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IONIAN CRUISE (HERA)

The Ionian Islands are an emerald scattering of seven main islands -, Ithaca, Corfu, Kefalonia, Lefkada, Paxos and Kythira - found off the west coast of mainland Greece. The region is famed for pristine beaches, the unforgettable blue of the sea, and the lush Mediterranean landscape. Several lesser-known smaller islands make up this paradise cluster. M/S HERA - our beautiful motorised ocean vessel that can accommodate up to 25 passengers with 9 cabins - operates the Ionian Cruise. We will spend a week at sea, exploring the very best of this island cluster paradise, stopping in Sivota, Parga, Antipaxos, Gaios and Lakka in a round trip from Corfu. This trip is best suited for those who want to set sail for discovery, heritage and historical sightseeing, the best of nature and deserted beaches, on-deck sea-view unwinding and the friendly atmosphere of a small ship cruise. The friendly crew will attend to all your needs along the way. There are freshly prepared meals (Breakfast and Lunch), and all cabins include a private bathroom and air-conditioning.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Corfu - Kassiope

As today is the arrival day and we don't set sail from the Old Port (NAOK marina) until after sunset, you have plenty of time to

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explore the wonders of Corfu Island. The UNESCO World Heritage town of Kerkira (Corfu Old Town) is full of cultural heritage from its days under Venetian, French and British rule. From architecture to traditions, towering fortresses to the narrow medieval streets, you can feel the multi-layers of Corfu island history. If you have time to see more of the island, don't miss the chance to explore the fishing village of Agni Bay, the dramatic cliff drops of Cape Drastis, the picturesque channel of the Canal d'Amour and the tucked-away community of Palaiokestritsa. In the evening, we get acquainted with our sailing home for the next few days and get settled in, starting by dining with a view of the ocean as we set sail towards Kassiope. Note: On the rare occasion of any issues that may result from late arrivals, there is a possibility that we do not depart Corfu on Monday evening, and instead set sail on Tuesday morning.

Day 2 Sivota - Mourtos

The rainfall on the Ionian Islands is what enables its lush and verdant landscapes to flourish. Think of thick forests, natural coves, green hills with olive groves, and ardent valleys that sit back-to-back with crystal clear waters and sparkling white beaches. You can find this in the Mourtos and Sivota Islands, south of Corfu, where we sail and stop to marvel at some of the island best natural highlights. This includes the striking Papanikolis Cave and the famed Blue Lagoon Bay, where you can swim in the iridescent blue waters. In the evening, stroll the traditional Marina village and take your pick of Greek eats from the idyllic tavern-lined promenade, where you can watch the sunset. Syvota Cooking Class

Day 3 Parga

Nestled on the Ionian coastline of the Greece Mainland, Parga has been described as one of the region's most beautiful villages. This is because of its two crystal clear bays that line either side of its main town and the iconic Venetian fortress that forms an impressive backdrop. Known for its stunning natural environment that gives it an island feel, there are plenty of beachside hangouts and watersports to enjoy the coastline views, especially in the large bay west of Parga town. We will have lunch onboard, but stay in town for an evening of Greek feasting and hospitality. Note: If the vessel manages to dock in the port, you will not need to use a water taxi. However, if you need one, the cost of the Water Taxi is not included in the overall price package. Parga Wine Tasting

Day 4 Antipaxos

Not many people know of Antipaxos, overshadowed by the main island of Paxos, but you will be glad you got to experience this lesser-known beauty spot. First, we fuel up with a lunch before stopping for some coastal relaxation time at some of the islands secluded, tranquil bays that are home to the beaches of Voutoumi and Vrika. Go snorkelling in the turquoise waters, feel the pebbles under your feet, take a walk amongst the clifftop surroundings and visit one of the three main towns - Gaios, Loggos and Lakka. We will dine at a pop-up beach tavern in a secluded bay tucked away from the crowds, and later watch the stars from the deck of the yacht.

Day 5 Gaios - Paxos

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With white pebble beaches, striking blue seas and lush green countryside, Paxos is one of Greece's best-kept secrets. We will dock at the port of Gaios ready for a full day on the island. You can easily explore with a motorcycle, although it's also easy by foot, bike or car too. Spend the day seeking out the secluded coves and bays for swimming, enjoy the Venetian architecture of Gaios town or sample the world-renowned olive oil from the surrounding groves. Watch the fisherman go about their work from one of the seafront cafes, before enjoying some of the best and freshest seafood at one of the excellent local tavernas that stock the best catch of the day.

Day 6 Lakka - Paxos

Dotted with secluded bays and sea caves, with shallow waters for those keen to explore the underworld of the Ionian Sea, this part of Paxos Island is an explorer's dream. Enjoy lunch on the vessel while we sail towards bustling Lakka, the second largest village on the island set in a horseshoe bay to a backdrop of olive and cypresses trees. Visit the pebbled Kanoni beach and sandy Harami beach and wander amongst nature. Later, stroll the vibrant promenade along the seafront. Full of bars and tavernas Lakka is the epitome of old school Greek charm. We will dock overnight at a picturesque bay here. Note: The vessel cannot dock in the marina in this area. Captains evening dinner

Day 7 Corfu

Before we head back to the mainland of Corfu Island, with free

time to explore, we take the chance to fit in one more of Corfu's long sandy beaches. We visit the beautiful Benitses Beach and village on the east coast of the island, enjoying an onboard lunch on the way for some final sweeping sea views. We spend the night in the Marina of Corfu Old Town, where we enjoy a Captain's dinner with the group in our final farewell. Corfu Bus Tour Corfu Greek Night

Day 8 Departure Day

As we come back in full circle to Corfu, this is our departure day, where you'll say goodbye to your new friends and your crew. Hopefully, we have inspired you with this Greece sailing trip and hope to see you next year for more sailing around the Greek islands.

Please Note:

The Ionian Cruise itinerary is subject to change dependent on weather conditions, difficulties at docking or unforeseen circumstances. This decision will be made solely at your captain's discretion, based on the safety of the group and the ship. Travel insurance is highly recommended before departing for a Greece sailing trip. When arranging your transportation, such as flights and on-ground transfers, please ensure you give yourself enough time in-between for the arrival and departure from your group. Departure Day: Mondays (In June, July, August and September) Departure Time: 17:00 (Please try and arrive 30 minutes before) Finish Time: 09:00 (On the following Saturday, docking at Corfu) Note: It is also possible to finish the trip on Sunday evening, as the vessel will have already arrived in

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Hera accommodates a maximum of 25 people in double and triple en suite fully air conditioned cabins. Hera has 7 triple/double cabins (A Double plus a bunk) and 2 twin cabins. Hera offers a spacious outdoor dining area surrounded by comfortable and cozy cushions for you and your friends to enjoy group meals, lazy laid back nights or happy summer moments. There is a large sun deck at the bow for sunbathing bath and a lush comfortable sofa for relaxing. Inside, there is a stylish sitting lounge & bar area where you can mingle with rest of the group, play games or read a book from the library. Hera offers 3G wifi on board. Her English speaking crew of four know the area intimately and will do their best to make sure you have a great holiday.



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