



**SAILING ROUTE**  

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**GREECE**



## INTRODUCTION

Hello sailors,

Welcome to Greece! Ahead of you is a fantastic sailing week that will show you the Dodecanese archipelago.

A sailing vacation in Greece is a must for all sailors. Wake up with a gentle morning breeze and sail in strong afternoon winds. You can easily alternate short island hops with line-of-sight navigation and more challenging, open water passages. A Greek sailing vacation offers the perfect conditions to “Free Your Inner Captain”.

In this document you’ll find some extra information to help you on your way this sailing trip.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Greece! Follow the suggested route to see some of the most beautiful places that the Dodecanese has to offer.

### WEATHER

The summer climate on the Dodecanese sees temperatures soon topping 30°C / 86°F during the very hottest of weather. If you prefer to sit in the shade, there are plenty of places where you can relax and enjoy a gentle sea breeze.

### TIME ZONE

Eastern European Time (GMT+2.00).

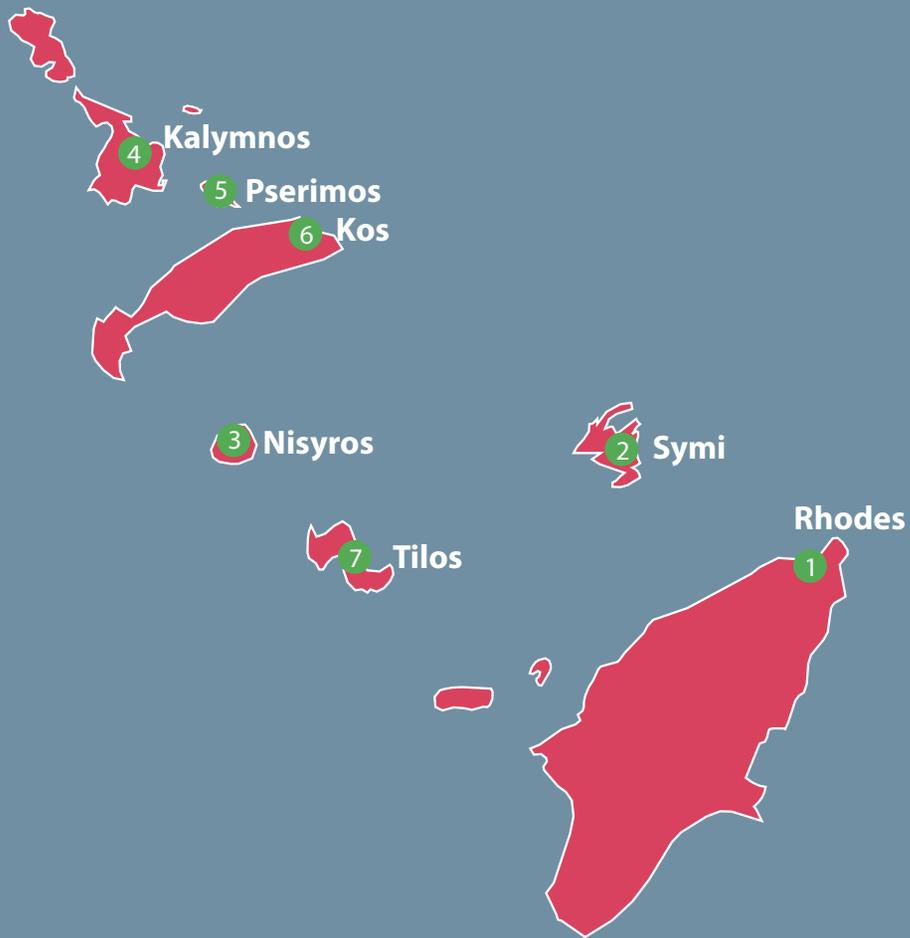
### CURRENCY

Euro - €

### LANGUAGE

Greek





## SAILING ROUTE

**DAY 1: Rhodes - Symi**  
23 Nautical Miles

**Day 2: Symi - Nisyros**  
32 Nautical Miles

**Day 3: Nisyros - Kalymnos**  
28 Nautical Miles

**Day 4: Kalymnos - Pserimos**  
7 Nautical Miles

**Day 5: Pserimos - Kos**  
10 Nautical Miles

**Day 6: Kos - Tilos**  
35 Nautical Miles

**Day 7: Tilos - Rhodes**  
38 Nautical Miles

### TOTAL SAILING DISTANCE

173 Nautical Miles

### GENERAL TIPS

- Weather forecast: VHF Channel 63
- Emergencies: VHF Channel 16
- Sunrise will be approximately 5:45 AM and sunset will be approximately 8.30 PM.





## RHODES

By far the largest and always the most powerful of the Dodecanese Islands, Rhodes (ro-dos) abounds in beaches, wooded valleys and ancient history.

Whether you arrive in search of buzzing nightlife, languid sun worshipping, or diving in crystal-clear waters, or embark on a culture-vulture journey through past civilisations, it's all here.

The atmospheric Old Town of Rhodes is a maze of cobbled streets that will spirit you back to the days of the Byzantine Empire and beyond.

Further south is the picture-perfect town of Lindos, a magical vision of sugar-cube houses spilling down to a turquoise bay.

### **RESTAURANT TIP**

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Leontos 1 | Rhodos 85100

# SYMI

Beautiful Symi is guaranteed to evoke oohs and aahs from passengers before they even get off the boat. The first sight of the harbour of island capital Gialos, framed against an amphitheatre of biscuit- and wine-coloured houses rising on all sides, is unforgettable. It's all thanks to the Italians, who ruled the island almost a century ago and established the neoclassical architectural style that Symi has followed ever since.

Although Symi is far from small, it's mostly barren and the only settlements are Gialos, the old village of Horio, which sprawls over the hilly ridge behind, and Pedi, down in the valley beyond.

One road runs all the way to the monastery at Panormitis, near Symi's southern tip. The rest of this spellbinding island is largely deserted, but it's surrounded by blue coves and beaches, aglitter with crystal-clear water so transparent that boats can look as if they're floating on thin air.

## RESTAURANT TIP

Vasilis Taverna  
Harbour Front | Symi 85600





## NISYROS

Despite the spectacular volcanic crater that fills its interior, the small and very intimate island of Nisyros retains a low profile.

Most of its visitors are day trippers from nearby Kos, so even the main settlement, Mandraki, is a sleepy little village that kicks off its shoes each evening and relaxes into mellow contemplation of the setting sun.

It's the volcano that's the main attraction here, responsible for the island's fertility and drawing botanists and gardeners to see its unique flora.

Otherwise, in the absence of good beaches, Nisyros is more a place for exploring dazzling hilltop villages such as Nikea and Emborios, hiking a little and sampling the local produce.

Keep an eye out for koukouzina, a drink produced from grapes and figs.

### **RESTAURANT TIP**

Balconi Restaurant  
Emporios | Emborio 85303

## KALYMNOS

The wild and wonderful island of Kalymnos is characterised above all by its dramatic mountains, which draw hardy climbers from all over the world. Along its western flank in particular, the scenery is utterly spectacular, with the coastal highway lined with pink oleanders and forming a slender strip between steeping crags above and dazzling blue waters below.

Kalymnos is also greener than most of its neighbours, cradling fertile valleys and verdant enclaves. Add the enticing, car-free islet of Telendos, immediately offshore, and you have a compelling destination.

While its sponge-fishing heyday is long past, Kalymnos remains inextricably entwined with the sea. Its turquoise bays hold some delightful beaches, albeit largely pebble rather than sand, while gastronomic treats include octopus in ouzo, and spinalo (devilfish and urchins in sea water).

The island's nautical heritage is at its most conspicuous in its capital and main ferry port, Pothia, where you'll still find stalls piled high with unearthly looking sponges, and a statue of Poseidon surveys the harbour. Pothia is essentially a working town, however, so it's more fun to stay in the smaller west-coast settlements such as Emborios and Myrties, or over on Telendos.

### RESTAURANT TIP

Medusa By The Sea  
Rina port | Kalymnos 85200





## PSERIMOS

Pserimos is one of the remotest islands of the country located between the islands of Kos and Kalymnos. As the size of the island is tiny, there are no streets in Pserimos. It is advisable to bring your trainers with you, as the majority of beaches are accessible from the mountains!

Pserimos is an ideal island for those looking for seclusion, tranquility and total privacy.

### **RESTAURANT TIP**

Sevasti Pikou  
Pserimos

# KOS

Fringed by the finest beaches in the Dodecanese, dwarfed beneath mighty crags, cut through with lush valleys and everywhere displaying proud relics of its storied past, Kos is an island of endless surprises and varied treasures.

Visitors soon become blasé at sidestepping the millennia-old Corinthian columns that poke through the rampant wildflowers – even in Kos Town, the lively capital, ancient Greek ruins are scattered everywhere you turn, and a mighty medieval castle still watches over the harbour.

One moment you can be dining in a rustic mountain tavern, the next you find yourself in a busy cosmopolitan cafe – there really is something for everyone.

## **RESTAURANT TIP**

Lofaki Cafe Restaurant Theatre  
Agios Nektarios | Kos 85300





## TILOS

If you're looking for a green adventure on a lost island, Tilos is the place for you, with its mountains turning russet gold in the afternoon and fishing boats bobbing in Livadia's pretty harbour.

Unlike some of its barren neighbours, the island is abloom with wildflowers and home to a beguiling biodiversity, drawing birdwatchers and wildlife buffs from across the globe.

Work up a sweat hiking through its meadows, mountains and valleys then flop onto one of many deserted beaches. Its azure waters play host to monk seals and sea turtles.

### **RESTAURANT TIP**

Nautilus Restaurant  
Tilos Livadia | Tilos, Livadia 85002



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