

Bike and Cruise in the Dodecanese

Destination: Greece / Turkey

Tour Type: Fully guided boat&bike tour onboard private yacht with a support vehicle

following the group during the rides

Language: English

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights onboard / 6 Cycling Days **Arrival Airport:** Milas-Bodrum International (BJV) **Departure Airport:** Milas-Bodrum International (BJV)

Road Condition: Asphalt Road

Short Route: 194 km in total, daily average 32.5 km and 590 m elevation gain **Long Route:** 264 km in total, daily average 44 km and 895 m elevation gain

Highlights:

- ✓ Take pleasure of the luxury and comfort of the handcrafted traditional gulet with her private crew and chef serving diligently
- ✓ Delve into the rich history of the Greek Civilization and follow the routes of ancient sailors
- ✓ Marvel at sublime vistas of the Dodecanese Islands while pedaling through quiet roads lined with crystal-clear blue water
- ✓ Behold the dazzling sunsets over the Aegean, swim and relax in pristine coves
- ✓ Explore the ancient site of Asclepion, renowned healing center where Hippocratic Oath was formulated
- ✓ Discover the active volcano of Nisiros and walk through the fuming crater
- ✓ Experience the Greek lifestyle of the laid-back islanders, taste the Mediterranean flavors of local cuisine, and toast with the local wine of islanders

Experience:

Bike, cruise, and sail along the best-preserved coastline and most scenic routes of the wine dark Aegean Sea as Homer described in Iliad. The Aegean Sea has played a crucial role in the emergence of Greek civilization and mythology. Dodecanese archipelago represents the pinnacle of rugged Mediterranean beauty with whitewashed villages, secluded beaches, and a surprising food and wine scene. From ancient settlements and temples to medieval castles, mosques, stylish Italian architecture and submerged wartime wrecks, the past comes alive for visitors in the Dodecanese. Cycle along the never-ending tableau of distant horizons, take pleasure of limited traffic of the islands, and taste the distinct flavors of the Aegean. Explore Kalymnos, Leros, Kos, Nisiros, and Simi islands on the bike as each Dodecanese island, large and small, reveals its own individual character and story. The last ride goes along the Datca Peninsula through almond orchards to the lovely setting of the ancient theater in Knidos overlooking the unspoiled beauty of the ancient harbor. This incredibly rich program combines the ancient Greek history with natural beauty of the Aegean, the Greek cuisine with pampering service of our diligent crew onboard.



Day-by-Day Tour Program

Day 1 Saturday, Bodrum

Meet our guides at Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV) and take the private transfer to the boat in for a bit of free time before your tour. We clear the custom paperwork and cruise to Aquarium bay while toasting to adventure with welcome drink served by our crew. After anchorage in the bay we enjoy a sunset dinner aboard the gulet and our first night on deck.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 2 Sunday, Kalymnos - Leros

We take anchor before breakfast and cruise to Kalymnos Island (21NM – 2h30min cruise). We drop anchor in Kalymnos port and while having breakfast we clear the Greek customs. After getting fitted to our bikes we discover the port town and learn about the sponge diving tradition of Kalymnos. Our next destination is Vathys Bay with its sheer cliff along narrow bay. After refueling with nutritious snacks and Greek coffee in the gorgeous bay challenge yourself with a gradual climb to the island's highest pass and soak in impressive vistas of the Aegean Sea before descending to the island's western shores. Ride to the northern end of the island. After lunch onboard, cruise to Leros Island (10NM – 1h30min) while having siesta onboard with the gentle breeze. Enjoy your swim and walk in the port town before your dinner onboard.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destination: Kalymnos, Leros

Accomplished: 33 km, elevation gain: +815 meters Long Route 47 km, elevation gain: +1172 meters

Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 3 Monday, Leros - Kos

After breakfast onboard cycle around the charming island of Leros by exploring the fascinating chapels scattered in the different bays. Starting from Agios Isodoros located on a picturesque islet, we pedal to Panagia Kavouradena at the south end of the island. Taste the local flavors and wines of the island in a family run winery during our lunch. 10 min downhill bike ride takes us back to the boat for a refreshing swim in Alinda bay. Cruise to Kos Island (28NM – 3h) while having our afternoon siesta or enjoying the views from Turkish Coastline or Greek Islands of Kalymnos and Pserimos. Discover Kos town around the harbor before the dinner in a local restaurant on your own.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch Destination: Leros, Kos

Accomplished: 33 km, elevation gain: +600 meters Long Route 45 km, elevation gain: +903 meters

Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 4 Tuesday, Kos - Nisiros

After Mediterranean breakfast onboard cycle the island from north east to south west through central hills dotted with picturesque villages. Pause at the ruins of the ancient

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healing temple of Asclepion where the Hippocratic Oath was formulated then climb to the mountain village of Zia for a scenic look at Kalymnos Island. After free time for shopping and lunch on your own cycle back to the sea level in Zipari Village where you taste the local wine of Triantafyllopoulos family. Cycle another 11.5 miles/ 18.5 km from Zipari Village to Kardamena along the southern coastline of the Island or a short transfer (20 minutes) takes us to our boat in Kardamena. Dive in azure waters of the Aegean along Kardamena and cruise to Nisiros Island (10NM – 1h20min) in the late afternoon. Visit the well-preserved 4th century acropolis with its breathtaking scenery at the top of the ancient walls of Nisiros and walk into the port town through the back streets where you will greet locals of the islands socializing with their neighbors before sunset. Watch the sunset from the volcanic black beach and make our way through the city's whitewashed amphitheater of flat-roofed homes and pumice stone streets before having dinner onboard.

Meals: Breakfast / Dinner

Destinations: Kos, Zia, Zipari, Nisiros

Accomplished: 27 km, elevation gain: +490 meters Long Route 45.5 km, elevation gain: +846 meters

Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 5 Wednesday, Nisiros and Simi

Enjoy breakfast with freshly baked bread from the island and start pedaling early morning. A climb to the top of Nisiros offers infinite views of the Aegean Sea, Greek Islands, and Turkey's imposing coastline. Arrive in Nikia, the island's highest village, and walk through the best preserved Greek Village overlooking the volcanic crater. After refreshing homemade snacks peer into the mouth of the volcano down below. After the last challenging climb to the rim of the crater make our way downhill back to the boat. Enjoy your well-deserved lunch onboard and cruise along Datca Peninsula towards Simi (35NM – 4h), the most charming harbor of Dodecanese Archipelago. Anchor in one of the bays along Simi for afternoon swim and then to the port. Walk through the town for exploring the unique architectural treasures of island. Dinner is on your own at a restaurant tucked between neo-classic houses and late 19th century churches.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch Destinations: Nisiros, Simi

Accomplished: 36 km, elevation gain: +729 meters Long Route 48 km, elevation gain: +899 meters

Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 6 Thursday, Simi and Datca

We return to our bikes first thing in the morning and ascend to a scenic ridge perched above the sea. The most charming port of the Dodecanese spreads under our feet with sailing boats and picturesque architecture. Nearing the water once again, our epic ride ends with a visit to the remote monastery in Panormitis for an illuminating glimpse of Greek Orthodox monastic life. A short ride takes us back to our boat at Marathounta Bay. Enjoy your swim from the beach to the boat or take dingy back to the boat to dive in the Mediterranean before our lunch. Then it's onto the Turkish town of Datca (16NM)

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- 2h cruise) where we explore the traditional town with our local guide. Enjoy your free time for shopping for the local products before the dinner onboard.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Simi, Datca

Accomplished: 30 km, elevation gain: +713 meters

Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 7 Friday, Datca – Knidos - Bodrum

After breakfast ride through the hospitable town of Datca famous for organic food and best almond as warm-up and hit a 5.5km climb to the highest pass of the peninsula. Descent to Mesudiye Village back to the sea level and ride strolling hills along the southern edge of the peninsula with breathtaking vista of Aegean Sea and Simi Island. Pass through the charming and welcoming villages of Palamut and Yazi for a break in a tea-house. After coffee or tea with refreshing snacks continue the last descend to Knidos along the ancient road. No rider wants that this ride ever ends but fantastic ruins of Knidos at the end of the peninsula welcomes you with her theater and monuments around the ancient harbor. Explore the ancient city of Knidos while listening the myths about Aphrodite, the patron goddess of the city with her temple and famous naked statue. After lunch and swim in the ancient harbor of Knidos cruise to Bodrum (22NM – 2h45min) while taking siesta onboard in the afternoon. Upon our arrival in Bodrum visit the town and enjoy your shopping before dinner. A festive farewell dinner would be our last memory of this unforgettable bike tour in Turkey.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Datca, Mesudiye, Palamutbükü, Ancient Site of Knidos

Accomplished: 35 km Elevation: +450 meters Long Route 47 km Elevation: +905 meters Accommodation: Luxury private yacht

Day 8 Saturday, Bodrum - Goodbye

After our breakfast onboard say goodbye to our crew and our guides, and transfer to Milas-Bodrum Airport. Fly back home and see you next time!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV)

What is included?

We include more on our bike programs than any other bike tour company to provide our guests with the most unforgettable and joyful travel experience in Turkey and Greek Islands.

- ✓ Stunning and comfortable accommodation with en-suite facilities on board luxury gulet
- ✓ Meals as indicated on the daily program and nutritious snacks during the rides; all breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 5 dinners
- ✓ Unlimited bottled water, coffee, and tea onboard and nutritious snacks and bottle water during the rides
- ✓ Expert English speaking guide with extensive local knowledge
- ✓ Complete van support with assistant guide during the rides to enjoy your vacation at your own pace

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- ✓ Group sizes that don't exceed 14 guests onboard private boat
- √ Visits as outlined in the itinerary, entrance fees to historic sites, fascinating museums, and scenic natural parks
- ✓ All the anchorage and harbor fees
- ✓ Arrival and departure airport transfers
- ✓ Taxes

What is excluded?

- International and domestic flights, their taxes, and surcharges
- · Gratuities for guides and crew
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks onboard and land
- Travel and health insurance
- Bike rentals:

Merida Hybrid or Merida Cyclocross 500 : €216 per week E-sportive or Kifuka : €360 per week Cannondale Synapse DI2 : €480 per week Trek : €440 per week

Visa if applicable

PRICES per PERSON in DOUBLE CABIN for PRIVATE GROUPS
Any chosen week from Saturday to Saturday between April 15 and June 24
and between September 09 and November 11.

Onboard Luxury Gulets, Kaya Guneri II, Kaya Guneri III, or Kaya Guneri III, Group Size, maximum 14 guests

10+ guests €4200, please add €350 pp for the departures in June and September 9 guests €4450, please add €400 pp for the departures in June and September 6 guests €5750, please add €500 pp for the departures in June and September €5700, please add €575 pp for the departures in June and September

Single Supplement €975 for the entire program

For the prices onboard deluxe and high-end boats, please consult us, info@eontours.com.

PAYMENT and CANCELLATION

€750 nonrefundable down payment upon reservation

91 days prior to the tour departure; balance payment

Cancellation +91 days prior to the tour departure; down payment as cancellation fee Cancelation within 61 to 90 days prior to the tour departure; 50% of tour cost,

Cancelation within 31 to 60 days prior to the tour departure; 75% of tour cost,

Cancelation within 0 to 30 days prior to the tour departure; 100% of tour cost will be charged as cancellation fee.

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