



Information Boat & Bike Trip Peloponnese & Saronic Islands

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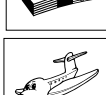




Dear Guests,

Please note that these travel documents are a standard edition. It is possible that the guided city tours and excursions or transfers described within this document have not been purchased for your charter. Additional services can be added to your charter invoice up to 6 weeks before tour begin, or also arranged on site to be paid cash. Catering might differ from description.

Please read the updated information carefully as some alterations may have occurred recently and we want you to be optimally prepared for the trip.

The tour itinerary enclosed can vary to previously published tour information relating to this tour due to further developments, changes or implications between the time of publishing and the actual tour. The contents of these travel documents is subjective in relation to the actual tour experience, as the guides are authorised to change/modify the tour program on site in relation to weather, logistical or legal situations in the travel destination. Changes to the tour program will not be subsidised by a refund of the original tour price (see T&C's)

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DEAR GUESTS,

We are pleased to welcome you soon on one of our tours. In order to start your holiday well equipped and well prepared we have assembled some useful information and suggestions in this brochure.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the following pages in happy anticipation of your Islandhopping tour. We kindly ask you to pay special attention to the guest information where you will find the answers to many frequently asked questions. Should you still have questions about your tour or your documents we will gladly answer them by phone or email.

Please note that this brochure is your official travel document. You need no additional vouchers or documents from us for your trip.

The information in this brochure is based on long years of experience in organizing cycling and cruising tours. Nevertheless, we make no claim to perfection and always welcome hints and suggestions that help us to improve the information for our guests.

Wishing you already now a restful and relaxed journey.



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- **Tour guide on site:** +30 694 0428852
- **Emergency call in Greece:** 112



TELEPHONING WITH YOUR CELLULAR PHONE

You can use your cellular phone almost everywhere in Greece. When calling a Greek number, dial only the number of your party without the international code 0030.

When phoning to a country other than Greece, dial the respective international code of the country and then the number of your party without the 0.

If your family or friends would like to call you during your journey on your cellular phone they may just dial the regular number without any country code.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Embassy of the USA in Athens**
+30 210 721 2951
- **Embassy of Canada in Athens:**
+30 210 727 3400
- **Embassy of Australia in Athens**
+30 210 870 4000
- **New Zealand Consulate in Athens**
+30 210 6924 136

TRAVEL INSURANCES

The travel insurance is not compulsory. However, you will certainly feel more at ease if you have insured yourself against cancellation, accidents, theft and illness even if it is only for this trip. Radurlaub ZeitReisen cannot offer any compensation for the situations listed above.

i Participants take part at their own risk. You should ask your health insurance company about insurance coverage and request an overseas medical certificate.

ENTERING THE COUNTRY

Valid identification documents/passports are indispensable for entry into Greece. Please make sure that you have these in your possession.

i We advise you to contact the responsible authority in your home country to inquire about current entry regulations (possible visa requirements) as we cannot take responsibility for any incorrect information.

Please note that provisional passports and replacement documents are generally not recognised. Children (regardless of the age) must always present a child identification card or passport.

CURRENT SITUATION

Since 2021, travelling has been characterised by changing regulations, and countries frequently change their entry requirements. We always provide up-to-date information about these on our website. This can be found with the following link:

<https://www.inselhuepfen.com/en/good-to-know/entry-requirements>



SUBSTITUTE ID DOCUMENTS AFTER MISPLACEMENT

Please contact the responsible authority of your home country for further information on entry regulations (especially in case of lost/substitute documents).



CURRENCY

The valid currency in Greece is the Euro. There are EC teller machines in Athens as well as on nearly each visited island. The drinks on board must be paid in cash, credit cards will not be accepted.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ON BOARD

We do not accept credit cards on board of our boats. Payments such as drinks, tourist taxes, parking spaces etc. can be made in cash only. The accepted currency on board is CASH, either in the country's local currency or in Euro.

Your local guide will point you in the right direction of the nearest ATM or currency conversion office. We suggest not to bring any traveler cheques.

VACCINATIONS

Please inform yourself independently of the vaccination requirements/recommendations for your travels with your local authority/GP.

We generally recommend that you consult your family doctor in plenty of time before your trip to Greece and to get any necessary inoculations.

MEDICATION

We highly recommend consulting your general practitioner about possible precautions against allergies and other illnesses you may be susceptible to.

i Please also remember any personal medication, especially in case of diabetes mellitus requiring insulin as well as an emergency kit in case of a bee or wasp allergy. You should under all circumstances have these drugs with you on the bike trip, because left on board they are useless. Therefore make sure that your luggage contains an appropriate container.

i Should you use medicine that requires specific storage conditions, we ask you to inform us of this **before the trip** because we cannot always guarantee such conditions on a boat.

i If you need specific medicine or suffer from specific ailments, we ask you to inform your tour guides without failure **at the beginning of the trip** so that they can take appropriate measures in case of an emergency.

Also please remember to bring your vaccination records. You will be asked to provide them should you need medical attention.

IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR JOURNEY

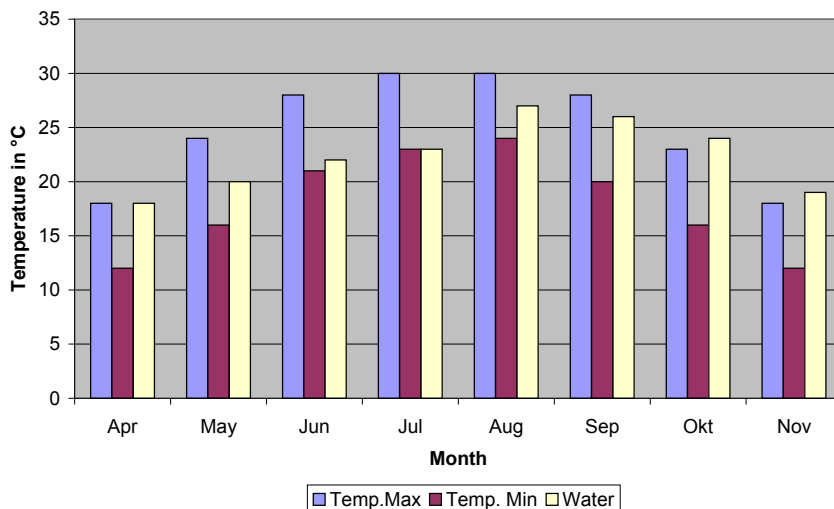
Participants with a pre-existing condition are able to reduce risks by considerate prearrangements.

Your own health and capability as well as your expectations should be rated on a realistic basis.

To do an exercise echocardiography might be reasonable. Be prepared to handle with care. (see Medication & Vaccinations)

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN ATHENS

Temperatures in Athens



CLIMATE

What you will need to pack depends of course largely on the weather you can expect on your holiday. The average monthly air and water temperatures that have been measured in Athens in the last few years are illustrated in the diagram.

Please be aware that this graph is based upon average readings taken in the last few years and that the temperatures listed in the table cannot be guaranteed for the respective months. Also we have experienced some surprises within the last years.

PACKING LIST

CYCLING CLOTHES

- Short & long cycling pants (possibly padded)
- Sport shirts (quick drying material protects against catching colds; pure cotton is not suitable: although it absorbs sweat, it does not let it evaporate)
- Windproof jacket
- Trainers or trekking sandals
- Bicycle helmet
- Bicycle gloves
- Rain wear
- Sunglasses

Tip: For cold and wet days: the onion-principle, i. e. several thin layers of clothes worn on top of each other, which can gradually be taken off.

MONEY & DOCUMENTS

- Foreign currency/money card/credit card
- Identity card and/or passport (make copies and store separately, so that in case of loss substitutes can easily be obtained)
- Travel documents
- Health insurance for abroad and/or travel insurance
- Vaccination records
- Cellular phone/telephone card (save or write down important numbers)

USEFUL THINGS FOR ON THE WAY

- Cereal bars & glucose for bicycle tours
- Sunscreen & after sun products
- Bathing suits & Bathing shoes/sandals
- Bathing towel
- Snorkeling equipment
- Long pants and pullovers for cold spells
- Possibly own saddle (without seat post) and click-on pedals
- Camera to record the most beautiful holiday events

Tip: On our bike tours we supply panniers for storing everything you need on the bike tours.

VARIA

- Toiletries (body wash, shampoo etc.)
- Personal medication
- Small first-aid kit including band-aids, insect repellent and, if necessary, travel pills
- Travel literature
- Charging cable for camera and cellular phone
- Adapter for European sockets
- Multiple plug
- Everything else you usually take on trips

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You will find your boat on day of embarkation in the port of Marina Zeas, the yachting harbor of Piraeus near Athens. The boat's exact location in the port is not decided until the actual day of embarkation.

HOW TO GET TO PIRAEUS FLIGHT TO ATHENS

Travelling by plane is the fastest, cheapest and most comfortable way to get to Greece. All flights are non-smoking flights. There is a time difference of 1 hour (Greece is an hour ahead of Central Europe).

Your flight can be organized once we have confirmed that your journey is taking place.

For flight bookings we recommend the use of the common flight search engines, i. e.

- www.skyscanner.net
- www.opodo.com
- www.flightsearch.com
- www.momondo.com

If at all possible, please choose a return flight that does not depart until early or late afternoon, to ensure a stress-free return to your home country.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND THE BOAT

We organize fee-based collective transfers (embarkation and disembarkation day only) between airport and ship at Marina Zeas. Waiting times might be possible.

- between Athens airport and the boat: 35 euro per person/way
- between a hotel at Athens city and the boat: 20 euro per person/way

Customized transfers are on request,

Please note that Greece is on Eastern European (Summer) time, i.e. GM(S)T + 2 hours.

For all transfers a reservation is required. Please provide us the following information (see form attached):

- Travel dates
- Flight route
- Airlines
- Flight numbers
- Estimated arrival & departure times

At the airport you will be welcomed by a person carrying an "Islandhopping" panel or a panel with your name on.

If there are belated changes of your flight times you are kindly requested to inform our office immediately.

If you wish to book a transfer between a city hotel in Athens and the ship at Marina Zeas, please send us the detailed hotel address as well as your preferred transfer time.

Note: all transfers booked with us have already been paid for. Please refrain from paying the taxi driver again on site, unless of course you wish to tip the driver for their service.

BOARDING

Check-in starts at 2 pm. You will come across of one of our tour guides - wearing a blue t-shirt with "Inselhüpfen" written on it - standing next to the boat.

Should you not take advantage of the transfer organized by Radurlaub Zeitreisen GmbH, travel on your own to Piraeus and find it difficult to find the boat in the port of Marina Zeas, please call your tour guide under number:



+30 694 0428852

The tour begins officially with a first communal dinner on board.



MAP OF MARINA ZEAS



THE DELUXE SHIP THALASSA

OUR DELUXE SHIP THALASSA

Our boat Thalassa is a wooden motor-powered sailing yacht. If, for whatever reason, the boat we chartered was to fall out of action, the tour operator will arrange a worthy replacement and will duly inform the participants about this change. You will find the name of your boat on your booking confirmation.

Please be aware that the captain may have completed some additional alterations to the boat over the winter so that the following descriptions may no longer be completely accurate.

The boat might be equipped with sails. They are an impressive adornment recalling old tradition. Sailing is a unique experience for many guests. If weather conditions are good, the captains may hoist the sails once a week. However, sailing is slow and in order to make quick progress the captain will usually rely on the engine.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THALASSA (SHOWER/TOILET IN EACH CABIN)

The Thalassa is a three mast motor-sailor built as traditional Turkish gullets. The ship combines pure elegance with great comfort. With its high rising masts, this boat is a real eye catcher in every harbor.

The salon and the guest cabins are modern and graciously designed, gallant furnishings bring the eastern flair on board to life. The expansive ships deck provides an array of comfortable seating arrangements. A perfect setting in which to enjoy the cruise, read a book or simply to regenerate in whilst the sea breeze soothes the senses.

At mealtimes the guests are pampered with a generous variety of authentic dishes, created masterfully in the on board galley, bringing an insight into the diversity of the Greek kitchen to the table. It is therefore no surprise to see the joy on people's faces when they hear the mealtime bell ring.





AIR-CONDITIONING

This boat has air-conditioning in the cabins. Usually it will work when the ship is moving or the generator is running or the power batteries provide the back-up power. Please make sure that your cabin door and windows are closed when you start up the air conditioner.

THE CABINS

The Thalassa offers 10 comfortable guest cabins, all of which are situated below deck in compliance with the traditional boats form of the Turkish gulleets. The teak furnishings are high class and elegant. Each cabin includes individually regulable A/C as well as an ensuite with separate shower cabin and WC.

Due to the shape of the boat's hull the cabins vary in size. Cabin allotments are the responsibility of the tour operator and cannot be influenced by guests or tour guides. The beds will be made before you arrive. You should definitely bring your own towels for the beach (even though a small and large cabin towel will be issued to you).

Please do not smoke in the cabins or the saloon of the boat. Keep in mind to bring travel bags instead of hard protective suitcases for easier storage. If you are sensitive to noises (especially in unfamiliar surroundings), we recommend the use of noise-reducing products, as wall insulation is not comparable to houses.

Please do not forget that the ship is your hotel as well as a machine, which has to be maintained and operated - day and night. A certain level of noise is therefore inevitable.

CABIN SERVICE

There is ordinarily a daily cabin service on board which takes place during the bicycle tours. It includes the bedding (personal belongings should be removed) as well as emptying of the wastebin. The towels will be changed once in the middle of the week.

Tip: Please remember to bring your own bathing towel, if you would like to use one ashore. The towels provided by the boat are for on board use only.

In case you do not prefer cabin service or it has not been done please contact the travel guides.

Should the group not be able to leave the boat due to environmental forces it may be that the cabin service does not apply.

USE OF THE TOILET

The sewage system on board is very narrow and cannot cope with any debris. Please do not throw anything into the toilets, not even toilet paper. Each toilet, like most on the Greek main land, has a waste basket that is emptied daily - please throw the paper in the basket.

ELECTRICITY & WATER ON BOARD

Electricity and water are of course provided on board but not in unlimited amounts. The water tanks are filled according to the number of people on board. There is enough water available for washing and showers even if the tanks cannot be refilled for several days. However, we presuppose that all passengers use this valuable resource sparingly. The boats also use a central heater for the showers. This also means that there is only enough warm water if people use the showers only for as long as it is really necessary (for example: turn off the water while soaping up).

The boat uses a 220 V generator which is not run constantly - amongst other reasons in order to keep the peace at night. Power batteries are provided on the Thalassa for silent night power.

The power supply on board is accessible with Euro-wall-sockets (as customary in Germany). Guests from UK and other countries with different socket systems are kindly requested to bring their own appropriate adaptors.

When leaving the cabin please make sure to turn off the taps properly, switch off the light as well as any other electronic devices.

INTERNET AVAILABILITY

The Thalassa does not offer a WiFi connection. If you need to connect to the internet during the tour, we recommend to take your portable electronic device to a cafe or bar somewhere in the harbour. Free WiFi is on offer almost everywhere. If you order something to eat or drink, then you are able to use the WiFi to your hearts content.

BOAT PLANKS & STAIRS

Please keep in mind that the wooden decks can become slippery in rain and morning dew. Also be aware that stairs on board are more narrow and steeper than those you are used to.

Please take into account that some of our boats are completely made of wood and that during longer droughty periods the wood contracts. This means that after a heavy rainfall the water could get into tiny spaces as a result of the wood contracting and might even drip into the cabins. Should your linen get wet it will be exchanged immediately. The wood will expand again and the opened spaces will close within a couple of hours.



SHOES ON BOARD

Please bring a pair of shoes with you that you wear only on board in order to avoid damage to the teak wood decks. Your street shoes can be left in a shoe cupboard or basket at the entrance of the boat.

SLEEPING ON DECK

Many guests feel that spending a night outside in the fresh air is a unique experience. There is enough space on deck for that purpose. However you should bring your own sleeping bag and an insulated mat as it is not permitted to take the mattresses and sheets out of the cabins.



CATERING ON BOARD

The on-board chef is a member of the crew and prepares the breakfast and one or two warm meals a day. Meals included in the price of the tour consist of 5 x half board and 2 x full board on the boat. In general meals are served in the morning and for lunch, whereas lunch may also consist of a lunch packet or a picnic. On three evenings dinner is served on board - the other evenings dinner takes place individually in a restaurant of your choice.

Catering starts with dinner on embarkation day and ends with breakfast on disembarkation day.

The food served on board is traditional and characteristic for the country. Higher nutritional demands of cyclist are taken into account. Breakfast on board generally includes bread, butter, cheese, ham, coffee and tea. For lunch the chef generally serves light fish dishes or vegetarian meals. For dinner traditional Greek food is served, e. g. fish and meat.

i If you wish to eat vegetarian food or have distinctly different eating habits please inform us in time before your arrival. Please keep in mind that special food requirements cannot always be met in all details.

i If you have extensive food allergies we ask you to give us a list of the food that you can eat. This should be done before your arrival so that the cook can be instructed to plan and shop accordingly.

i In the case of a glutenfree diet, we request that you bring along your own basic foodstuffs such as bread and cereals for the duration of your tour with us, as it is extremely difficult to attain these products from Greek vendors.



BEVERAGES

The salon on the boat is a restaurant, lounge, and bar all in one. Here you can always get cool drinks – with or without alcohol. Generally, the crew keeps track of your drinks in a list that is tallied up for payment at the end of the trip.

An exception is the mineral water, which is not added on the tally list, but is charged at a flat rate for drinking water (25 euro/adult or 15 euro/children up to age 16). This flat rate includes all still drinking water you consume during your stay on board and on your bike tours. Please note that soda water is not included.

Naturally, the drinks on board are slightly more expensive than in the supermarket around the corner but after

all you are in a small „floating restaurant“. Just as in every bar or restaurant it is NOT allowed to bring your own drinks on board.

We do not accept credit card payment on board of our boats. Payments for drinks etc. can only be made in cash.

TOUR GUIDES

There is at least one tour guide with you on board. With more than 20 participants two tour guides accompany the group. You can always join them on any bicycle trips.

As often as possible the guide rides at the tail end of the group to make sure that you get help in case of a mishap. On difficult routes the guide leads the group. Both tour guides carry a first-aid kit as well as tools and the most important replacement parts for the bicycles. At least one of the guides speaks fluent English.



We believe it is important that each guest has sufficient time for resting, enjoying the landscape and taking photographs; but still this tour is primarily a guided group tour. Upon consultation with your tour guides, the possibility to cycle on your own along recommended, suitable routes, may present itself.

In addition each participant receives maps showing the route of the day. On a cruise the exact daily schedule always depends on the weather. This means that sudden changes in the itinerary may become necessary. With this aspect in mind the tour guides mark the itinerary on the maps as late as possible and then discuss the day's program with you.

LANGUAGE ABOARD

Due to our international audience all Islandhopping tours are conducted bilingually, in English and German.

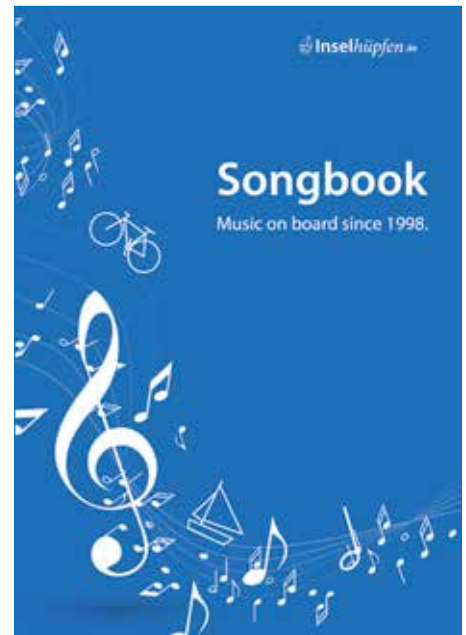
TIPPING - GRATUITIES

Towards the end of an Islandhopping tour you will have the chance to leave your guide team and crew a tip as a token of your appreciation. We are regularly asked by our guests what the expected amount to tip is. This really depends on the individual and his/her appreciation for the provided services and efforts given. We suggest – providing you are pleased with the service – a sum of minimum 10 € per guest/tour for each tour guide and the same amount for each crew member on board the boat.

Most commonly tour participants will organize the tips amongst themselves, once for the guide team and once for the crew, presenting these during a celebratory last evening on board. Your transfer driver and city tour guides also appreciate a small token of acknowledgement for their efforts.

INSTRUMENTS

If you play an instrument (guitar, flute, accordion, etc.) you are welcome to bring it with you on board. We often gather together in the evening to make music and the more instruments take part the merrier it is.



LEVEL 2-3

Participants require a fair level of fitness for this tour. The bike routes vary in length between 17 - 40km/10 - 25mi. and lead through hilly to mountainous terrain. There are some longer climbs during which you are of course permitted to push your bike. The roads are mostly asphalted. Your tour guide informs you each day about the tour details. This tour is primarily a guided group tour however, upon consultation with your tour guides, it may be possible to cycle on your own along recommended, suitable routes. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned cycle tour.

BRINGING CHILDREN

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and with a minimum age of 10 and previous bicycle tour experience are able to master the cycle tours on their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a rental bike is 1.00 m (3.2 ft.)

GOOD TO KNOW - GROUP RIDING PACE

On our **regular cycling tours**, the cyclists on regular bicycles determine the pace. We ask guests who have reserved an e-bike to be mindful of this and to acknowledge that the regular cyclists need time to rest and take longer to climb the hills. We thank you for your understanding.



OBLIGATORY SAFETY HELMETS



As of 2021, cyclists are required to wear helmets by law in Greece. In order to guarantee optimum protection we request that you bring your own well fitted helmet and - for your own safety - wear it on all bike tours.

Bike helmets can be provided free of charge if reserved prior to arrival (limited amount).



RENTAL BICYCLES

i In order to supply you with the bicycle that fits you, we need to know how tall you are.

Should you not have given us this information along with your booking, we ask you to pass it on to our office team.

Hybrid bicycles



We use high quality, reliable and low maintenance hybrid bikes with sturdy aluminium frames in varying frame sizes for our tours.

They are equipped with 28" hollow chamber rims, with puncture proof touring tires, high quality gear and brake systems, a sturdy bike stand, a pannier rack, a comfortable touring saddle and mud guards.

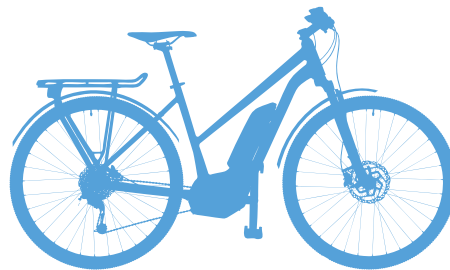
Twenty years of experience in bike tourism give us confidence in selecting the right components for the requirements of an Islandhopping tour to insure a carefree riding experience for our cycle enthusiasts.

Bicycle rental These high-quality hybrid bikes are rented for 80 euro/week.

Please be aware that these rental bikes are only available for participants that are taller than 1.50 m.

Unfortunately there is no possibility to reserve one particular bicycle brand in advance.

E-Bikes



Our e-bikes are all high-quality Pedelecs, mostly fitted with a Bosch motor and extra battery range.

Our e-bikes are also characterized by their relatively light weight and great components. Some of our fleet are also equipped with other motor systems. Standard components found on our e-bikes include 28" hollow rim wheels, puncture proof touring tires, high quality gear and break systems, a sturdy bike stand, a comfortable touring saddle as well as mud guards. With an Islandhopping e-bike, you will climb almost any hill with ease.

They are a true declaration of independence for everyone who needs a little 'tail wind' in order to enjoy their ride.

Bicycle rental These high-quality e-bikes are rented for 180 euro per week.

Only a limited amount of e-bikes is available on board (on request only).

BRINGING YOUR OWN SADDLE OR PEDALS

i Our rental bikes are equipped with flat pedals. Should you not want to be without your own click pedals (or own saddle – without the seat post), please bring them with you and let your tour guide attach them to your rental bike.

BRINGING YOUR OWN BICYCLE

We urgently discourage you from bringing your own bicycles because the transport from your hometown to Turkey by airplane is both costly and risky.

The bicycles often get damaged during the transport and transfer taxis are often unwilling to transport bicycle boxes. In addition to the above mentioned it is very difficult to store the boxes on the boat during the week.

If you still think about bringing your own bicycle, please keep in mind that a bicycle with a *gearshift in a sound technical condition* is required for this tour because the area is mostly hilly to mountainous. If you decide to bring your own bicycle you should double-check the condition of your brakes, tires and chains before the trip and put together an appropriate repair kit with spare parts (such as an extra tire tube).

i We do **not allow private e-bikes** on board of our boats. This decision has been made due to health and safety regulations. *If you wish to ride an e-bike for the duration of your tour, please get in touch with us about the rental options.*

i **Liability disclaimer:** Radurlaub Zeitreisen GmbH will not be held liable for any damages caused to private bikes during loading, unloading or other logistical handling thereof.

ISLANDHOPPING PANNIERS

All rental hybrid or e-bikes are accompanied by a high quality Ortlieb bike pannier for the duration of your tour, a practical way of carrying drinks, bathing gear etc.

The bags are attached onto the bicycle rack with two hooks, which clip comfortably onto the frame. In order to secure the bag to stop it from leaving its position, Ortlieb have patented a **Quick-Lock-System** which grips tightly to the frame: in the locked position the hooks close in a firm hold around the bike rack. **Only when you pull the pannier handle upwards do the hooks open up and loosen their hold on the frame.**

i To ensure that the bike panniers remain as water proof as possible they have to be closed tight (frontroller system). Please ask you guide on site for assistance.

i **Liability disclaimer:** Although panniers are manufactured from waterproof material Radurlaub Zeitreisen GmbH cannot be held liable for any damage that might be caused to any personal belongings like mobile phones, cameras etc.



BICYCLE INSURANCE

i We are offering a bicycle insurance against theft and damage for **our Islandhopping bicycles** (not insured: grossly negligent damages).

hybrid bicycle: 10 euro/week
e-bike: 20 euro/week

If you would like to book an insurance for your rental bicycle please contact our office (in case you did not already include it into your actual booking).

i Kindly take care of your rental bicycle/bike. Park it at safe places - not next to the sea to keep it away from salt water. Please keep in mind that you are responsible to compensate for any damage caused.


EXTENDED STAY IN ATHENS

The 2004 Olympics brought about a very positive change to the face of the lively 5-million strong metropolis. Large sections of the inner city were transformed into pedestrian areas and a large archaeological park was created. It stretches from the Acropolis across ancient Agora to Kerameikos, the old potters' and cemetery district.

Enjoy an unforgettable stroll through the many winding alleys of the Plaka, the charming Old Town district, where you should not only stop to admire the many different souvenirs on offer, but should also make yourself comfortable in one of the countless cafés.

The accommodation facilities we recommend are situated in the centre of Athens, allowing you to reach most of the tourist sights by foot.

We are happy to arrange rooms for you at seasonally varying prices. If you would like to book one of the recommended hotels you are kindly requested to contact our office team.

 In case that your favorite hotel has no rooms available, Radur-Zeitreisen GmbH will, of course, try to book you into an equivalent hotel.

Please note too: In Greece a special tax will be charged on rooms.

This is graduated between 50 cents and 6 euros depending on your hotel category and is valid per room per night.

The amounts are to be paid directly to the hotel on arrival and not to be charged to the booking agency.

HOTEL HERA (4 STARS)

The Hera Hotel (marked as "1" in the city map on page 17) is located a short distance from the new Acropolis Museum and just a stone's throw away from the Acropolis, making it the perfect home base from where to explore the historic centre of Athens on foot.

The hotel has 38 rooms and suites spread over five floors. The rooms range in size from 17-25 m2/180-270 ft2 and are characterised by modern, functional architecture and exquisite interior design. All rooms have a bathroom and are equipped with air conditioning, TV, telephone, and minibar.



HOTEL ELIA ERMOU (4 STARS)

The Elia Ermou Hotel (marked as "2" in the city map on page 17) is located on Athens' famous Ermou shopping street, just 150 m/500 ft. from Syntagma Square. An ideal location from where to reach all the major sights of the Greek capital on foot.

The carefully chosen décor of the 123 luxurious rooms and suites leave nothing to be desired. All rooms have modern furnishings, a bathroom and are equipped with air conditioning, high-speed internet access, smart TV, telephone, and minibar.



HOTEL PAN (3 STARS)

The family-run Hotel Pan (marked as „7“ in the city map on page 17) is located in the historic center of Athens, just a stone's throw from the iconic old town of Plaka and within walking distance of almost all major attractions, such as the Acropolis, Syntagma Square with the Parliament, the National Garden, the shopping street Ermou and the Street Art neighborhood Psirri.

The 33 rooms are furnished with all modern comforts and offer TV, free WIFI, air conditioning and minibar. The hotel also has its own café and offers its guests an excellent breakfast with many Greek specialties.



3-DAY EXTENSION MODULE AT ATHENS

Take the time to extend your holiday by a few days in Athens with a programme, which, on the one hand organizes adequate activities, and on the other hand offers you enough leisure time to discover the Greek capital on your own.

Included services

- 2 nights in Athens, optionally a 3 star hotel (Pan or alike) or a 4 star hotel (Hera, Elia Ermou or alike) in the centre of Athens
- Taxi transfers from the airport to the hotel as well as from the hotel to the ship (or reverse)
- Entrance fee to the acropolis
- 1 dinner at the TO KAFENEION tavern (drinks excluded) in the old town of Plaka
- 1 guided city bike tour by ATHENS BY BIKE (three hour tour, English speaking tour guide)

Voucher delivery

After booking the additional programme you will receive a simple confirmation. Your hotel and activity vouchers for this additional program are deposited at the reception of the hotel booked for you in Athens.

OTHER POSSIBLE GUIDED ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND ATHENS

If you would like to see even more of Athens and its surroundings and enjoy the benefits of doing so with guided day tour packages, why not take a look at the website of our partner company, Cycle Expeditions Greece, which specialise in outdoor activities of all kinds.

Visit <https://blumovo.com/> for a variety of exciting day tours during which you can experience Athens and Attica on foot, by bike, sailing or by kayak.



A sample of blumovo tours:

- **Athens foodies tour:** A walk for connoisseurs! Stroll through the historic city centre on foot and sample all kinds of delicacies.
- **Athens Street Art tour:** Athens at its most colorful: the city is an Eldorado for street art at its best!
- **Athens from Hill to Hill:** Get to know Greece's capital from different perspectives during an exciting walking tour!
- **Cape Sounion Kayak Tour:** Experience the famous Temple of Poseidon at the southern tip of Attica on a relaxed paddle tour!
- **Sailing Day on the Athens Riviera:** Let the sea breeze flow through your hair for a day and enjoy a sailing tour with swimming and sightseeing stops along the Attic coast.



ENJOY YOUR TOUR THROUGH ATHENS WITH OUR INSIDER TIPS

The large bustling city of Athens offers tourists many famous sights which can be easily located with the aid of a good guidebook. The Greek capital also offers hidden attractions which you should not miss on your voyage of discovery. Each of the following places can easily be reached by foot from your hotel.

★ The **Philopappos Hill** with the Roman grave monument of Philopappos (marked as „7” on the map) offers perhaps the most beautiful panoramic view over the entire city of Athens, right out to Piraeus.

★ You can combine this with a visit to the **Pnyx** (ancient meeting place of the Athenian democratic assembly) on the **Hill of the Nymphs** on the opposite side (marked as „4” on the city map).

★ The small Cycladic **district of Anafiotika** is situated in the north, below the Acropolis (marked on the city map as „5”). This district was erected by the inhabitants of the Cycladic island of Anafi. Time seems to have stood still in the winding alleys and the little houses and flower gardens that make up this district.

★ The **Kerameikos**, the ancient potters’ and cemetery district, are definitely worth a visit, especially because of its newly erected museum (marked as „6” on the city map).

★ Absolutely worth-seeing is the recently opened **Acropolis Museum**, showing an almost complete collection of the famous Parthenon sculptures (better known as “Elgin Marbles”). The museum is located next to the Hotel Hera (marked as “1” on the city map).

★ **blumovo activities**
Wonderful guided sightseeing tours on foot or by bike through Athens as well as varied activities in Athens’ surroundings, for detailed info see page 16.



4-DAY EXTENSION MODULE SANTORINI

Would you like to spend a few days on Santorini and are looking for a program that offers you both organized activities as well as enough free time to experience this dream Aegean Sea island on your own?

Then we recommend our four-day Santorini extension program. This program includes transfers, three overnight stays with breakfast, an optional kayak tour along the amazing coastline of Santorini or a wine tour at sunset or a culinary caldera walk as well as a detailed information booklet filled with many tips for individual leisure activities for while you are on the island.

A PICTURE BOOK BEAUTIFUL ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AEGEAN

Santorini is considered one of the most beautiful islands in the Mediterranean, and for good reason too: The queen of the Aegean welcomes her visitors with picture book images of Cycladic charm. A powerful volcanic eruption in the 16th century BC created a truly distinctive landscape on the island: A breath-taking caldera and colourful cliffs into which the white, cube shaped houses of the island's main towns, Fira and Oia, are nestled.



In addition to this beauty, Santorini has still more to offer such as the famous archaeological site of Akrotiri (also called the Pompeii of the Aegean), where the lives of the prehistoric islanders were preserved for time immemorial on the day the volcano erupted.

Alternatively, you could enjoy a swim at the Red Beach, take a boat trip through the caldera, hike along the crater rim or visit one of the many wineries. You could hardly ask for more a variety filled vacation!

ACCOMMODATION

With our extension program, you will stay either at Theoxenia Boutique Hotel in Fira or at Ampelonas Aparthotel in Imerovigli, about 3 km from Fira, depending on availability. All the hotels we book are carefully selected, family-run establishments, characterized by the perfect combination of typical Cycladic charm and utmost comfort. Both hotels are directly connected to the island's public transportation system, so you can easily reach all the island's major attractions.



- 3 nights' accommodation on Santorini (hotel choice depending on availability)
- Taxi transfers between Santorini Airport/Santorini ferry port and your hotel
- Optional kayak tour or sunset wine tour or culinary caldera walk
- Information booklet with details about leisure activities on Santorini

Not included

- Journey to/from Santorini
- Lunch and dinner
- Entrance fees to sights and attractions
- Activities other than those mentioned under included services

- Do you want to book the extension program before or after your trip?
- For how many people are you booking?
- Would you like a single room or a double room?
- On which day would you like to take part in the kayak tour or wine tour or the caldera walk?
- Your exact flight/ferry dates and times for the organization of transfers.

VOUCHER DELIVERY

After booking the extension program you will receive a simple confirmation as well as your hotel and activity vouchers and the information brochure about Santorini.

Have you long dreamed of visiting the Greek island of Mykonos? Would you like to discover this paradise with a program that offers both pre-organised activities as well as enough free time to explore the beautiful island by yourself? Then our four-day extension program in Mykonos is the perfect choice for you!

Our program includes transfers, three nights' accommodation with breakfast (3- or 4-star hotel) as well as a choice between a leisurely sailing cruise to the island of Rhenia and Delos, an unforgettable Jeep Safari, or a cooking class in a traditional Mykonian house. You will also receive a detailed information booklet with a variety of ideas and tips for other fun activities during your stay on the island.

PICTURE-PERFECT CYCLADIC ISLAND

Mykonos is one of the most photographed and famous islands in Greece. The island captivates with its picturesque old town, characterised by white-washed houses with colourful balconies, narrow, winding alleyways, and the windmill hill, towering over the captain's quarter 'Little Venice'.

Mykonos also lays claim to some of the most beautiful sandy beaches in Greece. Water sports enthusiasts and those who love a seaside holiday will find their paradise on the island's shores.

If you are interested in the local culture and history, be sure to visit the UNESCO-protected archaeological site on the neighbouring island of Delos! We especially recommend visiting Mykonos during the low season as the island can become very crowded during the high season (mid-June to late August).

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

During your holiday, you will stay either in a 3-star hotel (Mykonos View Hotel or similar) or a 4-star hotel (Vencia Boutique Hotel or similar). Hotel booking is subject to availability. All hotels are carefully selected, located in Mykonos Town, and are characterized by the perfect combination of typical Cycladic charm and utmost comfort. The famous old town of Mykonos, as well as the picturesque harbour, are just a few minutes' walk away.

Included services

- 3 nights' accommodation in Mykonos (choice of Mykonos View Hotel (3-star) or Vencia Boutique Hotel (4-star) or similar, subject to availability)
- Taxi transfers between Mykonos airport/Mykonos ferry port and hotel
- A choice between a sailing trip to Rhenia & Delos, a Jeep Safari in Mykonos, or a cooking class in a traditional Mykonian house
- Booklet of active leisure activities on Mykonos

Not included

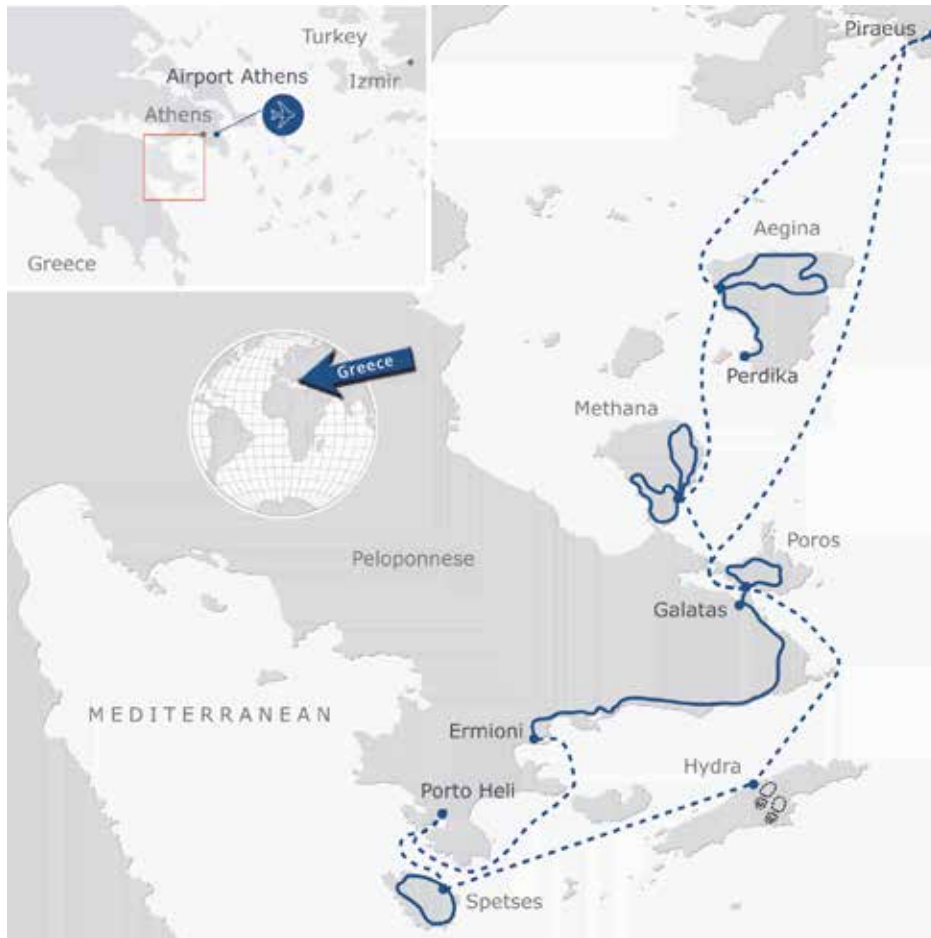
- Journey to Mykonos
- Lunch and dinner
- Entrance fees to places of interest
- Activities other than those mentioned under included services

VOUCHER DELIVERY

After booking the extension program you will receive a simple confirmation as well as your hotel and activity vouchers and the information brochure about Mykonos.



GENERAL MAP OF THE PELOPONNESE & SARONIC ISLANDS' TRIP



INTRODUCTION

The Peloponnese is a Greek region steeped in history and home to some of the greatest archaeological sites of antiquity and the Middle Ages. Greeks, Romans, Venetians, Ottomans, and Albanians have all left their mark on the "Island of Pelops". Discover this unique, culturally rich region along with the diverse islands of the Saronic Gulf by boat and bike. The three masted Thalassa will be your floating home as you travel on this one-of-a-kind journey through 2,500 years of Greek history.

Discover the enchanting islands of the Saronic Gulf, each with its own unique character. Explore the pistachio island of Aegina with its temple of Aphaia, high on a hill above the sea. Marvel at the totally traffic-free island of Hydra, where the only means of transportation since time immemorial have been the island's countless donkeys. The islands of Poros and Spetses are home to spectacular panoramic roads with little traffic and the ever-present aroma of wild herbs while the volcanic peninsula of Methana will lead you on a geological journey through time.



SUMMARY

Your tour guides will join you on your journey through an era bygone and across a colourful past.

1ST DAY (SAT) MARINA ZEAS (PIRAEUS /ATHEN) – (EMBARKATION)

Individual journey to Marina Zeas, the yacht harbour of Piraeus, only 25 km (15 mi.) from Athens airport.

Check-in on the ship is possible from 2 pm onwards.

Dinner on board and overnight stay in Piraeus.



2ND DAY (SUN) ISLAND OF POROS (APRX. 14 MI./23 KM)

In the morning we make a crossing over to the island of Poros. Before we reach the island's main port, we enjoy a swimming stop where we have the chance to dive into the sea directly from the ship.

In the afternoon and starting from the island's capital of Poros, we almost completely circumnavigate the island. In ancient times, Poros was dedicated to the sea god Poseidon. Shortly before the end of the tour we arrive at Russian Bay, a sandy beach with turquoise blue waters, the perfect place for a relaxing swim!

Back in the enchanting harbour of Poros, with its with its iconic clock tower soaring above the rest of the town, we end our eventful day in an authentic Greek atmosphere.



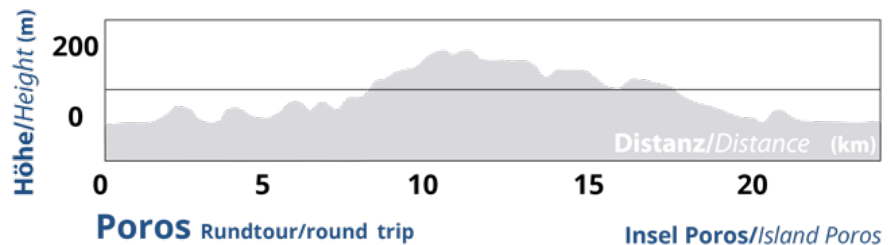
WORTH KNOWING & SEEING

BRIEFING POROS ISLAND

Island of Poros

- **Size:** 22,9 km²
- **Population:** ca. 4,000
- **Special features:**
 - Main town is situated on Sferia peninsula and this peninsula was created by a volcanic eruption in Methana during 273 b.c.

- The Monastery Zoodohos Pigi means 'the spring of life' monastery in Greek. It was built in the 18th century next to a spring who gave the name to the monastery.



3RD DAY (MON) GALATAS – ERMIONI – PORTO HELI (APRX. 25 MI./40 KM)



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BRIEFING ARGOLIDA

- **Location:** cultural landscape in the southeastern Peloponnese

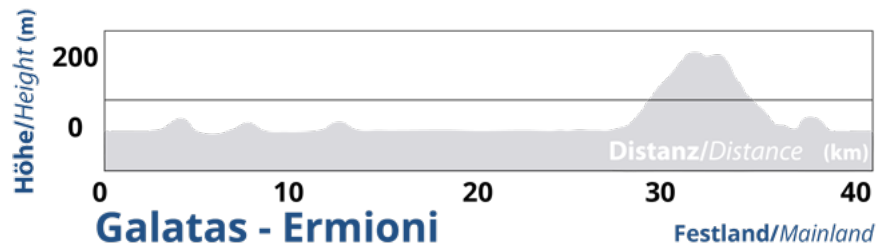
- **Features:** very fertile area, which is known throughout Greece for the cultivation of apricots, citrus fruits and pomegranates



After breakfast a small car ferry takes us from Poros to Galatas in the Peloponnese. Here we start our cycling tour which leads us along the sea and through fertile agricultural land towards the small coastal town of Ermioni.

Here the Thalassa awaits us for lunch onboard during a leisurely afternoon crossing to Porto Heli.

If the weather permits, we can enjoy an extended swimming stop along the way. Overnight stay in Porto Heli.



4TH DAY (TUE) ISLAND OF SPETSES (APRX. 15 MI./25 KM)

In the morning we make a short crossing over to the island of Spetses with a long swimming break in a picturesque bay along the way. Before enjoying lunch on board there is some time to explore the charming old town of Spetses on foot.

The island of Spetses got its name from the Venetians, who names it "Isola della spezie", the island of herbs. The aromatic scent of wild herbs accompanies us during our afternoon bike ride along the almost traffic-free panoramic road that circles the entire island.

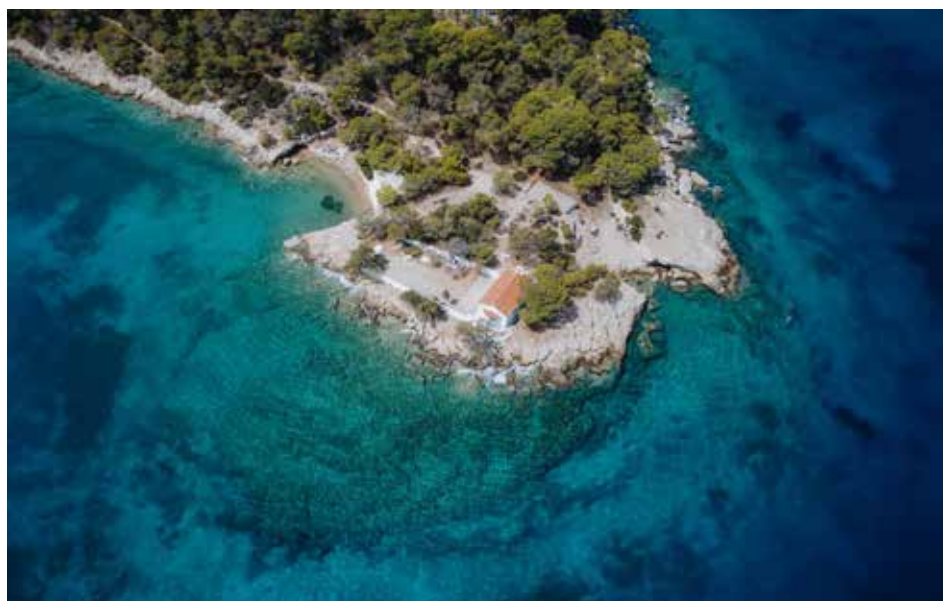
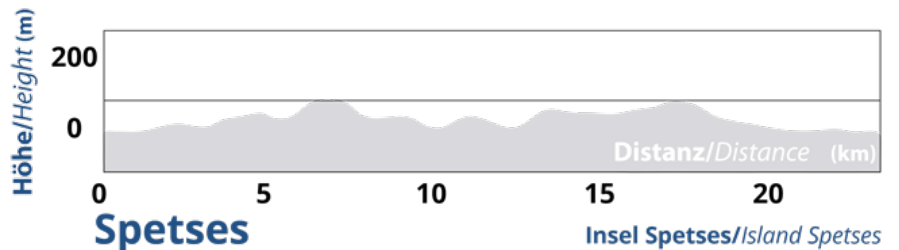
Almost throughout the entire ride we are treated to beautiful views of the turquoise sea. At one of the spectacular beaches, we enjoy a longer break for a swim and a coffee. Afterwards we explore the old harbour of Spetses by bike before returning to the ship.



WORTH KNOWING & SEEING

BRIEFING SPETSES ISLAND

- **Size:** 22 km²
- **Population:** ca. 3,900
- **Special features:**
 - 75% of the island is covered in forest and therefore one of the most forested islands in Greece
 - The old town of Spetses is regarded as one of the most beautiful old towns of Greece
 - In the middle ages and the modern period, the second biggest fleet of Greek ships harboured here. At the time the island had over 20,000 inhabitants
 - Spetses was the home island of Laskarina Bou Boulina, one of the most significant Greek freedom fighters



**5TH DAY (WED) ISLAND OF HYDRA –
METHANA PENINSULA
(APRX. 10 MI./17 KM)**

After a two-hour morning crossing, we reach the island of Hydra. Since ancient times, donkeys have been the only means of transport on this uniquely wonderful island, which during the Middle Ages came into great wealth thanks to seafaring.

After the Greek War of Independence between 1821 and 1830, the island fell into a slumber of more than a hundred years. It was not until Hydra became the filming location for the 1957 film "Boy on a Dolphin", starring the memorable Sofia Loren, that the island was given new life and became an artists' mecca.

After exploring the port of Hydra on foot, we continue on to the Methana peninsula. The volcanic origin of the peninsula is immediately noticeable thanks to the smell of sulphur and the iridescent colours of the rocks.

The peninsula is characterized by more than 30 volcanoes, a number of which are still active, and sulphurous thermal springs, some of which are used for medicinal purposes.

In the late afternoon we enjoy a panoramic round trip with a pleasant coffee break in the enchanting fishing port of Vathy. Overnight stay in Methana.



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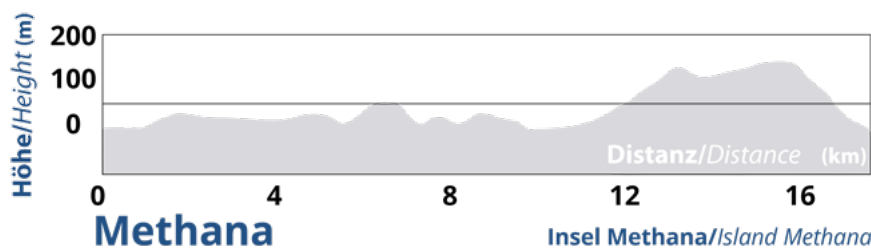
BRIEFING HYDRA ISLAND

- **Size:** 65 km²
- **Population:** ca. 1,960
- **Special features:**
 - Very dry and barren in comparison with the other islands of the Saronic Gulf
 - In the middle ages and the modern period, the biggest fleet of Greek ships harboured here, with which the island actively supported the fight for independence between 1821 – 1831

- The island has its own flag from the independence era, still hoisted by all Hydriote sailors these day

- The movie 'Boy on a Dolphin', with Sofia Loren as the main actress, brought both the actress and the island great fame

- Today, Hydra is listed and remains completely car free



6TH DAY (THU) METHANA PENINSULA – AEGINA ISLAND (APRX. 13 MI./20 KM)

After breakfast we make another round trip on Methana with plenty of incredible views along the way. In the afternoon, we sail to the island of Aegina, well known beyond the borders of Greece for its excellent pistachios. In the old town of Aegina, there are plenty of pistachio products to purchase as well as numerous small boutiques lining the lively shopping streets. Should you not wish to walk through the town, you can also opt for a bike ride along the coast to the fishing village of Perdika. Overnight stay in Aegina town.



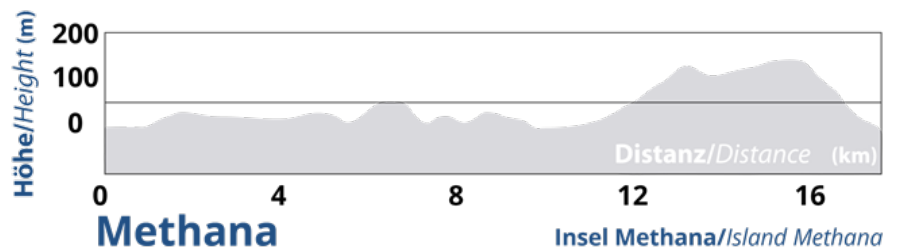
WORTH KNOWING & SEEING

BRIEFING METHANA PENINSULA

- **Size:** 50 km²
- **Population:** ca. 1,600
- **Special features:**
 - The peninsula is of volcanic origins and forms the northern arm of the southern Aegean volcano chain, to which Nisyros, Santorini and Milos belong



- There are a total of 30 volcanoes on Methana, of which many are still active
- Methana is famous for its Sulphur springs which are said to have healing properties



7TH DAY (FRI) ISLAND OF AEGINA – PIRAEUS/ATHENS (APRX. 22 MI./35 KM)



WORTH KNOWING & SEEING

The island of Aegina is famous even beyond the borders of Greece for its excellent pistachios. Today's bike tour takes us up to the sanctuary of the goddess Aphaia.

The beautifully preserved temple towers high up above the blue sea, the only place on the island from where the Aegean Sea can be seen on both sides.

On the ride back we will cycle through the centre of the island passing the great monastery of Saint Nektarios to Aegina city where the ship awaits.

We then sail back to Piraeus and our exciting Greek cruise comes to an end with a final, celebrative evening on board.

Island of Aegina

• **Situated:** as biggest island of the Argosaronian gulf only a few miles away from Athens

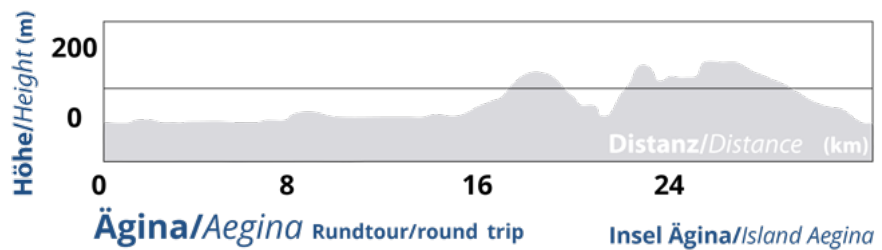
• **Special features:**

- Pistachio nuts, 3 % of world production comes from Aegina

- Very well conserved temple Aphaia of the 5th century before Christ.



- Byzantine monastery town of Palaia Chora with once 365 monasteries and its only 30 left today.



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8TH DAY (SAT) PIRAEUS/ATHEN (DISEMBARKATION)

After breakfast on board it is time to disembark to return home or to extend your holiday a few days longer in Athens.



