



# CUSTOM TRAVEL NETWORK

## CRUISE THE ISLANDS OF THE SARONIC GULF IN YOUR PRIVATE LUXURY YACHT

*Saronic Islands Private Cruise, Skipper included, starting at \$ 1,250 per person (Saturday-Saturday)*



We designed this program with the budget-minded traveler in mind, who still wants to experience a luxurious and relaxing vacation on a private boat without the necessity of previous experience crewing on a vessel, and without the hassle of having to charter a yacht on one's own.

Our 51.2 ft wooden boats feature 4 private cabins with bath, sleeping up to two persons each. Overnight moored in a different port each night with access to all the local infrastructure, restaurants, bars and nightlife. The days are spent sailing, sightseeing or anchoring bays or coves with ample opportunity to swim and relax.



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The itinerary is tentative in nature, as local wind and weather conditions may necessitate amendments on the spot by the skipper. Regardless of the final route, you will always be in a town or harbor for the night, and our crews and knowledgeable local representatives will look after your wellbeing.

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

[L] denotes included lunch, [D] denotes included dinner

#### **Saturday - Arrival in Athens, Embarkation in Piraeus \* Aegina**

Arrive in Athens, and we will meet you at the airport and transfer you to Marina Alimos in Piraeus, where our yachts are moored.

Meet your skipper, and attend a short briefing upon embarkation.

Depart Alimos at 5:00pm and after a short cruise reach the island of Aegina. Capital of Greece from 1826-28, to this day Aegina Town boasts neo-classical architecture, a great waterfront as well as a plethora of tavernas, cafes and bars beckoning you to explore and discover. [D]

*Overnight: Aegina*

#### **Sunday – Aegina \* Poros**

After a leisurely morning, we sail across the clam and azure waters past the volcanic peninsula of Methana to Poros. This lush and green island is considered by many to be the last resort of unspoiled Greece. Spend the afternoon exploring the town, or take a bicycle up to the top of the island for amazing views and a peek at the ancient Temple of Poseidon. Tonight, dinner will be served family-style and al-fresco in a restaurant right by the water. [D]



*Overnight: Poros*



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### **Monday – Poros \* Hydra**

We start off the day anchoring at a remote bay for swimming and sunbathing; in the afternoon, let's continue to Hydra, the most unique island in the Saronic Gulf - there are no cars permitted on the island. Transportation to the town and the hilltop citadel is accomplished using donkeys and mules. Hydra is also well-known for its crystal-clear waters around the island.

Explore the ramparts of the fortified harbor town, Panagia Monastery which was built using the stones of the Poseidon Temple in Poros, and markets this afternoon, and sip Greek Coffee at a waterfront café while watching the sunset. Tonight you are on your own to explore the ample dining and nightlife option in town.

*Overnight: Hydra*

### **Tuesday – Hydra \* Dokos \* Spetses**

Leaving Hydra, we point our yacht southbound and towards Spetses. Known for its mansions as well as its pristine beaches, Spetses Town makes for a great and enjoyable overnight location.

*Overnight: Spetses*

### **Wednesday – Spetses \* Leonidio**

Cross the Argolic Gulf to the port of Leonidio today (weather conditions permitting), and dock at the port of Plaka. Stunning beaches and a spectacular mountain backdrop render Leonidio an extremely attractive place to visit.

Dine on fresh local fish and seafood tonight at a harbor-side inn. [D]



*Overnight: Plaka/Leonidio*

### **Thursday – Leonidio \* Dokos \* Ermioni**

Stop over on the island of Dokos this morning for a swim and a stroll around this relatively unknown island, inhabited mostly by Orthodox



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monks and shepherds. After lunch at a local taverna, continue to the mainland of the part of the Peloponnese known as Argolid, and the port city of Ermioni. Known in Classical times for a much sought-after red fabric dye called porfyra, Ermioni is nowadays a thriving community with abundant infrastructure, dining establishments and clubs. [L]

*Overnight: Ermioni*

### **Friday – Ermioni \* Poros**

On our last day at sea, we cruise back north, making a few stops on the way for swimming, snorkeling and sun worshipping. In the late afternoon, we will reach the already familiar shores of Poros Island. Disembark tonight with memories of a Greek summer to last a lifetime.

Spend the last night of your trip at a great hotel on the island of Poros, where we congregate for a farewell dinner, followed by a pool party. [D]

*Overnight: Poros (Hotel Pavlou)*

### **Sat. – Poros \* End of Land Program**

You may want to stay on for an extra week in Poros to network with graduates and Alumni from other colleges and universities, participate in interesting excursions or simply to relax and enjoy island life.

Alternatively, return to Athens via public ferry, and transfer to Athens airport for your flight home.

*NOTE: This itinerary subject to wind and weather conditions, and may be amended without prior notice by the skipper.*



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## **TECHNICALITIES AND PROGRAM DETAILS:**

### **MEALS:**

- (a) Breakfast: breakfast is not included in the price of the program; typically, you will do the shopping at local markets with the help of the skipper and acquire provisions according to your preferences. You prepare your own breakfast, which will typically consist of fresh fruit, cereal, bread and cold cuts as well as eggs.
- (b) Lunch: while some lunches on shore are included in the package (denoted by [L] in the itinerary), other times the midday meal is dealt with in the same manner as breakfast.
- (c) Dinner: many dinners are included in the package. These are usually enjoyed in typical local restaurants, consist of 3 courses and include water and table wine.

### **BEVERAGES:**

Water, soft drinks, and to a limited degree beer and wine, are available on-board for your convenience and incur no extra charge.

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

Each craft features 4 private cabins (apart from a separate skipper's cabin) and baths. Each cabin sleeps 1-2 people.

### **GROUP SIZE:**

Each vessel sleeps a maximum of 8 guests; if the group consists of more than 8 members, a flotilla of up to 5 yachts will travel together.

### **LOCAL ASSISTANCE:**

For each departure, we supply a tour director, who, in cooperation with the skipper(s), will ensure your wellbeing on-board as well as on land. The tour director will supply you with information, organize group events and be at your disposal for any questions or concerns you may have. The tour director may travel on the yacht(s) on some days, and meet you at your ports of call on others.

### **SAILING EXPERIENCE:**

No previous sailing experience is needed to participate in one of our Sailing Vacations. We have chosen the islands of the Saronic Gulf because the waters



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are generally calmer than in other areas of Greece, making traveling easier and more comfortable for first-time boaters.

### BOATS:

We normally use "Ocean Yachts" 51.2 ft boats, renowned for their reliability, comfort and spacious interiors.

