

Peloponnese & Saronic Gulf by bike & boat

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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 185 KM
BOOKING CODE: ES-GRSTAA7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
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Magical Greece –
Round trip from Athens

From Eur 2799,-



Your tour

The focus of this trip is the historically important Peloponnese peninsula and the islands of the Saronic Gulf. With the three-masted motor sailer Thalassa you set sail from Marina Alimos. Comfortably and conveniently you will sail from island to island, each of which impresses with its individual character. On your bike you will travel through a varied cultural landscape, which was shaped by the Romans, Venetians and Ottomans. Endless views of the glittering sea and swimming breaks perfectly round off the cycling and sailing experience.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual journey to Athens / Marina Alimos, embarkation
Day 2	Marina Alimos – Poros (boat), round trip Poros Island, approx. 25 km
Day 3	Galatas – Ermioni, approx. 40 km, by boat to Porto Heli
Day 4	Porto Heli – Spetses (boat), round trip Spetses island, approx. 25 km
Day 5	Excursion Hydra island and round trip Methana, approx. 25 km
Day 6	Round trips Methana & Aegina Island, approx. 25 / 20 km
Day 7	Round trip Aegina Island, approx. 35 km, Aegina – Marina Alimos (boat)
Day 8	Disembarkation and individual departure

Travel time

Season A 29.03. – 18.10.

Arrival Friday 29.03. – 18.10.2024

Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- German and English speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees for jointly visited museums and archaeological sites
- Guided bike tours according to programme
- Travel documents (1 x per cabin), Maps on board
- Bottled drinking water on board and during all activities ashore
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 2 x lunch / packed lunch, 7 x dinner)

Not included services

- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew
- City or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Lower deck, Season A	2799,-
Surcharge double cabin for single use	1199,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	229,-
Trekkingbike (21-gear)*	89,-

*including rental bike insurance

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.
- Helmets are compulsory on this bike tour! We therefore ask you to bring your own bicycle helmet!
- Due to varying wind and weather conditions, it is possible that the itinerary may deviate from the planned route.
- Minimum number of participants to be reached up to 21 days before departure: 14 persons

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Stages description

Day 1: Individual journey to Athens / Marina Alimos, embarkation

Individual arrival in Athens (Marina Alimos). Check-in from 2 pm. Dinner on board and overnight stay in Athens/Marina Alimos.

Day 2: Marina Alimos – Poros (boat), round trip Poros Island, approx. 25 km

In the morning crossing to the island of Poros. Before you moor in the beautiful main harbour of the island, you will make a bathing stop with the ship. In the afternoon, from the island's capital of the same name, you will almost completely circumnavigate the island, which in ancient times was dedicated to the sea god Poseidon. Shortly before the end of the tour, you will reach Russian Bay, whose sandy beach with its turquoise blue water invites you to take a dip in the cool water. In the charming harbour of Poros Town, whose landmark is a clock tower towering over all other buildings, you can end an eventful day in a typical Greek atmosphere.

Day 3: Galatas – Ermioni, approx. 40 km, by boat to Porto Heli

After breakfast, a small car ferry takes you from Poros to Galatas on the Peloponnes. From here, a panoramic bike tour takes you through fertile agricultural land and mostly close to the sea to the small coastal town of Ermioni. Here your ship awaits you for lunch on board and a leisurely afternoon crossing to Porto Heli. Weather permitting, you will make an extended swimming stop en route. Overnight stay in Porto Heli.

Day 4: Porto Heli – Spetses (boat), round trip Spetses island, approx. 25 km

In the morning short crossing to the island of Spetses with a long bathing break in a picturesque bay. Before lunch on board, there will be some time to explore the picturesque old town of Spetses on foot. The island of Spetses got its name from the Venetians, who called it „Isola della spezie“, the island of herbs. The aromatic scent of herbs accompanies you today on your afternoon bike ride on the traffic-free panoramic road that circles the entire island. Almost all the time you have wonderful views of the turquoise blue sea and take a longer break for a swim and a coffee on one of the beautiful beaches. Afterwards, you will explore the old harbour of Spetses by bike before returning to the ship.

Day 5: Excursion Hydra island and round trip Methana, approx. 25 km

After a two-hour crossing in the morning, you reach the island of Hydra. Since ancient times, donkeys have been the only means of transport on this uniquely beautiful island, which became very wealthy in the Middle Ages through seafaring. After the Greek struggle for freedom from 1821 to 1830, the island fell into a slumber of over a hundred years. It was not until the film „The Boy on the Dolphin“, starring the unforgettable Sofia Loren, was shot on Hydra in 1957 that the island was revived and became an artists' mecca. After exploring the port of Hydra on foot, the journey continues to the Methana peninsula. The volcanic origin is immediately noticeable with the smell of sulphur and rock shimmering in many colours. More than 30 volcanoes, some of which are still active, and sulphurous thermal springs, some of which are used for medicinal purposes, characterise the peninsula. In the late afternoon you will undertake a panoramic round trip with a nice coffee break in the enchanting fishing harbour of Vathy. Overnight stay in Methana.

Day 6: Round trips Methana & Aegina Island, approx. 25 / 20 km

After breakfast, you will go on another round tour of Methana, which again has many great views in store for you. In the afternoon you will cross over to Aegina. The island of Aegina is famous beyond the borders of Greece for its excellent pistachios. In the old town of Aegina you can buy all kinds of pistachio products and the many small boutiques in the lively shopping street invite you to take a leisurely stroll. Alternatively, you can take an optional bike ride along the coast to the fishing village of Perdika. Overnight stay in Aegina town.

Day 7: Round trip Aegina Island, approx. 35 km, Aegina – Marina Alimos (boat)

Today's bike tour takes you up to the sanctuary of the goddess Aphaia. The wonderfully preserved temple is enthroned high above the blue of the sea at the only spot on the island of Aegina from which you can see the Aegean Sea on both sides. On the way back, you cycle through the centre of the island past the large monastery of Saint Nektarios to Aegina town, where the ship awaits you for the final crossing to Marina Alimos. An exciting trip to Greece comes to an end with a cosy final evening on board.

Day 8: Disembarkation and individual departure

After breakfast on board, you disembark and travel home individually or extend your holiday by a few days in Athens.

Boat descriptions



The three-mast motor sailer Thalassa

The Thalassa (the former Bahriyeli A) was built as a three-mast motor sailer in 2002 and offers a relaxing and entertaining atmosphere up to 18 guests. The boat of the type of a Turkish gullet has enough space in the cabins, so that every cabin has its own shower, a toilet (all-in-one bathroom) and an air conditioner. The boat offers you enough sun mats to relax on the sun deck. The eating area in the indoor and outdoor area offers all guests space to eat, to relax and to sit together with new friends.

Facts about the ship:

- 10 cabins
- 2 double cabins
- 8 twin cabins
- Facilities: Shower / WC, air-conditioning
- Built in 2002
- 2 passenger decks
- Maximum capacity: 18 passengers
- Crew: 5
- Length: 45 m
- Width: 7.6 m
- Facilities: Sun loungers, indoor and outdoor seating are available for all guests
- Languages on board: German, English