

Cycling Europe

GREECE'S DODCANESE & CYCLADES BY BIKE & BOAT 2020 Departs from Bodrum (Turkey) GUIDED 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS 170KM



Greece has countless different facets, but the very typical image of white and blue can only be found on the Cyclades Islands; the white houses with blue windows and labyrinthine streets and alleys display the typical architecture. More than 5,000 years ago, the first European high culture emerged here. The jagged coastlines show off impressive geological formations, turquoise blue seas and unique sandy beaches. This journey takes you to the Greek Aegean and the Cyclades Islands of Amorgos, Naxos and Paros, as well as the Dodecanese Islands comprising of Kalymnos, Astypalaia and Kos. This is a wonderful combination where you can experience many different ways of Greek life.

ITINERARY



Day 1: Saturday, Bodrum – Kalymnos Island

Arrive Bodrum, Turkey. Collective transfers from Bodrum Airport to Bodrum Port are available on request. Alternatively you can fly to Kos Airport, Greece, and take the ferry across to Bodrum. Make sure your flight lands no later than 2.00pm in Kos in order to connect with the ferry. At 4.00 pm the boat departs for the island of

Kalymnos where you spend your first night.

Day 2: Sunday - Kalymnos Island – Amorgos Island

Your first cycle tour takes you from the harbour of Pothia, a town which thrived in the past off the local sponge trade, to Kalymnos on the other side of the island. In the afternoon enjoy the sea breeze on a longer boat crossing to Amorgos Island. **Cycling: approx. 30 km**

Day 3: Monday - Amorgos Island

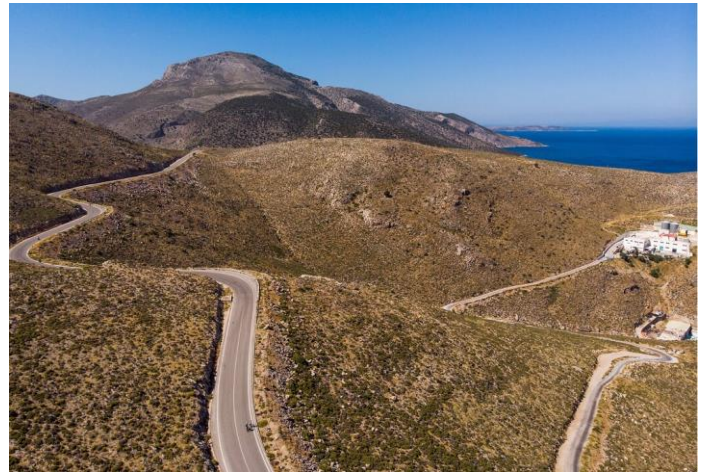
The island of Amorgos is picture perfect in white and blue and maintains a very peaceful and low profile away from modern tourism. On today's bike tour you are able to experience the real traditional Greek way of life. Cycle from Ormos Aigiali across the island to Katapola. Pass the island capital, Chora, along the way, whose winding streets and pretty cafes beckon a visit. In the afternoon cross over to Naxos by boat. The sunset at the Apollo Temple in the town of Naxos is legendary and the impressive old town, with its towering fortress, invites an extended stroll in the evening. **Cycling approx. 21 km**

Day 4: Tuesday – Naxos Island

After breakfast start your cycle tour, which leads through the untouched mountain landscape around the island of Naxos. On the way, visit the beautifully located sanctuary of Demeter, the Greek goddess of harvest and agriculture, a wonderful example of classical Greek architecture. Back in Naxos Town, the ship is waiting for the crossing to Naoussa on Paros. The picturesque town of Naoussa keeps all the hobby photographers in the travel group busy. A stroll through the winding streets and a visit to one of the many beautiful taverns in the harbour round off an eventful day by boat and bike. **Cycling approx. 35km**

Day 5: Wednesday -Paros and Astypalaia Island

Paros is a tranquil, and in parts very green Island, most commonly known for its famous export of radiant white, translucent marble. Today start your cycling tour in Naoussa and cycle to the island capital, Parikia, where a visit to the famous Panagia Ekatontapyliani, the Church of 100 Doors, is well recommended. Continue your cycle across Paros Island to the small port of Piso Livadi, where the boat is waiting to continue on to Astypalaia **Cycling approx. 30km**



Day 6: Thursday - Astypalaia Island

Astypalaia, the western most Dodecanese Island, also known as the bridge to the Cyclades. Unspoiled nature, white villages and the surrounding deep blue sea characterize this lovely island. Today's bike tour takes you from the main town of Chora, with its fortress towering high above the village, to Analipsi with an almost constant view of the sea. The boat is waiting in Analipsi for a crossing to Kos. **Cycling approx. 17km**

Day 7: Kos island to Asklepieion or to Embros Thermal Springs

Your last cycling tour leads to the famous Asklepieion, home to Hyppocrates, father of modern day medicine. Alternatively, for those who wish to ride further there is the option of the Embros Thermal Springs, which invite for a relaxing soak. In the afternoon the final boat crossing returns you to Bodrum. A cheerful evening meal is spent aboard in the company of your guides, crew and fellow guests. **Cycling approx. 12 or 23km**

Day 8 Tour ends in Bodrum

Disembark after breakfast by 9 a.m. Collective transfers to Bodrum Airport. If you wish to fly home from the island of Kos, your ferry will depart at 9.30am. Please ensure that your flight departure from Kos is no earlier than 1.00pm.



CHANGES TO ITINERARY: We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions or organisational requirements.

GRADE/TERRAIN Level 2 -3 (moderate to challenging)

The day tours take you through mainly hilly and mountainous terrain and will be completed without any time constraints. There are also some extended climbs where walking your bicycle is of course permitted. Most of the roads are asphalted and rarely frequented. Your tour guide informs you each day about the tour details. This tour is primarily a guided group tour. Upon consultation with your tour guides, the possibility to cycle on your own along recommended, suitable routes, may present itself. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned cycle tour.

HELMETS

Helmets are required on all cycle tours. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own (well-fitted) helmet. Limited helmets are available on board and must be requested when booking.

CHILDREN

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and of a minimum age of 10, and previous cycling tour experience are able to master the bike-tours on their own strength. Please

note that the minimum height for a rental bike is 1.50 m. Children up to 16 years occupying their own cabin will receive a 25% discount on the basic tour price.

MEALS

The on board chef will prepare breakfast, and one cooked meal a day. The half-board starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day. Half board allows you to experience some of the local tavernas.

2020 7 NIGHT/8 DAY SCHEDULE & COSTS PER PERSON IN EURO

LOVE BOAT

Lower Deck Cabin Double/Twin

02-09 May	€1450
16-23 May	€1450
30 May-06 June	€1550
13-20 June	€1550
05-12 September	€1550
19-26 September	€1550
03-10 October	€1550

ADD Upper Deck Cabin	€ 150
ADD Single Surcharge	€ 500 Lower Deck
ADD Single Surcharge	€ 700 Upper Deck

Bike 21 Speed Hybrid:	€ 80
Electric bike	€ 180 (limited number available)
Optional Bike insurance:	€10 bike or €20 Electric bike – theft & damage does not cover gross negligence

2020 TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights in a double/twin cabin with shower & toilet
- Meals: breakfast, and one hot meal per day ("half- board")
- Bed linen and towels
- English-speaking tour guide
- Guided cycling tours and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Overview maps for the daily tours on board
- Entrance fees to museums and archaeological sites (group visits only)

NOT INCLUDED

- Airport transfers
- Flight to Kos/Bodrum
- Drinks on board (tally list to be paid to the captain), flat fee for unlimited bottled water €20 per person
- Meals and drinks ashore
- Beach towels
- Tips for crew and tour guides

Wi Fi

The Turkish Gulet boats do **NOT** offer a Wi Fi connection. We suggest you bring your own portable device and take it to a café or bar in the harbour. Free Wi Fi is on offer in many places and if you order something to eat or drink, you are able to use the Wi Fi to your heart's content.

TRANSFERS

- **Collective transfers to/from Bodrum Airport** can be booked on embarkation & disembarkation days for €15 per person if booked and paid more than 30 days in advance.
- Private transfers from/to Bodrum Airport - price on request

GROUP NUMBERS

Minimum: 14 participants required to operate a departure

ACCOMMODATION:

Love Boat (formerly named BB2)

The Love Boat is a wonderful example of a Turkish Gulet. Length 37 metres it was launched in 2013. There are 15 spacious airconditioned guest cabins (ca. 12 m²) with a shower and toilet.

Cabins: Above deck – 6 cabins with double beds (200 x 140 cm). Below deck – 9 (2 x twin beds (200 x 90 cm), 7x double beds + single). TV in all cabins.

This superior boat has all the amenities with a large saloon, which consists of restaurant and lounge area. In addition, Love Boat has plenty of space for relaxation and on the main deck and upper deck there is seating and reclining furniture. The upper deck is partly shaded. The professional crew ensures the safety and convenience of all guests.



ALTERNATIVE ARRIVAL VIA KOS ISLAND, GREECE/CUSTOMS

This tour starts in Bodrum, Turkey. In order to avoid any travel complications whilst crossing borders, you must obtain appropriate travel documentation and visas with your local embassies before arrival. There is an alternative flight route via Kos Island, Greece, followed by a ferry connection to Bodrum Harbour, Turkey. Do not arrive at Kos Airport any later than 2.00pm in order to connect with the ferry to Bodrum. On departure the ferry departs Bodrum at approx. 9.30am. It is recommended you do not reserve any flights out of Kos until after 1.00pm.

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