

OUTDOOR TRAVEL

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2020

GREECE & TURKEY – SOUTHERN AEGEAN & DODECANESE ISLANDS

8-days / 7-nights with moderate cycling from Bodrum to Kos PREMIUM GUIDED cycling cruise



Explore the Dodecanese islands of the Southern Aegean Sea on a traditionally-styled motor yacht and by bicycle. Highlights include charming Symi Island with its neo-classical buildings, the towering volcano crater of Nissyros, and the island of Kos with its Greek, Roman and Ottoman past. A journey to introduce you to the sponge divers of Symi, the Knights of St John and turbulent history of this region of legends, history and of beautiful and unique islands in a blue sea.

We sail on a comfortable PREMIUM motor yacht, built in the style of a Turkish *gulet*, with 15 spacious cabins, all air-conditioned and with an ensuite shower / toilet. There is a roomy saloon for meals inside and an out and a shaded rear sun deck for relaxation.

These cycling tours are graded moderate with some challenging short climbs with an average 25 to 40km per day mostly on quiet, sealed roads with plenty of stops to enjoy the scenery. Enjoy the cycling or relax onboard the boat as the mood takes you. **E-bike hire is available** at extra cost – ask for details.

Cost from: **\$2420** per person (twin share lower deck) Single cabin supplement \$965
 Upper deck Supplement from \$265 per person Single cabin upper deck supplement \$1355
 High season supplement from \$175 per person applies to selected departures

Depart Bodrum: 25th April; 9th, 23rd May; 6th June; 12th, 26th September; 10th, 17th, 24th October, 2020

Cruise includes: 7 nights in double/twin or single cabins with ensuite, 7 nights at half board (breakfast and either dinner or lunch daily), English and German speaking cycle guide with cycling tours as per itinerary, multi-gear hybrid bike hire with pannier, museum and archaeological site entries on the group visits.

Not included: Transfers to/from the ship in Bodrum (available at extra cost from Bodrum airport – please ask when booking), personal expenses, gratuities, bottled drinking water (flat rate €20 for the week), other meals and drinks, bicycle insurance (can be pre-paid if required, please ask for details). Some bike helmets are available on board but we recommend you bring or buy a helmet for this trip.



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Suggested itinerary – subject to weather and sailing conditions, may operate in reverse

Day 1 Saturday: Arrive Bodrum

Make your way to the port in Bodrum by 2.00pm. A group transfer from Bodrum airport - at a set time - is available at extra cost if required. We stay in Bodrum overnight so time to explore before dinner onboard.

Day 2 Sunday: Bodrum – Yalçıftlık – Kos Island **cycling @ 18km**

We cycle first to Kızılağaç, known locally for its farmer's market, then to Yalçıftlık where we board the boat for lunch and a cruise to Kos town. The Roman Forum, Crusader fortress and Ottoman-era mosques in Kos town give us an insight into the town's turbulent past. We round off the day in one of the numerous bars and cafés.

Day 3 Monday: Kos and Nissyros Island **cycling @ 25km**

We bike in the direction of the archaeological excavation site of the Asclepion in Kos, a temple dedicated to the god Asclepius where Hippocrates is said to have received his medical training. We circle back along the coast to Kos town. Here we board the boat and cruise to the volcanic island of Nissyros.

Day 4 Tuesday: Nissyros and Tilos Islands **cycling @ 30 - 40km**

We cycle to picturesque Nikia, built at the edge of a 430-metre high volcanic crater. The white houses and the numerous pebble mosaics bring great character to the village. Have a Greek coffee in the village square before cycling to the crater itself with its steaming sulphur springs, then back to Mandraki, where we set sail for Tilos.

Day 5 Wednesday: Tilos and Chalki Islands **cycling @ 22km**

Our morning bike ride takes us from Livadia to Megalochorio, where it is possible to visit the pygmy elephant museum, before returning to the boat. A tasty lunch waits for us on board, then we cruise from Tilos to the island of Chalki, where the island's capital offers a preview of the classical architecture style found on Symi.

Day 6 Thursday: Symi Island **cycling @ 25km**

We sail to Panormitis on Symi Island this morning and visit the Byzantine monastery of Michalis Panormitis, with its famous icon of Archangel Michael Panormitis, the island's patron saint and guardian of sailors. We cycle a winding road over a ridge to the other side of the island, with plenty of time to stop and rest, to the island's capital city, Symi town. In the evening walk the 500 steps to the upper town of Symi to view the deep gorge.

Day 7 Friday: Datça – Knidos – Bodrum **cycling @ 41km**

From Symi we make our way to the neighbouring Datça peninsula in Turkey. We cycle along the peninsula to the ruins of Knidos, dating back to the 4th Century BC. It has a well-preserved amphitheatre and temple to Dionysus, the Greek god of wine. We may spend the night in Knidos or sail to Bodrum, depending on guests' departure times the following day, and we have a farewell dinner onboard the boat.

Day 8 Saturday: Bodrum

Tour ends after breakfast in Bodrum. You may like to pre-book a transfer to Bodrum airport at extra cost.

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