web of steep cobbled alleys below its hilltop kastro, all filled with the hubbub of tourism and shopping. You needn't travel far, though, to find isolated beaches, atmospheric mountain villages and ancient sites.

Naxos was a cultural centre of Classical Greece and Byzantium, and Venetian and Frankish influences also left their mark.

Its high mountains form rain clouds, and consequently Naxos is more fertile and green than most of the other Cyclades islands. It produces olives, grapes, figs, citrus fruit, corn and potatoes.

When mooring in the island's capital, Naxos, start your sightseeing with the Castle of Naxos. One of the best preserved fortified settlements of Greece. Naxos is sprinkled with sites of ancient temples. Zeus, Dionysus, Apollo, Demeter and so on. Learn about the locations you should visit on your path in the Naxos Archeological Museum right here in the capital next to the castle. Start off with the Apollo Temple on the small islet next to the old town.

Snack for the day also here in the capital at Naxos cheese making factory, Koufopoulos. Get filled with aromas and tastes at the Olive Oil Mill and Museum Eggaron in Eggares. Drop by Halki, a citrus distillery in Drimalia, if you happen to pass through the center of the island.

Moving inland check the towers of the monastery of Panagia Ypsiloteri near Galini. To this day this monastery remains the strongest fortress in Naxos. Snap yourself a souvenir and learn a few things at Damarionas, a ceramic workshop in Damalas.

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Get a canyon-like feeling at Emery Mines or Smirida in the Za valley. Warm up your spirit with blossoming orchids when traveling along the Galanado road to Halki. Charm yourself with the mountainous village of Apiranthos. Marble houses and arches, Venetian towers, and marble paved alleys. Feel the atmosphere of Cyclades and learn more in the village's five museums.

Itineraries are subject to change.

## Day 7 Kythnos

Kythnos is famous for the first thermal SPA in Greece, sole outdoor Mesolithic settlement, long standing pottery-making tradition and the long sand strip of Kolona beach. Come into the large Cave of Katafyki - former mine and shelter. Test Mulberries and apricots on the way there. Visit the Monastery of Panagia Kanala holding the icon of Virgin Mary, that was revealed by a column of light to fishermen. Treat yourself in the wild Thermal springs of Loutra or Hydrotherapy center - first SPA in Greece appreciated even by Greek royals.

Browse traditional architecture in Messaria (the capital): whitewashed houses, blue windows and domes, stone windmills, labyrinthian alleys, flowery courtyards. Visit sole outdoor Mesolithic (10000 BCE - 8000 BCE) settlement, where one of the oldest human skeletons was found in the Archaeological site of Maroulas. Enjoy the beach of Kolona, which consists of two beaches on both sides of a long strip of sand, that connects the islet of Agios Loukas to the island. Kythnos has 99 beaches mostly unorganized but all are comfortable. Try spearfishing on Agios Ioannis and Naoussa beaches. Drop in for the pottery at the UNESCO awarded pottery workshop.

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## YOUR SHIP: RUNNING ON WAVES

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Running On Waves</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Three-Mast Sailing Vessel, Barquentine</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>64 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	

Running On Waves is one of the biggest sailing yachts in the world. According to SOLAS convention, the highest safety standards are maintained on board a vessel of this class, the same as would apply to a cruise liner carrying thousands of passengers. "Running on Waves" operates under the flag of Malta.

The ship was conceived to combine maneuverability of a sport yacht, the highest standards of comfort and decor, and a shallow draft that allows calling at small marinas inaccessible even to many a big yacht, let alone cruise liners. The unmatched draft of 3.2 metres was made possible owing to a brilliant idea to use lead ballast. The uniqueness of a number of technological solutions confirmed by the US Patent Department. Every guest of ours enjoys 15,5 square metres of available open teakwood deck space, that is three times more than aboard most expensive cruise ships and would befit a most prestigious private mega-yacht.

The policy of the Company is to always keep the boat in a mint condition. That is why, despite her tender age, we do profound refitting every winter, so that in Spring she welcomes you in full

glamour of perfection.

Sails are our main driving power, thus we boast unbeatably low level of fuel consumption, on average 75 l per hour only, which is about 10 times lower than on a motor boat of a comparable size.

Premium comfort notwithstanding, RUNNING ON WAVES is nothing close to a floating hotel or a museum on water, she is a supercharged windship, and with favourable wind can run at 16 - 17 knots under sail. The ship's superbly efficient ratio of sailing surface to displacement 2 sw.m/t makes her one of the fastest sailboats of old and new times.

To make sailing comfortable at any sea conditions, cutting-edge technologies were used, such as pitch-killing stabilizers, while sophisticatedly calculated mass distribution prevents the hull oscillation frequency from resonating with the frequency, which affects human vestibular system. There are desalinators on board which account for the unlimited supply of fresh water. Air-conditioning throughout the vessel makes you feel a sheikh even in hottest days of Mediterranean summer. Our state-of-the-art hydraulic ramp at the stern of the vessel allows for a direct access to water for swimming and water sports.

### Sun Deck

Primary feature -- a spacious deck for sunbathing with 16 chaise lounge chairs, which are accessible at any time absolutely free of charge. Additionally, the ship has a large area of covered surfaces, creating vast shaded zones on open decks, which allow for an enjoyable cruise while being protected from the sun. A fresh water Jacuzzi-swimming pool, accommodating six people, is located in the fore of the ship. In the aft of the

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ship, navigation equipment is behind the command bridge, followed by the massage center and the lounge area. A tour of the command bridge can be arranged at passenger's request. One may enjoy professional massage services in the massage parlor, followed by some downtime on a small sofa in the lounge area.

## Main Deck

The restaurant located on the Main deck is ready to please the ship's guests with delicacies of Mediterranean cuisine. A fantastic Ocean Bar, located in front of the restaurant in the central part of the deck, offers refreshing drinks and exotic cocktails. You can enjoy your breakfast seated on comfortable sofas located in the cockpit, aft of the ship. Smoking is not prohibited in this zone. An observation deck in the fore of the ship is above the bowsprit, creating the feeling of flying over the water! Mini-suites and Premium cabins are located on the main deck. Size of the cabins vary from 16m<sup>2</sup> to 20m<sup>2</sup> (172ft<sup>2</sup> - 215ft<sup>2</sup>).

## Tween Deck

Passenger cabins occupy most of the tween deck. Crew cabins, companion cabins for the crew and the galley are also located on the tween deck. Fully equipped Water sports center with access to a hydraulic ramp is located in the stern. The stern can be opened up and lowered onto the water, transforming into a diving deck for water sports and recreation. Standard cabins and economy class cabins are located on the tween deck. Cabin sizes vary from 11m<sup>2</sup> to 12m<sup>2</sup> (118ft<sup>2</sup> - 129ft<sup>2</sup>).



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## PRICING

**30-Aug-2025 to 06-Sep-2025**

<b>Tween Deck Economy. From</b>	<b>3300 EUR pp</b>
<b>Tween Deck Standard. From</b>	<b>3784 EUR pp</b>
<b>Main Deck Premium. From</b>	<b>3926 EUR pp</b>
<b>Main Deck Mini Suite</b>	<b>5909 EUR pp</b>

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