

### **BIKE AND SAIL GREECE CRUISE - FROM CORFU TO ATHENS**

Experience the perfect blend of cycling and sailing on a journey from Corfu to Piraeus. Discover scenic trails, ancient landmarks, and breathtaking views as you explore Greece's most iconic destinations, from the hills of Corfu to historic Nafplion and vibrant Athens.



#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Corfu

Still recognisable as the idyllic refuge where the shipwrecked Odysseus was soothed and sent on his way home, Corfu continues to welcome weary travellers with its lush scenery, bountiful produce and pristine beaches.

Since the 8th century BC the island the Greeks call Kerkyra has





been prized for its untamed beauty and strategic location. Ancient armies fought to possess it, while in the early days of modern Greece it was a beacon of learning. Corfiots remain proud of their intellectual and artistic roots, with vestiges of the past ranging from Corfu Town's Venetian architecture to British legacies such as cricket and ginger beer.

Day 2 Kefalonia

Kefalonia, the largest Ionian island

Kefalonia is the island of sailors and mountain climbers, Greeks and Venetians, winemakers and travelers. Here stands Enom - the tallest mountain of lonic islands (1628 m), covered with unique pine trees. Those willing to make a pilgrim tour may get into the Saint Gerasim monastery. There you will find an ancient sycamore tree still standing, said to have been planted by the saint himself. His cave-cell is located under the building of the monastery.

Then we shall go for Andrew the First-Called Apostle monastery, the museum with miracle-making icons of Stephano Tsagarol, the Monastery of Saint Crucifixion in Pessado and the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary with benches. It is also possible to pop into the local winery, where six kinds of Kefalonian wine are being made out of Robola grape.

Another excursion will go to the famous Drogarati cave with stalactites, stalagmites and unusual acoustics, due to which Maria Kallas and Luchano Povarotti took the floor there once. Then the observation ground above the famous beach Mirtos

awaits us, followed by a lunch in the picturesque nearby village of Agia Efimia. Our trip will end with the visit to the underground lake Melissani; the cave that once stood over it was destroyed during an earthquake. Now the lake is exposed to the sun, which creates beautiful light show on the water with colors ranging from sky-blue to intense dark-blue.

BALLENCED ROUTE OPTION

Cycling: ~49 km, circular route.

Route: Argostoli Yacht Marina -> Melissani Lake -> Return to the ship.

Estimated moving time: ~2 hours.

CHALLENGING ROUTE OPTION

Cycling: ~80 km, circular route.

Route: Argostoli Yacht Marina -> Melissani Lake -> Myrtos Beach -> Return to the ship.

Estimated moving time: ~3h20min.

Day 3 Zakynthos

Zakynthos, the most reserved island of Greece

Zakynthos is the only Greek island having international status of the natural wildlife preserve. The island has been called "The





flower of Mediterranean East" for its beauty and balmy gardens. Mirror-like waters of Zakynthos may be seen on almost every postcard of Greece.

Yachts floating on the water surface appear to be suspended in the air. It would be a crime to visit and not to swim in this magical place! Once in Zakynthos town, one may go to the National Sea Wildlife Preserve or visit the temple of Saint Dionysus, the local winery and the olive oil pressing factory or walk along the coastal avenue - Strata Marina - the liveliest street in the town, filled with coffee shops, bars and restaurants.

Cycling: ~32,5km, circular route.

Route: Zakynthos Marina -> Gerakas National Park -> Return to the ship.

Estimated moving time: ~1h20min.

Day 4 Katakolo

Port for the homeland of Olympic Games

Katakolo is a gateway for the archaeological site of Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Adjacent to the port is the sunken ancient city and port of Pheia.

The small city itself is picturesque and offers a variety of restaurants, coffee shops, and shops. And the view to the traditional lighthouse. Try kreokakavos, oktapodi or musaka in Olympia taverns.

More gastronomy awaits you at the Magna Grecia farm. The property has an olive press museum and offers tastings and full lunches.

Be sure to visit reconstructed interactive exhibits-replicas of the ancient greek inventions in Museum of Ancient Greek Technology in Olympia. Katakolon also features a similar museum.

A short distance from the port of Katakolo, there are many diverse beaches, mostly sandy.

Cycling: ~67km, circular route.

Route: Katakolon Marina -> Archaeological site of Ancient Olympia -> Return to the ship.

Estimated moving time: ~2h40min.

Day 5 Pylos

Mirriad of beaches across a vast bay, lagoon with flamingos, waterfalls, caves, castles, tombs, kayaking and diving, golf center and natural resorts - entwine activities into a hit pack in Pylos.

Pylos is built amphitheatrically in the bay of Navarino, where the historic battle took place, and is defined by the Isle Sfaktiria. In Pylos there are many historical and natural attractions. Among





them, Paleokastro, Niokastro, the cave of Nestor, the lagoon of Gialova, the bay of Voidokilia - one of the most spectacular beaches and bays of Greece. The impressive ancient trees that dominate the Square of Trion Navarchon, downtown, combined with the breathtaking views of Sfaktiria Island create a separate idyllic atmosphere. Alternatively, you can visit Methoni castle to the south of Pylos.

Very few towns in Greece gather this many myths. Hercules, Odyssey, Jason. Trojan War, Argonauts, and Odyssey. Zeus, Athena, Poseidon, and Hades. According to Homer, Pylos was the kingdom of Nestor.

Cycling: ~72 km, circular route.

Route: Pylos Marina -> Polilymnio Waterfalls -> Voidokilia beach -> Return to the marina.

Estimated moving time: ~3 hours.

Day 6 Gytheio

Former port of Sparta

Gytheio is a quiet charming fishing town with authentic architecture and very few tourists. Gytheio is also a base for excursions to legendary Sparta and Mistras.

Fish taverns and beautiful mansions line up the port. Laconia region is famous for its citrus trees, figs, and tomatoes, as well as wine, ouzo, and tsipouro. Try ham in Mani peninsula villages

and xoriatiko loukaniko in Sparta, which is a type of sausage. The former is also known for Mani Tower Houses, unique manors which look like fortresses. This place is surrounded by nice beaches. Mavrovouni is the most beautiful and longest beach close to Gytheio, where the sea turtles Caretta-caretta go to lay their eggs in summer.

Cycling: ~71km, circular route.

Route: Gytheio Marina -> Diros Caves -> Back to the marina..

Estimated moving time: ~3 hours.

Alternatively, you can opt for a route to Monemvasia -

132km round trip.

Day 7 Nafplion

Nafplion is famous for numerous fortresses, monasteries and the Medieval Old Town. It is a perfect start point to explore ancient Mycenae, Argos and Epidaurus.

Try delicious seafood in restaurants at the sea promenade, or taste trachanas soup and artichokes salad from famous Nafplion artichokes at the seaside taverns. Also you can try tsupuro and other drinks at Karonis distillery in downtown Nafplion.

Enjoy an abundance of beaches to the south of Nafplio.





Cycling: ~42km, circular route.

Route: Nafplio Marina -> Ancient Mycenae-> Return to the marina.

Estimated moving time: ~1h44min.

Day 8 Athens

Ten kilometres southwest of central Athens, Piraeus is dazzling in its scale, its seemingly endless quays filled with ferries, ships and hydrofoils. While technically its own city, it melds into the Athens sprawl, with close to half a million people living in the greater area.

The most attractive quarter lies east around Zea Marina and Mikrolimano harbours. The latter is lined with cafes, restaurants and bars often filled with people who've disembarked from their yachts for the day.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





### YOUR SHIP: RUNNING ON WAVES

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Three-Mast Sailing Vessel,

VESSEL TYPE: Barquentine

LENGTH: 64 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 42

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

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 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 I 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 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 16m2 to 20m2 (172ft2 -215ft2). 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 11m2 to 12m2 (118ft2



- 129ft2).





# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**

#### Main Deck



Tween Deck











# **PRICING**

02-Nov-2025 to 09-Nov-2025

Tween Deck Cabin. From £1903 GBP pp

Main Deck Cabin. From £3337 GBP pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port Taxes 395 EUR pp

