



## Sailing route one week 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.

Day 1: Navigare Yachting base, Elliniko - Cape Sounion (25NM)

Day 2: Cape Sounion - Island Kithnos (26NM)

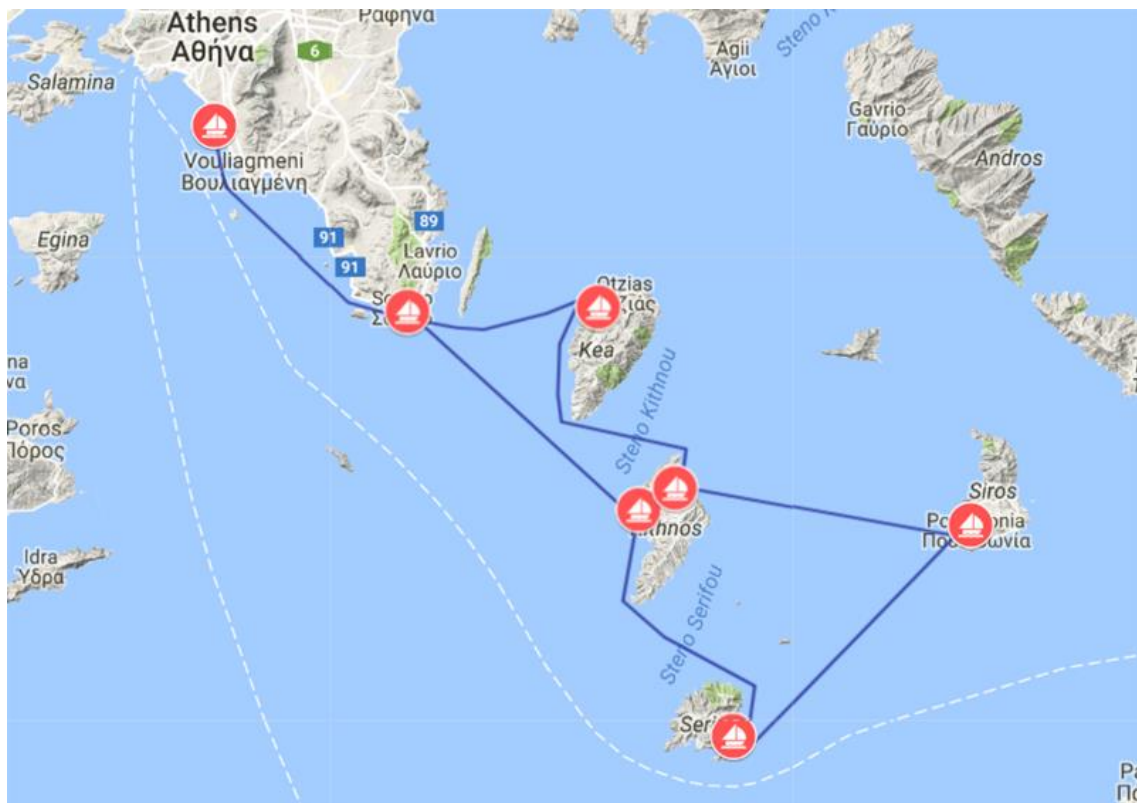
Day 3: Island Kithnos - Island Serifos (26NM)

Day 4: Island Serifos - Island Siros (25 NM)

Day 5: Island Siros - Island Kithnos (Loutra) (20 NM)

Day 6: Island Kitnos - Island Kea (21 NM)

Day 7: Island Kea - Navigare Yachting base, Elliniko (35 NM)



Preview the map: <https://goo.gl/Svmefv>

One week sailing with start in Agios Kosmas, Elliniko may look like this:

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



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  $37^{\circ}39.2' N$ ,  $024^{\circ}01.35' E$ .



**Sunday:** When leaving after breakfast you may sail southeast 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.



**Monday:** From Kithnos you can continue to sail south 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.



**Tuesday:** Now it's wise to have a look at the forecast. If the wind forecast will be strong in the end of the week it may be time to start go back north again. If not, Kamares in Sifnos south of Serifos is worth a visit (11nm) but maybe Vathy another 4nm south is even better and more laidback.



If you decide to move north again, Finikas at the southwest part of Siros is very nice (25nm).

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.



**Wednesday:** This day you may sail to Loutra on the northeast side of Kithnos, 32 nm from Sifnos and 22 nm from Finikas.

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.

**Thursday:** The harbor on northwest side of Kea is 21 nm away.

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.

If the weather forecast predicts north light wind you can stay in the southwest bay of Kea, 15 nm from Loutra, and enjoy a morning swim.



Another alternative in calm weather or north wind is to sail to the bay at Sounio where you can anchor overnight. From Loutra it's 26 nm but from Sounio to Lavrio it's only 6 nm to sail on Friday afternoon.

**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.

**Saturday:** At 9 O'clock it's time to leave the boat.