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# TOUR ITINERARY



Europe / Greece

# **Greek Isles Yacht + Bike Tour**

Sail the Aegean: Kos, Symi, Bodrum + Beyond

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# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise aboard a yacht to the neo-classical town of Symi, volcanic island of Nisiros, and lesserknown islands in between
- Discover ancient sites with a lasting impact on modern society, from the Asclepion of Kos to the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
- Dine on Mediterranean fare prepared by your private chef, including vine-ripened vegetables, handmade cheese, local honey, and fresh-caught seafood
- Experience a spectrum of natural beauty in a single day, biking to the lip of an active volcano before swimming in the Aegean Sea







### **Arrival Details**

### Airport City:

Bodrum, Turkey

### Pick-Up Location:

 The Marmara Hotel Bodrum or Bodrum Airport

### Pick-Up Time:

 Marmara Hotel (4:00 pm), Bodrum Airport (4:00-6:00 pm)

## **Departure Details**

- ✤ Airport City: Bodrum, Turkey
- Drop-Off Location: Bodrum airport
  Drop-Off Time:

© 5:00-11:00 am

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

## **Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or **emergency@duvine.com**.

## **Travelers Take Note**

Because this tour relies on calm sailing conditions, weather and winds may dictate itinerary changes or prevent sailing at certain times, at the discretion of the captain and Tour Guides.



# **Tour By Day**

DAY 1

# Welcome to the Greek Isles

Arrive in Bodrum and transfer to the harbor where you will meet your guides and then enjoy a bit of free time before your tour. Get settled aboard your private yacht, or *gulet*, a wooden sailing vessel originating from southwestern Turkey. Toast to adventure with a welcome drink served by the five-person sailing crew as we enjoy a sunset dinner aboard the gulet and our first night on deck.

Meals: Dinner Destinations: Bodrum Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV\*

\* Cabin upgrades available, starting at \$1,200 per person



Savor a leisurely breakfast before we clear customs and cruise to Kalymnos Island, dropping anchor in the harbor and getting fitted to our bikes before today's ride to Emporios 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 eastern shores. Refuel with a Greek coffee in a local *taverna*, then pedal back to meet the boat. Lunch is served on board after a refreshing swim in the Aegean. Tonight's dinner will be served on board under the stars.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Kalymnos Accomplished: 20 miles / 33 km, elevation gain: 2,240 feet / 683 meters Longer Option: 28 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,976 feet / 907 meters Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV

# <sup>DAY</sup><sub>3</sub> Leros and Kos

Breakfast is served on the gulet while cruising from Emporius Bay to Leros. We spend the day biking the entire island of Leros; along the route we'll explore several fascinating chapels harbored in different bays. Our ride begins in the village of Agios Isidoros and we'll pedal all the way to the church of Panagia Kavouradena. Enjoy lunch at a micro-winery where the owners treat us to a tasting and home-cooked meal. After, pedal back to the boat where you'll have another opportunity to wind down with a beautiful onboard dinner while the captain charts a course for Kos.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Leros, Kos Accomplished: 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 1,362 feet / 415 meters Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV

#### DAY 4

# Kos and Nisiros

In the morning, bike the island from north to south through central hills dotted with picturesque villages. Pause at the ruins of the ancient healing temple of Asclepion where the Hippocratic Oath was formulated, then continue climbing to the mountain village of Zia for a scenic look at Kalymnos Island while sipping our coffee. This afternoon, choose to cycle along the southern coastline of Kos or head straight back to the boat. Enjoy a swim along the sandy beaches of Kardamaina before cruising to the island of Nisiros, where we'll visit the 4th-century acropolis that still stands atop ancient walls. As evening descends, stroll back through the port town in time to catch a spectacular sunset from a volcanic black beach, followed by dinner in a friendly taverna.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Kos, Zia, Zipari, Nisiros Accomplished: 13 miles / 21 km, elevation gain: 1,470 feet / 448 meters Longer Option: 24 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 2,080 feet / 635 meters Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV

# **Nisiros and Symi**

Greet the day over breakfast in the charming port of Nisiros, surrounded by the city's whitewashed amphitheater of flat-roofed homes. After, the 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 peer into the mouth of an active volcano down below. Catch a cool breeze on our descent back to the boat in time for a well-earned lunch. Then, it's time for a siesta or cocktails as we chase the sunset towards Symi. Dinner is on your own at a restaurant tucked between neo-classic houses and late 19th-century churches.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch Destinations: Nisiros, Symi Accomplished: 14 miles / 23 km, elevation gain: 1,624 feet / 495 meters Longer Option: 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 2,930 feet / 893 meters Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV

#### DAY 6

# Symi to Datca

We're on our bikes early this morning to begin climbing towards a scenic ridge high above the ocean. The views of Symi are well worth it, and we're likely to spot our own gulet at sea, headed to meet us in a remote bay. Keep pedaling to a unique waterfront monastery in Panormitis, pausing for a glimpse into Greek Orthodox monastic life. Back on board, the afternoon is yours to enjoy a leisurely lunch, a swim in the spectacular turquoise waters, or even a siesta en route to our next destination in Datca, Turkey—our berth for the night. After clearing customs, you are free to explore the sleepy town of Datca and dine on your own in one of the countless seafood restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch Destinations: Symi, Datca Accomplished: 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 2,252 feet / 686 meters Longer Option: 30 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 3,780 feet / 1,152 meters Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV



After breakfast onboard, head out for a ride that follows the southern shores of the Datca Peninsula. It's a classic day of Mediterranean scenery, with azure blue bays and sun-baked villages. Our route finishes in Knidos at the Temple of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. Round out the afternoon with a leisurely lunch and go snorkeling in the ancient harbor or stretch out on the bow with a cold beer. Later, we set sail towards Bodrum and enjoy one final dinner prepared by the boat's private chef.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner Destinations: Datca Peninsula, Knidos, Bodrum Accomplished: 16 miles / 25 km, elevation gain: 1,314 feet / 400 meters Longer Option: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,970 feet / 905 meters Accommodations: Kaya Guneri Plus or Kaya Guneri IV

# **Goodbye, Greece!**

A final breakfast on our gulet is followed by goodbyes with your guides before they see you off.

Meals: Breakfast Destinations: Bodrum

