

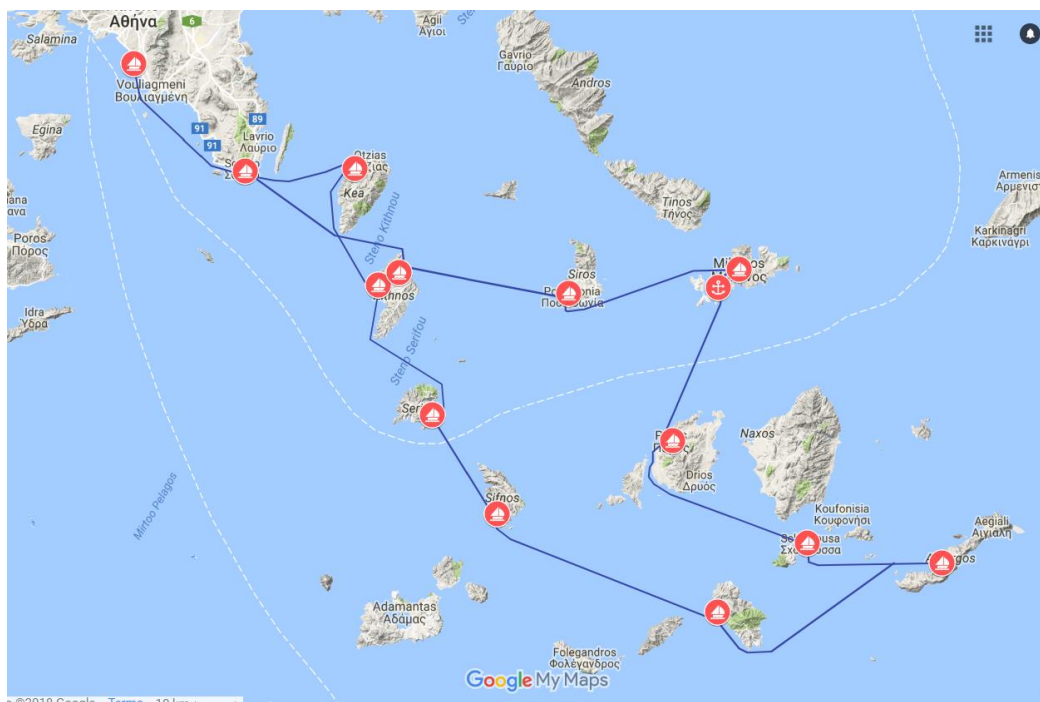


Sailing route two weeks Elliniko - Cyclades – Elliniko

Sailing in the Cyclades is recommended to experienced sailors and you must be prepared to strong winds, but if you are, you may find good sailing as well as the traditional Greek style white and blue houses. Normal wind direction is from North.

Two weeks sailing with start in Agios Kosmas, Elliniko, Athens may look like this:

- Day 1: Navigare Yachting base, Elliniko, embarkation (25 NM)
- Day 2: Elliniko – Cape Sounion (25 NM)
- Day 3: Cape Sounion – Loutra, Kithnos (30 NM)
- Day 4: Island Kithnos – Finikas, Island Siros (25 NM)
- Day 5: Island Siros - Island Mykonos (25 NM)
- Day 6: Island Mykonos – Paros, Island Lefkas (22 NM)
- Day 7: Island Lefkas - Island Skhinoussa (22 NM)
- Day 8: Island Skhinoussa – Island Amorgos (25 NM)
- Day 9: Island Amorgos – Island Ios (35 NM)
- Day 10: Island Ios - Vathi, Island Sifnos (24 NM)
- Day 11: Island Sifnos – Island Serifos (26 NM)
- Day 12: Island Serifos – Island Kithnos (25 NM)
- Day 13: Island Kithnos – Island Kea (15 NM)
- Day 14: Island Kea – Navigare Yachting base, Elliniko (35 NM)



Day1, Saturday: Arrival to Navigare Yachting base in Elliniko. Check in and provision.



Day 2, Sunday - Leave for Cape Sounion. The bay at Akra Sounion is not a harbour, but can be a useful stop and to visit the 5th century temple of Poseidon. This is clearly visible on the Cape from a distance and is easily reached after a short walk. Anchorage at 37°39.2' N, 024°01.35' E.



Day 3, Monday: This morning you may sail to Loutra on the northeast side of Kithnos. In Loutra the harbor is well sheltered from all directions if you stay inside of the mole. You will find a few taverns and you may be served your dinner on the beach.

There is a hot well a few hundred meters from the shore and when the water reaches the waterfront it is still 40 degrees Celsius. A small “bathtub” is made on the east side of the beach where the spring water meets the sea and you can have a pleasant bath even in early season. The hot spring water bath is famous for its ability to cure different diseases.



Day 4, Tuesday: 25 nm east of Loutra you find the very nice place Finikas at the southwest part of Siros. This small harbor is well sheltered except from south wind. You can go stern to a mole and in some places there you find mooring lines. You also can take a morning swim directly from your boat since the water is very clear.

Siros was the capital island of Cyclades. Early last century greenhouses for farming tomatoes made the island prosperous and in the capital city Ermoupoli there were shipyards building big ships. From Finikas there is a bus to Ermoupoli as well as taxis. The town is beautiful with a lot of marble used in streets and squares, so it is well worth a visit and a contrast to the sleepy Finikas.



Day 5, Wednesday: From Finikas to Mykonos it's 25 nm. In Mykonos you have to find a place in the harbor inside where the huge ferries stay. From this harbor it's 2 km south to the very nice small town. However, the Island is extremely touristic and numerous busses transport thousands of visitors from the ferries into the town for a short visit and then it is crowded. Close to the port you can hire a bike and drive to town or take a taxi or even take a walk but try to go there when the ferry guests are not there. If you like to party you have found the right place! If you like to avoid the crowd and the

weather is calm you can sail to Dilos south of Mykonos town and 22 nm from Finikas and anchor over night. Inside a bay there is a small mole where you sometimes can moore alongside. However this mole is used daytime by small ferries to bring visitors to the island. The island is actually an open air museum with an interesting history. 2000 BC Dilos was a holy town as it was supposed to be the birth place of the sun god Apollo and it is actually one of the world sunniest places.



Day 6, Thursday: From Mykonos there is a 25 nm long trip south if you want to visit Paros town at the northeast side of the Island.



Day 7, Friday: Destination for the night is Skhinoussa, a small island in the “Small Cyclades”. For some reason this area is usually calm even if the meltemi is blowing strong elsewhere. Skhinoussa is a small very quiet and peaceful place. The small mole is often occupied and then you have to throw anchor and bring a line ashore and use the dinghy. One of the taverns is serving a delicious lobster in spaghetti. On the way to Skhinoussa a short stop at the west bay of Iraklia is recommended. You pass a small islet west of Iraklia and directly after you will find a bay. Far inside the bay there is a small bouy floating and just underneath in 3 meters depth you can find a small aero plane from World War II.



Day 8, Saturday: If you continue sailing east 25 nm you will arrive at the port of Amorgos. Across the bay there is a pub/tavern that every day show the movie “Deep blue” that was filmed in Amorgos. The chora high up over the harbor is very nice and if you continue to the east side of the island you will find a monastery attached to the steep mountain wall. To hire a bike is a good idea but drive carefully as the roads often are slippery like ice even when dry!



Day 9, Sunday: Time to go southwest to Ios (35 nm), one “party island” with a lot of pubs, bars, restaurants and discos.



Day 10, Monday: Starting to go north you will find Vathi in Sifnos, a laidback place and worth a visit (24 nm). Continue another 4nm north you will find a little larger port named Kamares.



Day 11, Tuesday: From Sifnos you can sail north to Serifos (26nm). The bay on the south coast is well sheltered from north waves although the wind may blow strong. The town (chora) is laying high above the harbor and from there you have a magnificent view.



Day 12, Wednesday: When leaving after breakfast you continue sail north to a bay on the west coast of Kithnos if the forecast predict a calm night, $37^{\circ}24'5N$ $24^{\circ}22'5E$ (25nm). There are actually 2 bays divided by a narrow sand reef connecting the main island with a smaller island south of the big one. You can choose either the east or the west bay. This is a nice place to stay in calm weather. If you prefer a harbor instead you can stay in Merichas only 2 nm south of the bays.



Day 13, Thursday: The harbor on northwest side of Kea is 20 nm away further north. When you arrive to the entrance of the bay you can turn starboard into the main port Korissia. There you can anchor and go tern to but be sure to test your anchor grip as the bottom has bad holding at places.

Instead of turning starboard you can go straight into the bay of Vourkari. There you can go stern to the mole (shallow at places, check the Greek Waters Pilot). The place is calm with only e few taverns along the mole and one at the north side of the bay. There is also good holding to anchor out in the Vourkari bay.

If the weather forecast predicts north light wind you can stay in the southwest bay of Kea, 13 nm from Vathi, and enjoy a morning swim.



Day 14, Friday: If the wind is strong on Friday it's good to be in Kea since it's 35 nm back to the Marina in Elliniko where you shall arrive at 18 O'clock to do the check out.

Day 15, Saturday: At 9 O'clock it's time to leave the boat