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Greece Yacht Charters

A YACHT CHARTER IN THE GREEK SEAS

GREECE, the land of the sun and the Gods, offers a tremendous variety of picturesque places from which you can choose those that suit you best. Choose from the Aegean or the Ionian Sea, islands that are remote or cosmopolitan, rocky or pine covered - an endless variety to be enjoyed.

Nowhere in the Old World is there such a combination of sea and sunshine, magnificent islands and mainland coasts, monuments ancient and medieval, as in the Aegean and Ionian Seas, which surround Greece.

On a yacht, whether power or sail, the traveler's' choices are virtually unlimited: one can remain at sea cruising among the islands, find a snug anchorage in a secluded bay where one can swim and fish or moor in one of the many picturesque harbors and enjoy simple or sophisticated island life. Everywhere there are splendid reminders of the Greek classical and medieval past-temples, theaters, monasteries and fortresses, all in settings of timeless, unequalled beauty.

Careful selection and planning are essential in order to get the best out of a visit to Greece via a charter yacht. MONTHS TO CHARTER ARE FROM EARLY MAY INTO OCTOBER. Charters are normally ten days to two weeks but can easily be arranged for only a week.

WEATHER: You will find early May to be cool during the evenings and lovely in the day. The waters will be too chilly for a swim until into June, but there is plenty to do ashore, so do not overlook the beginning and end of the season. Late September and October will also find the days cooler and the water a bit cool, but still possible to go for a dip.

July and August are the months when you are most likely to experience the Meltimi, the strong wind that makes the seas very choppy. These months also tend to be quite hot. During these months you will find the area very crowded with European tourists and students. We recommend May and June and then September and October for the best weather and less crowds.

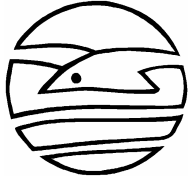
SIDE TRIPS: One of the pleasures of chartering in Greece is the easy availability to ancient sites. You can visit old catacombs, and see the stately ruins of various historic sites. You may enjoy haggling with the vendors of leather goods, pottery and brass items. Greece is known for its gold jewelry designs and you can buy nice pieces both in the shops and in the bazaars.

YACHTS: Yachts will run from the small and basic to the large and luxurious. Overall, the yachts tend to have more berths for yacht size than a comparable yacht in the Caribbean. Yachts tend to have a much more basic interior decor. They will be clean but perhaps not fancy. The number of crewed power yachts or motor sailers does outnumber the sailing yachts. It is often times more practical to charter a motorsailor or powerboat since the seas can be calm and motoring is necessary to reach the next island. The rate of a sailing yacht will normally include 4 hours of fuel per day. This should be sufficient unless you have an ambitious itinerary.

CREWS: The Greeks are great lovers of the sea and the heritage of ships and shipping runs deep. You will find that the yachts have exclusively male crews. Occasionally you may find a husband/wife team, but this is rare. What is normal is the excellent knowledge of the cruising area.

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MEALS: Yachts in Greece are normally offered on a "**plus all expenses**" basis. Meals tend to be taken ashore where the food is good, plentiful and inexpensive. You will get a chance to experience the local tavernas too. You may choose to have your crew provision the yacht for "half board" which is breakfast and one other meal for the fee of \$50 per person per day.

However, you can often provision for several meals yourselves at a much cheaper rate. Some yachts do offer a "Packet rate" for the shoulder season months where the rate includes two meals per day and 4 hours of fuel per day. Shoulder months vary from boat to boat but normally are April, May, June 'til the 15th, September 15 - November 15.

Meals will naturally include a lot of wonderful seafood, lamb, fresh vegetable, yogurts and fresh breads. Local Greek wines are good. The days of only the "retsina" wines are long past though the present day retsinas are excellent with the local foods. Be adventuresome when it comes to your meals, as the food is one of the great offerings of this area.

RATES: Prices for yachts in Greece will seem high to those who have chartered in the Caribbean. Several reasons for this are given. One, their season is very short and the overhead must be recovered in a short period of time. Second, most of the yachts have berths for many more people than our clientele normally wishes to travel with to Europe. Also, the European market seems to accept the rates and it becomes a function of what the traffic will bear.

Personally, we strongly feel the trip through Greece aboard a yacht is well worth the fare. You will experience a special country through the eyes of your crew. They can guide you to the sights, the local foods, the points of history and much, much more.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES FOR GREEK WATERS

Itinerary: CYCLADES

Day 1 - Piraeus - Sounion - Kea

Day 2 - Kea - Andros - Tinos

Day 3 - Tinos - Mykonos

Day 4 - Mykonos - Delos - Naxos

Day 5 - Naxos - Paros - Antiparos

Day 6 - Antiparos - Santorini

Day 7 - Santorini - Ios

Day 8 - Ios - Sifnos

Day 9 - Sifnos - Serifos

Day 10 - Serifos - Syros

Day 11 - Syros - Kithnos

Day 12 - Kithnos - Poros

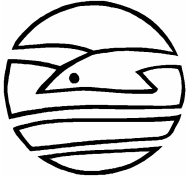
Day 13 - Poros - Aegina

Day 14 - Aegina - Piraeus

Above can be executed with any type of boat, weather permitting, as in Cyclades there are usually high winds in August.

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Itinerary: PELOPONESE

- Day 1** - Piraeus - Methana - Poros
- Day 2** - Poros - Portoheli - Spetses
- Day 3** - Spetses - Geraki - Monemvassia
- Day 4** - Monemvassia - Kyparissi - Leonidion
- Day 5** - Leondion - Spetsopoula - Hydra
- Day 6** - Hydra - Ormos Agapis - Moni
- Day 7** - Moni – Piraeus Above can be executed with a boat of at least 10 knots

Sample itineraries for Greek waters - cont.

Itinerary: SARONIC GULF

- Day 1** - Piraeus - Poros
- Day 2** - Poros - Hydra
- Day 3** - Hydra - Hermioni
- Day 4** - Hermioni - Spetses
- Day 5** - Spetses - Methana
- Day 6** - methana - Aegina
- Day 7** - Aegina - Piraeus

Above can be executed with any type of boat.

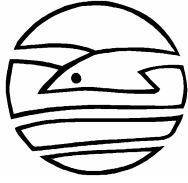
Itinerary: IONIAN SEA

- Day 1** - Piraeus - Corinth canal
- Day 2** - Corinth Canal - Galaxidi
- Day 3** - Galaxidi - Nafpaktos
- Day 4** - Nafpaktos - Ithaca
- Day 5** - Ithaca - Parga
- Day 6** - Parga - Corfu
- Day 7** - Corfu - Lefkada
- Day 8** - Lefkada - Cefalonia
- Day 9** - Cefalonia - Zakynthos
- Day 10** - Zakynthos - Gulf of Corinth (various small bays)
- Day 11** - Itea - Aegina
- Day 12** - Aegina - Piraeus

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Itinerary: DODECANESE

- Day 1** - Piraeus - Kea
- Day 2** - Kea - Tinos - Mykonos
- Day 3** - Mykonos - Icaria
- Day 4** - Icaria - Samos
- Day 5** - Samos - Kalymnos
- Day 6** - Kalymnos - Symi
- Day 7** - Symi - Rhodes
- Day 8** - Rhodes - Kos
- Day 9** - Kos - Patmos
- Day 10** - Patmos - Delos
- Day 11** - Delos - Kithnos
- Day 12** - Kithnos - Aegina
- Day 13** - Aegina- Piraeus

Above can be executed with a boat of at least 14 knots.

Note that you may make arrangements to be picked up outside of Piraeus for a delivery fee or if the yacht is in a location such as Rhodes.

Do not be too ambitious in your itinerary. ENJOY the beautiful islands!

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