



Greece to Cyprus No-Pop Cruise

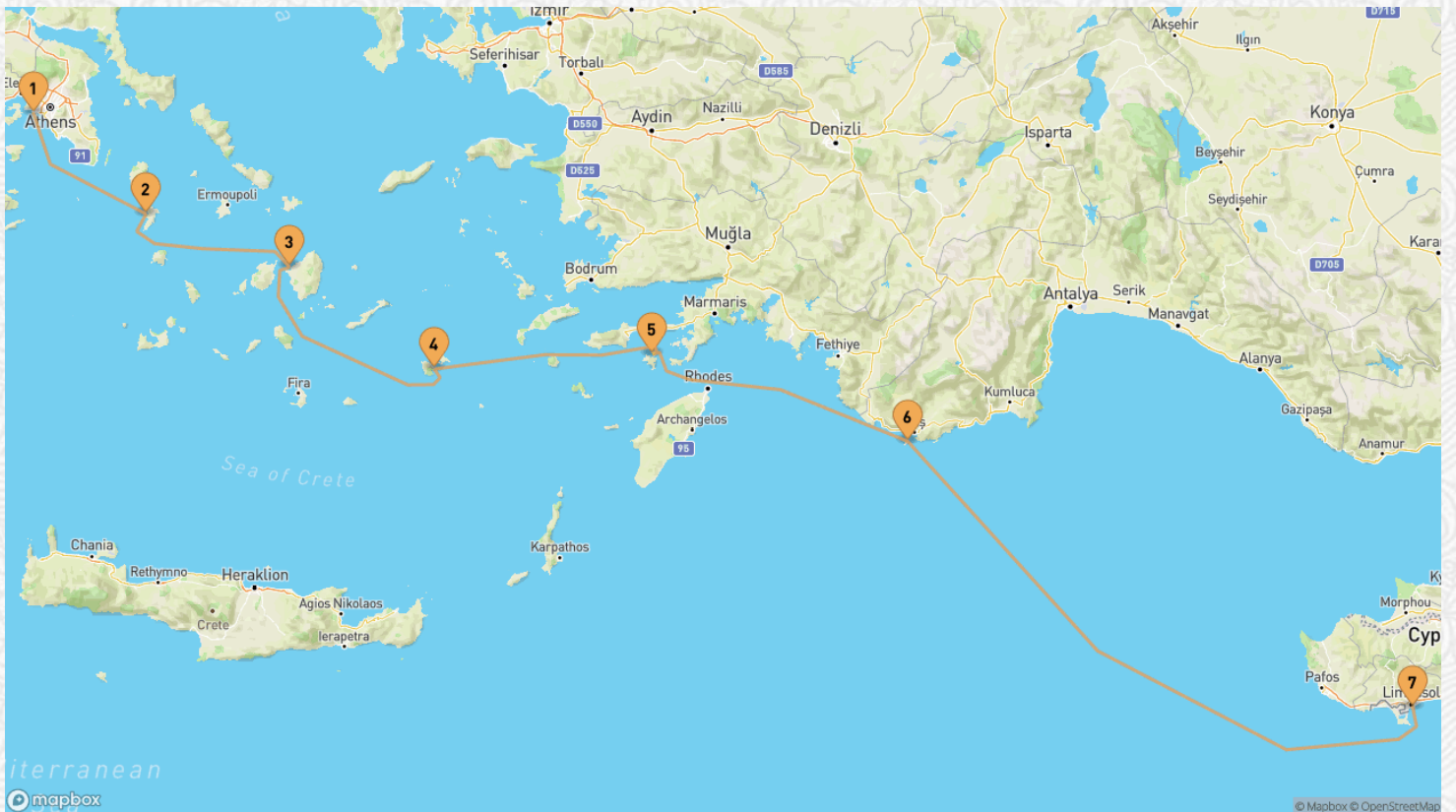
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From Athens to Limassol. Stopping at many Greek islands in between. Bypassing all the overcrowded over-touristy islands.

⦿ TAGS: Mainland port, Island, Popular, Secluded, City

⦿ REGIONS / COUNTRIES: 🇬🇷 Greece 🇨🇵 Cyprus

⦿ DURATION: 7 Days / 6 Nights



Day 1



Greece / Athens-Piraeus

◆ 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.



LYCABETTUS FUNICULAR

◆ View

The railway carts travelers to central Athens's highest peak, which offers stunning vistas of the city.

SIX DOGS

📍 Culture, Music, Food, Nightlife, Restaurant

Inner garden, where you can dine, drink, listen to music, party, and socialize at the many tables between tall trees.



GLYFADA BEACH

📍 Beach

Hop on the tram at downtown Athens towards Glyfada. The tram stops next to all the major beaches along the coast of Athens Riviera.

LAKE VOULIAGMENI

📍 Nature

Because of its constant and comfortable water temperature, the lake functions as a year-round spa with underwater thermal currents



Day 2



Greece / Kythnos

📍 Island

Kythnos is famous for the first thermal SPA in Greece, sole outdoor Mesolithic settlement, long standing pottery-making tradition and the long sand strip of Kolona beach.



POTTERY WORKSHOP

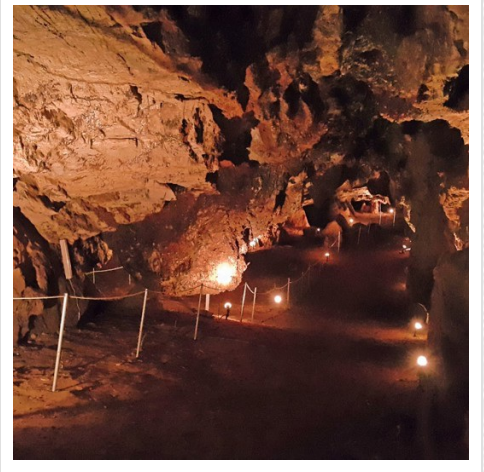
📍 Workshop, Shopping, Culture, Art

Drop in for the pottery lesson at the UNESCO awarded pottery workshop

CAVE OF KATAFYKI

📍 Cave, Nature

Former mine and shelter



SPRINGS OF LOUTRA

📍 Beach, Nature

First SPA in Greece appreciated even by Greek royals

Day 3



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.



KOUFOPOULOS CHEESE MAKING FACTORY

📍 Food, Museum, Culture, Traditional

Snack for the day in the capital of the island at this unique spot

EGGARON OLIVE OIL MILL AND MUSEUM

📍 Food, Culture, Museum

Get filled with aromas and tastes



VALLINDRAS CITRUS DISTILLERY

📍 Food, Museum, Traditional, Culture

Drop by Halki, a citrus distillery in Drimalia, if you happen to pass through the center of the island

LIMPERTAS MANOLIS CERAMIC WORKSHOP

📍 Culture, Museum, Workshop, Shopping, Traditional

Snap yourself a souvenir and learn a few things



EMERY MINES

📍 Museum, Nature

Get a canyon-like feeling at Emery Mines or Smirida in the Za valley

Day 4



Greece / Astypalea

Island

Astypalea is a small, butterfly-shaped island, peaceful and not touristy. Here you will find numerous secluded beaches, Hora village on the slope of the hill, crowned with Venetian Querini Castle, and perfect nature for rock climbing and mountain biking.



DRAKOSPILIA CAVE

Cave, Nature

Visit the impressive Drakospilia cave, located on the island of Naxos, and admire its stunning stalactites and stalagmites, as well as its important archaeological finds.

HIKING PATHS

Explore the breathtaking scenery of Astypalea by hiking the many hiking trails. Discover hidden gems, picturesque villages and stunning views of the Aegean Sea. Hiking on trails suitable for all levels of fitness is the perfect way to get exercise and enjoy the stunning scenery.



ROCK CLIMBING

📍 Nature

Wild topography and limestone rocky terrain are ideal for rock climbing. There are 20 tracks of varying difficulty equipped with stainless M10 plugs. Book your tour at the camping center

Day 5



Greece / Symi

📍 Island, Secluded

Main town features a neoclassical harbour of pastel-coloured buildings. Beyond the town, you'll find coastal hikes, coves ideal for swimming and historic sights, from the elegant Panormitis monastery to castle ruins.



SYMI BYZANTINE WINE PRESSES

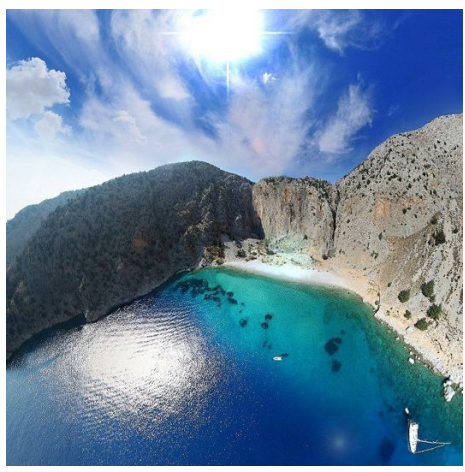
📍 Wine, Craft

History buffs and wine lovers will appreciate a visit to the Byzantine wine presses on the island of Symi. These ancient wine presses date back to the Byzantine era and were used to produce wine in the traditional way.

SYMI HIKING TRAILS

📍 Nature

There are hiking trails in nearly all corners of the island.



SAINT GEORGE BAY

📍 Beach

Saint George Bay is a beautiful spot on the island of Symi, known for its crystal-clear waters and stunning scenery. Visitors can enjoy swimming, sunbathing, and relaxing on the beach, as well as exploring the surrounding area on foot or by boat.

Day 6



Greece / Kastellorizo

Secluded

Eastern edge of Greece, Kastellorizo, or Castelrosso, for “Red Castle”. The island sits on the traderoad between Asia and Europe. Turkish coastline is only two nautical miles away.

Residence of the order of medieval knights sitting opposite the homeland of St Nicholas.



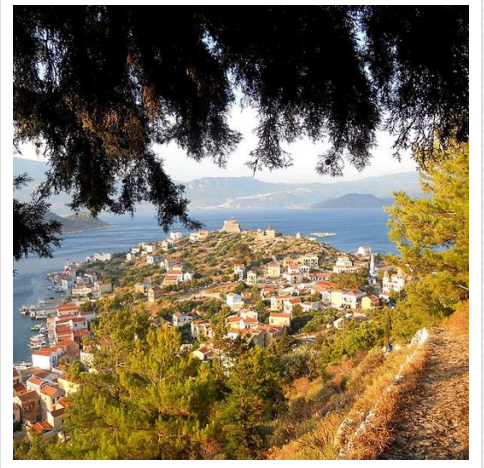
PARASTAS CAVE

Cave

One of the largest and most beautiful caves of Greece

CASTLE OF THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT JOHN

The origin of the island's name, the Red Castle.



Day 7



Cyprus / Limassol

◆ Mainland port, City

Developed city with a charming old town part.
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TRODOOS MOUNTAINS

◆ Nature

Mountain chain, of which Mount Olympus is the highest point, shows unusual brown stone that represents the escape of the Earth's mantis, a rare geological phenomenon, that you cannot otherwise touch so easily.
The chain is surrounded by picturesque nature trails.
It is also possible to book a tour and ascend to the top of mount Olympus with a group on donkeys.

MILLOMERIS WATERFALL

Nature

Set on a path towards the big Millomeris waterfall. This path, which starts at the Pano Platres church, is short but very challenging, where you will be rewarded with great mountain views at the top.



ATALANTA TRAIL

Historic, Nature

Get rewarded on the path of Atalanta, which is two times longer and tougher than the path of Artemis, with the spectacular views, smells of black pine trees and groves of 800 years old juniper.

ABANDONED HOTEL BERENGARIA

Architecture, Special

Berengaria hotel, a majestic building that silently stands in Prodomos, the highest village in Cyprus, was once the most luxurious hotel in Cyprus, served as a haven for royals and other titled guests. The hotel was named after Queen Berengaria, wife of Richard the Lionheart, who were married there. However, mysterious deaths, screams and other strange apparitions appearing in the hotel, all combine to create a horrifying conundrum.

