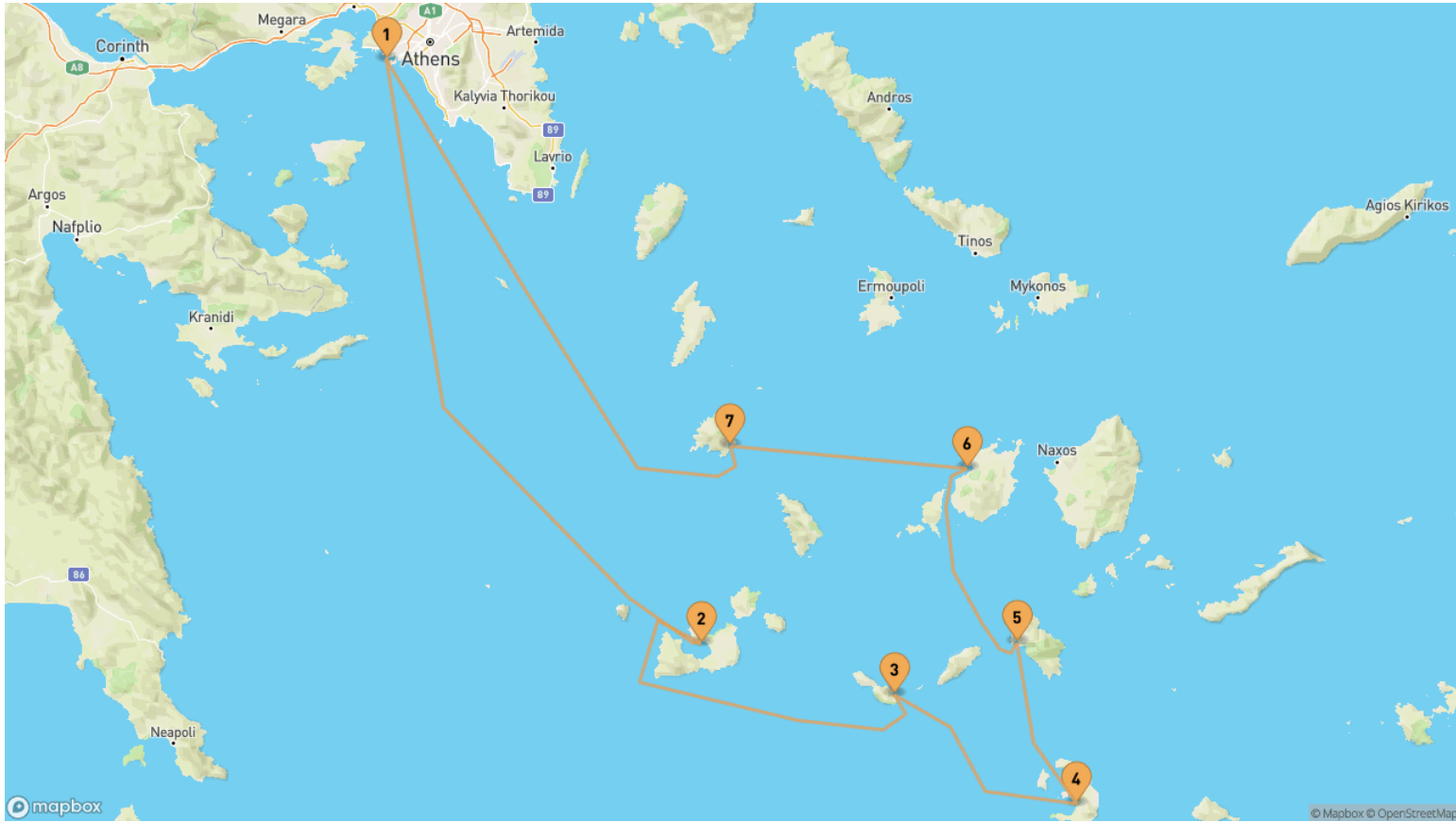


Southern Cyclades Cruise. Diving Tour Plus

CRUISE FOR DIVERS AND NON-DIVERS

- Regions / Countries: **Greece**
- Duration: **8 Days / 7 Nights**
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Day 1



[Greece / Athens-Piraeus](#)

Mainland port

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[Acropolis of Athens](#)

Historic, Architecture

Start your grand tour of Athens with a proper visit of the Acropolis, the heart of Athens. It hosts many iconic buildings of the Greek Classical age, among them the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, and the Temple of Athena Nike.

[Mikrolimano harbour](#)

Restaurant, Food

One of the most famous places with seafood restaurants to enjoy fresh fish around Athens.



[Pireaus walks](#)

Culture, Music

Set course for a thorough tour: visit open markets, go for coastal walks, visit the opera house, feel the spirit of a big sea port, and relax at the beaches

Day 2



[Greece / Milos](#)

Popular, Island

Created from lava of a volcano, Milos provides staggering landscape views. For centuries the island was the place in Greece for mining precious obsidian. Try to find a piece of obsidian once you are there.

Rich in allusions to Greek mythology and artwork.

Thanks to its volcanic origin, Milos boasts a magnificent colorful landscape and a coastline that counts more than 40 exotic beaches.

Standing out for its majestic ambiance, rich history, picturesque fishing villages, amazing food, and indigo bays, Milos island in Greece is a timeless Cycladic gem that will steal your breath with its enchanting beauty. The variety of landscapes in Milos is unreal- you'll see nothing twice, there's always something new to discover. Being home to the Venus of Milo statue, which was discovered on the island and the stunning Sarakiniko beach, Milos' beauty is expressed in many ways!

Milos Greece welcomes everyone, but it is particularly popular with couples, which find in the serene natural landscape of Milos the perfect setting for their romantic holidays. Indeed, the numerous caves, mysterious catacombs, and emerald Milos beaches squeeze enough charm to bewitch any traveler.

Milos beaches are iconic, and especially the gorgeous Sarakiniko beach. This beach boasts a lunar landscape, consisting of volcanic gleaming white rock formations and crystal clear turquoise waters.



[Sarakiniko beach](#)

Beach, Nature

Feel yourself like on the moon at the Sarakiniko beach amongst greyish-white volcanic rock formations.

Day 3



[Greece / Folegandros](#)

Island, Secluded

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Two dives are not to be missed on this beautiful island.

The huge cave at the south coast of the island, with easy entrance and a spacious interior.

Don't forget the "Adelfia" (brothers) reef on the channel between Sikinos and Folegandros.

This reef has the shape of a shark fin and because of its location in the middle of the sea is full of aquatic life.



[Paleokastro](#)

Historic

Admire panoramic views from the ancient town site

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.

This island houses the largest sea volcano in the world. Part of its crater went under water during an eruption, thus creating a caldera – a funnel filled with sea water. The resulting intense tsunami led to the sunset of the Minoan civilization. There is a theory that it was exactly this tsunami that sunk Atlántida (also known as Atlantis). The edge of the caldera is an upright rock, approximately 300 meters high. One may get to the top on foot, conquering 687 steps, ride a mountain road lined with stones, or take a funicular. Once up at the height of 220 meters above sea level, you will find yourself in the most beautiful town of Fira – the capital of Santorini. Picturesque views of the town attract cinema directors, painters and photographers from all over the world. Not surprisingly, people say that all most beautiful movies of Greece were made here – snow-white houses, blue roofs and thrilling views of the sea and sky merging together.

All sunsets at Santorini are as unique as the colors of the sea before the sun sets, and they never repeat themselves. The color of the sky becomes supernatural, and along with the views of the waves, the shape of the clouds, the smells and the wind – all come together to create a sense of magic. Add to this incredible multicolored beaches with volcano sand and you get one of the most wonderful places on Earth!

Adiavatos reef.

The reef's head at 12m depth is decorated by huge monoliths, while on every side of it the walls drop down dramatically to the depths of several hundred meters. Its formation shelters various aquatic life.

Volcano dive.

A sulfur green layer at the first couple of meters creates a mystical ambience through out this dive. Numerous huge lava rocks scattered around give shelter to lobsters, groupers, octopuses.

Mansel reef.

On calm days we may visit this spectacular reef in open sea. The walls drop down to the abyss and everynow and then we can see broken amphoraes. The visibility is breathtaking throughout the year.



[Santorini restaurants](#)

Restaurant, Food

Dine at any of the exclusive spectacular restaurants of Santorini as if floating in the sky atop these volcanic landscapes

Day 5



[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.

Ios is a Cycladic island sitting in the heart of the Aegean Sea. It may be popular among the youth as one of the top party islands in Greece, thanks to the crazy Ios nightlife, but the truth is that Ios is much more than that!

Boasting the typical seductive Cycladic landscape, Ios Greece has tiny whitewashed houses, narrow cobblestone alleys, picturesque cliff top villages and, of course, mesmerizing Ios beaches.

During the day, Ios island is the absolute Cycladic paradise. People escape the summer heat at the golden beaches, where they take a dip in the crystal clear Aegean waters. When the sun goes down, the bars and restaurants of Ios Chora come alive! The crowds start peeling themselves away from the scenic beaches, to get lost in the wild Ios party scene... Until next morning!



[Manganari beach](#)

Beach

Dip yourself into crystal waters

Day 6



[Greece / Paros-Antiparos](#)

Island

“Anti” translates in Greek not as negation but as the “opposite” of something. Islands of Paros and Antiparos lie opposite each other and are separated by a narrow strait. It is said they are the most Aegean islands among all of the Aegean. Come and see yourself why that is the case.

Paros is an island for every one: famous beaches varying from popular and vibrant to secluded, traditional Cycladic architecture, vivid nightlife, enchanting rural villages, and historical monuments.

The two main villages, Parikia and Naoussa, are the heart of the island’s nightlife beats. Full of traditional taverns, luxurious restaurants and sophisticated bars, Parikia and Naoussa overflow with young crowds every night. For tranquility go to traditional villages of Lefkes and Marpissa.

The island is famous for one thing in particular: its beaches! Huge, sandy, with crystal clear waters and many facilities. Santa Maria, Golden Beach Paros, Punta, and Kolymbithres are some of the most famous beaches in Paros. However, there are also many secluded beaches, for those who seek privacy!

Paros has also ideal conditions for windsurfing and kitesurfing, thanks to “Meltemi” wind. Every summer it hosts the Professional Windsurfing World Cup.

Historical monuments include most significant early church in the Aegean, the awe-inspiring Panagia Ekatonpiliani (Church of 100 Doors). Or you could climb to the Venetian castle at the port and visit the Byzantine Road at Lefkes.

The dive in Pandieronisi cave is just spectacular. At 12m we begin to see the massive entrance to the cave. Vibrant colors are decorating the cave walls. In the middle of the dive we may ascend to the surface inside the huge cave. Depending on the experience of the divers we can either exit through the large entrance, or through a smaller deeper passage.



[Cave of Archilochos](#)

Cave

Crawl into natural wonders of Paros, like the Cave of Archilochus and Cave of the Nymphs

Day 7



[Greece / Serifos](#)

Island, Secluded

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[Ganema beach](#)

Beach

Get comfortable on the soft sand of the beaches. Ganema and Psiii Ammos are the most beautiful ones: first being deserted and the second one is quite popular.

Day 8



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