

# Cycladic fairyland: Serifos, Sifnos and Milos

Serifos

Trip code: CYCLP0006

Self-guided hike

• Hiking • 10 days



Here are three islands wonderfully adjusted to the walker's step. Three islands that complement each other perfectly: so different while being close to each other. From Serifos with the awe-inspiring beauty of the Chora side to Milos, sculpted by volcanic eruptions of the past, passing through Sifnos and its magnificent network of hiking trails in enchanting mountain valleys. But there is not only hiking in this stay: let's talk about the Aegean Sea which shades the endless blues, the dream b...

## Highlights

1. Three very original islands and less popular than other islands of the Cyclades
2. Beautiful hikes, superb beaches, and welcoming taverns
3. The sweetness of life "in Greek style", every evening at the stage

# PROGRAMME



## D1 Piraeus

From Athens airport you reach your hotel in Piraeus on your own; you can collect your ferry tickets on arrival or the next day at sea. Overnight in Piraeus.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

## D2 Piraeus - Serifos

From Piraeus, you take the ferry to **Serifos**, the island where Perseus, the hero of Greek mythology, spent his childhood. The **bay of Livadi**, where we dock, is magnificently dominated by Chora, the capital of the island, one of the most typical and endearing Cycladic villages. Stroll to the edge of the dazzling white village, down picturesque stairs and alleys, before returning to your hotel near a beach with crystal clear waters. Overnight in Serifos.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D3 Serifos

From **Livadi**, you take the bus (at your own expense), to the top of Chora. Then you will leave on foot for the longest stage of the week, to discover a valley at the foot of beautiful slopes, passing by the chapel of Stavros, to the forgotten villages of the island: **Kendarchos, Galani, and Panagia**. You might be lucky enough to be able to visit the fortified Taxiarchon Monastery (16th century) if the solitary monk who lives there is available. Return to Chora by the mountain before a sumptuous descent on a paved path taken by the workers of the **iron mines of Serifos**. Descent by bus or on foot to the bay of Livadi.

Overnight in Serifos.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D4 Sifnos

You go by ferry to **Sifnos** remarkable for the number of churches, chapels, and monasteries that dot its slopes and villages. Installation in **Kamares** for two nights. Depending on the boat schedule, and after a short transfer by regular bus (at your expense), walk between **Apollonia**, the capital of the island, and the wonderful village of **Kastro**, passing through the chapel of **Panagia Poulati**, wonderfully built above the Aegean Sea.  
Overnight in Sifnos.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D5 Sifnos: Apollonia to Profitis Ilias

You take the scheduled bus to **Apollonia**, in the center of the island. From there, you will conquer the highest point of the island (**Mount Profitis Ilias** - 694 m) and its famous monastery of Byzantine origin. Dating from the 7th century, it is a major monument of the island. Return to Appolonia, before getting off at Kamares by the local bus.  
Overnight in Sifnos.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D6 Milos

You take the ferry to **Milos**, a volcanic island with incomparable landscapes and whose marble statue of the **goddess Aphrodite** - the famous Venus of Milos - is the heyday of the Louvre museum in Paris. Head for the superb white rocks of **Sarakiniko** bordering crystal clear waters for an extraordinary ride in a unique setting.  
Overnight in Milos.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D7 Milos - Athens

Walk to **Klima**, a colorful fishing village, "feet in the water". You will visit the **catcombs** (the most extensive after those of Rome). In the late afternoon ferry to Piraeus.  
Overnight in Athens.

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D8 Athens

End of stay after breakfast. Transfer to the airport at your expense

## Itinerary

**Please note:** boat times are subject to change. We adapt our program to these times, and cannot be held responsible for any changes caused. Likewise, early departures (boat or plane) can prevent you from having breakfast in your hotels. This will not result in a refund from us.

We may sometimes have to modify the itinerary indicated: either at the level of the organization (problem of overloaded accommodation, modification of the state of the ground, landslides, degraded paths, etc.) or weather conditions. These modifications are always made in your interest, for your safety, and for better comfort!

# SOME PRECISIONS

## Grade

Easy to medium travel, no portage. You have to love walking and be in good shape. Hike accessible to hikers motivated by walking. 2 to 5 hours of walking per day. The height difference is variable, between 100 and 550 m (maximum) per day.

## Luggage transport

You only carry a backpack with your day's things, your picnic, your water and your running supplies. You will have to transfer all of your luggage when traveling from/to the airport, or during your transfers by bus or boat.

## Transfers

### Included in the price:

- boat tickets
- transfer from the port of Serifos to the hotel in Serifos round trip
- transfer from the port of Sifnos to the hotel in Sifnos round trip
- transfer from the port of Milos to the hotel in Milos round trip

Other transfers are your responsibility. We can book airport transfers for you, consult us.

## Boats

You travel from island to island on the regular ferries that ply the Aegean Sea from Piraeus.

**Warning!** Scheduled times may change, and it is essential to check them when you arrive on an island. You should also know that Greek ferries can sail up to force 9 (that's already a lot), but beyond that, they must stay in port. Anyway, our local partners are there and do their best (fortunately, it's rare!) To redesign your circuit.

### Indicative times for boat crossings:

Piraeus - Serifos: departure 7:30 am / arrival 10:05 am

Serifos - Sifnos: departure 10:15 am / arrival 10:40 am

Sifnos - Milos: departure 9:20 am / arrival 9:55 am

Milos - Piraeus: departure 10:55 am / arrival 2:35 pm

Please note, these times are indicative and must be checked. They can change depending on your departure period, we will systematically give you the schedules when confirming your stay.

## Group

From 2 people

## Duration

10 days / 9 nights

## Travel documents

A complete travel file will be given to you, including, among other things, detailed maps, topo guide, accommodations list, and vouchers. Depending on the case, you will receive your file before departure, or you will find it at the first accommodation. There is no guide for this trip.

## Accommodation / Catering

### ? Accommodation

In 2 \* hotels or equivalent comfort in a room for 2 with private bathroom. Possibility to book a single room, on request.

### ? Catering

Breakfasts included. Lunches and dinners are not included. Please note: early departures (boat or plane) may prevent you from having breakfast in your hotels. This will not result in a refund from us. In the islands, some hotels will prepare a "breakfast box" for you in the event of an early departure. Please let us know when registering any food allergy or special diet; we will do our best to adapt your meals.

## Start / End

### ? Start

Day 1, at your hotel in Piraeus.

### ? End

Day 10, after breakfast at your hotel in Athens.

## Access

### How to reach Piraeus from Athens airport:

#### ? By Metro

From the airport you must: take line M3 (blue) to Monastiraki then take line M1 (green) to Piraeus stop, the terminus. It takes about 1 hour 30 minutes in all.

Price: between € 6 and € 10 / person for a one-way ticket. The hotel is 800m from the metro stop.

<http://mapa-metro.com/fr/Gr%C3%A8ce/Ath%C3%A8nes/Ath%C3%A8nes-Metro-Plan.htm>

#### ? By bus

From the airport, there is a direct bus to Piraeus (line X96). The trip lasts about 1h50 and the ticket price is 6 €. The hotel is 800m from the bus stop.

<http://www.athensairportbus.com/en/bus/tickets.html>

#### ? By taxi

Around € 50/70 per trip.

We can book the private transfer for you, consult us.

### How to reach Athens airport from the city center:

#### ? By Metro

The hotel in Athens is a 350m walk from Omonia metro station M2 line (red). You can take this line towards Elliniko, change at Syntagma and then take the M3 (blue) line towards the airport. You can also go directly to the Syntagma stop for a direct trip to the airport (15 minutes' walk from the hotel). The trip lasts about 1 hour.

#### ? By bus

There is a direct bus between Syntagma Square (about 15 minutes' walk from then the hotel) and the airport. You have to take the X95 bus. It takes around 1 hour 20 minutes and the ticket costs 6 € / person for a one-way ticket.

#### ? By taxi

Around 40/60 €.

We can book the private transfer for you, consult us.

## Swimming

Most of our trips are suitable for swimming, during a stage or at the end of the day. It would be a shame not to enjoy. We stress, however, that you are the sole judges of the advisability of a swim; these swims are therefore

done under your responsibility and at your own risk.

## Photos

You take great photos! Do not hesitate to send us a CD, a USB key, a Dropbox or WeTransfer link of your best photos taken during your trip. The fact that you provide us with photos implies that you accept that your photos will be used free of charge on our various media (catalog, website, technical sheet, etc.).

## Travel Blog

Do you want to share your best moments of the trip and share your experience with the hiking community? Send us your story and some photos illustrating your comments that we will publish for you on our blog.

# DATES AND PRICES

## Specify

Departure at your convenience.

\* Price for 3:

- 1 couple + 1 child under 15: price for 3 as indicated above, accommodation in a triple room
- 1 double + 1 single: price for 3 people as indicated above with the single room supplement

## Prices include

- accommodation for 9 nights in a 2-person room
- the breakfasts
- transfers from and to the port to accommodation on each island
- the travel file
- boat tickets

## Prices do not include

- flights
- the drinks
- lunches and dinners
- transfers not included
- the visits
- personal expenses
- tourist tax including government tax to be paid on site
- the insurance
- registration fees
- anything not indicated in "Prices include"

## Options, extras and discounts

- low season single room supplement: € 295
- supplement for single room mid-season: 350 €
- single room supplement high season: 375 €
- Athens airport transfer - Piraeus or to the airport: on request



# IN YOUR LUGGAGE

## Equipment

### To hike

- Mountain boots holding the ankle with a good notched sole, with a heel counter and good waterproofness
- Comfortable "special hiking" socks
- Warm fleece jacket
- Comfortable pants for walking
- Shorts, t-shirts, and technical underwear
- A long-sleeved shirt
- Walking poles (telescopic), useful to facilitate walking

### For the midday picnic

- Plastic bowl, box, or plate
- Cutlery (spoon, fork, knife)
- Water bottle of 1.5 to 2L minimum

### Against the sun and the rain

- Sunscreen (high protection) and sunglasses
- Hat, cap, or bob
- A rain cape or a "Goretex" or an umbrella

### After the effort

- A pair of light shoes for the evening
- Change of clothes and personal linen
- Kit and towel (mini)
- A swimsuit, bath towel
- A mini-pharmacy: personal medication, elastoplast, biogaze or "2nd skin", gauze, disinfectant, medication for seasickness, arnica granules, and aspirin or paracetamol.

This list must be adapted according to the season.

## Luggage

- A small, comfortable 30 L backpack with a waist belt to carry your personal belongings and the picnic during the day
- A following baggage: a backpack, a travel bag in good condition, or a suitcase that is not too bulky. One piece of luggage per person; limited to 20kg.

# DETAILS

## The country

Country: Greece

Capital: Athens

Population: 10,757,292 inhabitants

Archipelago: Cyclades

## Formalities

### ? Papers

Travelers to Greece, including minors, must be in possession of a national identity card or passport (EU nationals).

### ? Health

Bring the European health insurance card, to ask your health insurance fund at least 15 days before departure. The sanitary conditions are similar to those in most European countries.

## Weather

The climate of the islands is Mediterranean, that is to say, hot and dry in summer and mild and rainy in winter, but with significant differences depending on the regions and archipelagos. The Cyclades regularly suffer from lack of rain and during the beautiful season, which lasts here almost 6 months, precipitation is scarce or even completely absent from the end of May to the beginning of October. The Cyclades also benefit from relatively cool summers (for Greece) thanks to the famous "Meltem", a seasonal wind which during the summer season pleasantly refreshes the atmosphere, but which sometimes gets carried away to the point of immobilizing the boats in the port. for a few hours.

## Language

Greek, English, and sometimes a little French or German

## Currencies

Euro