

Yachting Cruise in the Cyclades

This cruise invites you to a real Greek odyssey! From island to island, you will stop in the most beautiful villages and the most wonderful landscapes of the Cyclades. Panoramic views, winding paths leading to the top of perched villages, archaeological sites...

With their diversity, beauty and light, the Cyclades are a wonderful invitation to travel!

On board the Running on Waves 5*

Discover the treasures of ancient Greece by sea, enjoy a unique navigation reserved for a privileged few, stop whenever you want in preserved coves to dive into the crystal clear waters, admire the exceptional landscapes of mythical islands and dock in confidential ports... This is what we offer you during this program through the string of islands of the Cyclades, aboard this majestic three-masted ship, with careful decoration, in a subtle Art Deco spirit and for 34 passengers maximum. A unique, intimate and luxurious atmosphere that invites you to relax and rest.

- Regions / Countries: **Greece France**
- Duration: **8 Days / 7 Nights**
- Dates: **May 09, 2026; May 16, 2026; May 30, 2026; Jun 06, 2026; Sep 12, 2026; Sep 19, 2026; Sep 26, 2026; Oct 03, 2026**
- Tags: **Mainland port, Discovery, Island, Popular, Secluded, Romantic, Nightlife, City**
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Day 1



[Greece / Athens](#)

Mainland port

City where you can find a Roman tomb in the basement of the clothing store and a metro station where you can walk through the remnants of an ancient necropolis.

DAY 1: FRANCE - ATHENS (Greece)

Departure on scheduled flight. Arrival in Athens, then transfer to the port and boarding the Running on Waves. Departure in the early evening. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 2



[Greece / Kleftiko](#)

Discovery, Island, Popular, Secluded, Romantic

DAY 2: MILOS - KLEFTIKO

Arriving off the coast of Milos, stop to admire the lunar landscapes of Sarakiniko. Stopover in Milos, an island with a peaceful charm. Visit the ancient theater where the famous Venus was discovered. Continue to Plaka, the picturesque capital of the island where you can stroll through its pedestrian streets to admire churches with typical domes and whitewashed houses. Discover the charming fishing port of Klima where small fishermen's huts with multi-colored windows and doors line up. Return on board and sail for a swimming stop at Kleftiko. Only accessible by boat, the cliffs of Kleftiko are nicknamed the Meteors of the sea. They offer an almost unreal spectacle of rock formations that plunge in all their whiteness into the azure of the Aegean Sea. At the end of the evening, start of navigation towards Ios. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Day 3



[Greece / Ios](#)

Island, Popular

Ios is more than just a famous party island, it also offers best sandy beaches in Europe and tranquil traditional Cycladic villages.

DAY 3: IOS

Early in the morning, arrival in Ios. This festive island benefits during the day from a peaceful atmosphere with its many coves and wild corners with breathtaking landscapes. Discovery of Chora, the capital of the island, a perched village with the appearance of a postcard with its winding streets flowered with bougainvillea, its white houses and its churches with blue domes. The center of the village is entirely pedestrianized and leads, for the bravest, to the top of a hill where four churches stand. From there, the view of the bay of Gialos and the island of Sikinos is breathtaking. In the afternoon, the island offers many beaches and small coves where you can indulge in swimming. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Day 4



[Greece / Santorini](#)

Island, Popular, Nightlife

The island of spectacular scenery and activities. Red sand beaches, amazing views from the cliffs, traditional villages and full list of amenities.

DAY 4: SANTORINI

In the morning, sail to Santorini, the most famous and spectacular island of the Cyclades. This immense volcano emerging from the Aegean Sea with its white houses with blue roofs clinging to the cliffs is a real postcard of Greece. Departure on an excursion and discovery of the villages of Pyrgos, Oia and Fira. The village of Pyrgos is the highest point of the island of Santorini. Built on a hillside, this ancient Cycladic fortress offers panoramic views of the entire island. The traditional architecture, the neoclassical mansions, the winding paths leading to the top of the village, the small white houses, the galleries, the vineyards and the churches make Pyrgos a magical place. Oia is located at the northwestern tip of the island and stretches for almost 2 km. From there all eyes are directed towards the nearby island of Thirasia and towards the centre of the Santorini caldera. The view is spectacular. Along its narrow streets, you will discover picturesque traditional houses. The bell towers, domes and mills pleasantly punctuate the landscape that is sublimated by the sunset. Fira, the capital of Santorini, is located in the center of the caldera. Its white houses decorated with the blue of the Cyclades seem to cling to the cliff. From the alleys of the city, the view of the caldera is grandiose and even dizzying as the edge of the wall is so close. We will admire the subtle tangle of houses which offers many terraces with a breathtaking view. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Day 5



[Greece / Naxos](#)

Island, Popular

Astoundingly green with vast forests and valleys, blessed with numerous famous local produce like wine, cheese and olives, yet filled with examples of Cycladic culture.

DAY 5: PAROS - NAXOS

In the morning, stopover in Paros, the third largest island of the Cyclades, renowned for its heavenly beaches and rich nightlife. Free discovery of Parikia, the main port of the island which has many shops and terraces facing the Aegean Sea. With its cobbled streets, its white houses and blue shutters, its bougainvillea, the old town has retained its authentic, typically Cycladic charm. Your walk will take you to the kastro, a Venetian fortress built in the 13th century, and to the basilica of Panaghia Katapoliani considered one of the most important Byzantine monuments in Greece. Lunch on board during the cruise to Naxos. A large island in the Cyclades, Naxos offers a rare diversity of landscapes. The center of the island is mountainous and the villages nestled there contrast with the traditional Cycladic villages. Departure on an excursion to visit the island's capital, Chora, a port set on a rocky peninsula. Perched on a hill, with its cobblestones and charming white and blue houses, the historic district of Kastro preserves several Venetian residences and the remains of a castle. 4 km from the village of Melanes is the archaeological site of Flerio and its famous Kouros dating from the Archaic period. This statue of a young man lying on his back is almost 6 m long. Return on board for dinner and overnight at the quay.

Day 6



[Greece / Mykonos](#)

Island, Nightlife, Popular

Star level island. Best nights out in the Aegean sea, and, perhaps, in the whole Mediterranean.
And star level cultural heritage and history, and well-preserved traditional ways of living and cooking.

DAY 6: DELOS - MYKONOS

During breakfast, sail to the small island of Delos which has an exceptionally rich archaeological heritage. Sacred land of Greek mythology, Delos is a small, particularly arid and windy island, uninhabited for centuries. According to legend, it is here that Leto gave birth to Apollo, god of beauty, and Artemis, goddess of the hunt. Stop to visit the archaeological site, before continuing the navigation during lunch to Mykonos which you will visit in the afternoon. Mykonos has preserved its wild and natural beauty while becoming one of the most prestigious tourist destinations. With its magnificent bays and clear waters, its vibrant atmosphere makes it the most cosmopolitan of the Cyclades islands. Stop for the night in Mykonos and dinner on board.

Day 7



[Greece / Ermoupolis](#)

DAY 7: SYROS - ERMOUPOLIS (Anos Syros)

Early morning sailing to the island of Syros, in the center of the Cyclades. Visit of Ermoupolis, the superb capital of the Cyclades which displays a bourgeois air with its imposing neo-classical and Venetian buildings. Transfer by bus to Ano Syros, the district Catholic church that presents an astonishing mix of typical Cycladic architecture and medieval architecture with narrow streets and small houses piled up against each other. Its amphitheater construction to protect itself from pirate attacks has remained intact. Discovery on foot of the marble-paved alleys of Ermoupolis, majestic buildings and its historical aura: the 19th-century City Hall, the famous Apollo Theater and other magnificent neoclassical mansions. Return on board in the late evening and Navigation to Athens. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Day 8



[France / Paris](#)

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

DAY 8: ATHENS - PARIS

In the morning, after breakfast, disembarkation and transfer to Athens airport. Return to France.

