

Volos to Volos

*The Gulf of Volos and the Sporades islands
Proposed 1week itinerary – weather permitting!*



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Volos – one of the larger cities on the northern mainland (population 110,000), easily accessible by direct flights to Volos (Nea Anchealos) Airport, or by flights to Thessaloniki in the north, Athens in the South or Skiathos island. From Athens and Thessaloniki train, bus or taxi to Volos. From Skiathos, ferry or hydrofoil to Volos.

Day 1 – Saturday: Embark Volos in the afternoon. Provision the yacht. Depart for a sail through the gulf of Volos. Overnight at the small island of Paleio Trikeri or Kotes bay. Dine at one of the popular tavernas at either location. (16 nm / 2+ hrs)



Paleio Trikeri (island)

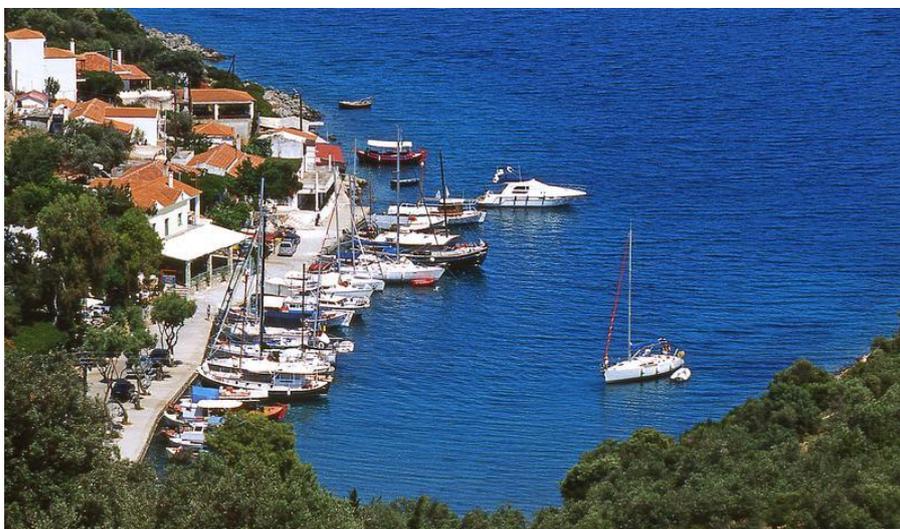
Day 2 – Sunday: Sail to Panormos bay on Skopelos stopping for a swim and lunch on board at the small islet of Tsougria. If it's going to stay calm all night, drop anchor in an idyllic lagoon like bay surrounded by pine trees and spend the evening under the stars. A line to shore is a good idea. Cook a meal on board or take the dinghy to shore to eat at one of the popular tavernas there. (30 nm / 4 hrs)



Panormos bay on Skopelos

Alternatively, visit the small fishing village port of **Neo Klima** nearby and eat at one of the local tavernas.

Day 3 – Monday: Sail along the southern coast of Skopelos island and stop for a swim at Staphylos bay or a lunch of lobster spaghetti at Agnondas village. In the afternoon sail on up the eastern coast of Alonissos to Patitiri (main town) or Steni Vala, a small but famous fishing port with a couple of tavernas and space for only a few boats. If you're lucky, one of the locals may string up their 'bouzouki' and sing some local songs. (24 nm / 3.5 hrs).



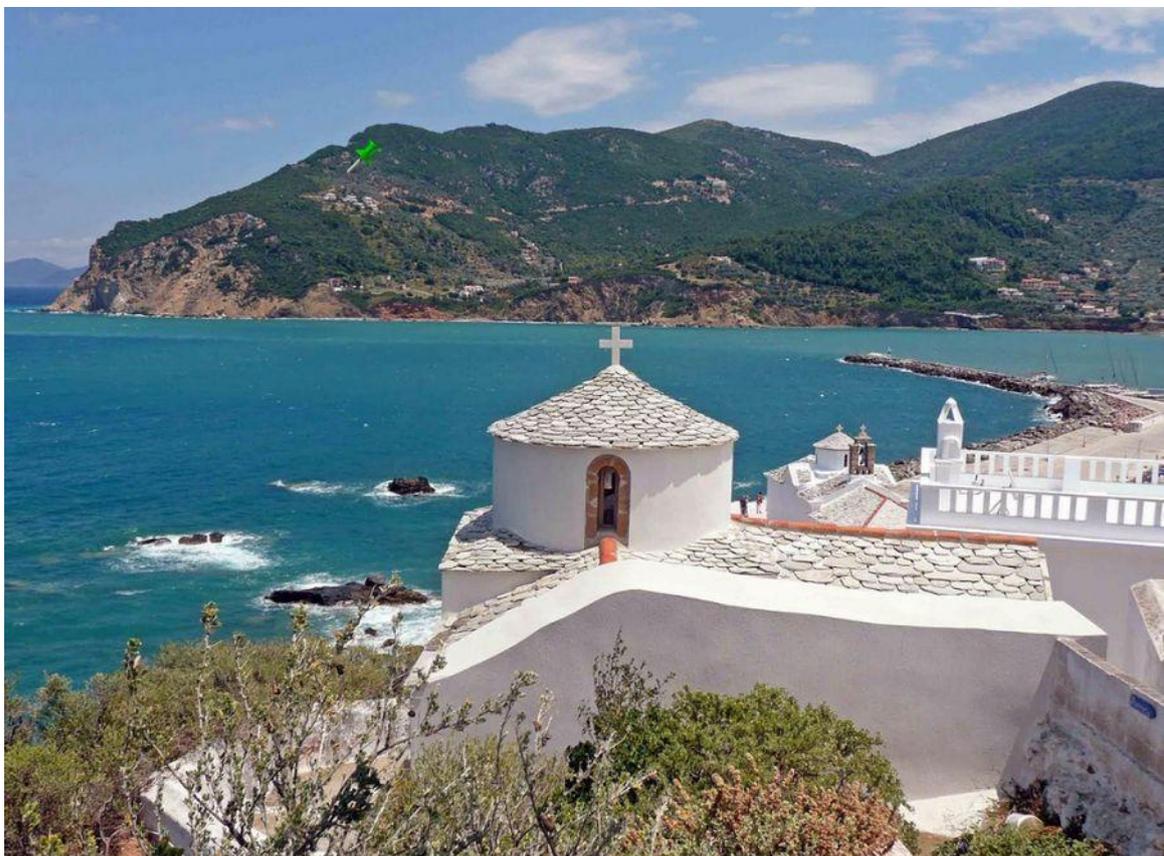
Steni Vala, Alonissos

Day 4 – Tuesday: Sail north to Kyra Panagia in the protected area of the marine park. There's a bay on the south (10 nm / 1.5hrs) and a bay in the north (15nm / 2 hrs), so where you drop anchor may depend on the weather conditions. The islands are uninhabited (except perhaps for a single monk at the monastery) so provision the boat well and enjoy your meals on board. Spend the night under the stars in absolute tranquillity, with only the company of goats and if you're lucky, maybe one of the protected monk seals.



Kyra Panagia

Day 5 – Wednesday: Sail southwest towards Skopelos main town Chora. Spend the day exploring this picturesque little town with its numerous churches, gift shops and tavernas. There are beaches nearby where you can go for a swim or you can hire bikes / cars and explore further. (24 nm / 3.5hrs).



Chora, Skopelos town

Day 6 – Thursday: Sail west along the northern coast of Skopelos to either Skiathos main town for a lively experience (15 nm / 2hrs) or to Glossa / Loutraki port for a more peaceful evening (12 nm / 1.75 hrs) on the northwest corner of Skopelos. You will cruise past the little hilltop church made famous in the movie “Mamma Mia”.



Mamma Mia church on Skopelos



Loutraki / Glossa, Skopelos



Skiathos town

Day 7 – Friday: Depart early to return to Volos. Stop for a swim at the famous 'Koukounaries' golden sandy beach on Skiathos, and/or if there's time, for lunch at the old fishing port of Trikeri at the entrance to the gulf (22 nm / 3 hours). From here it's another 2 hours back to Volos where, in the evening, you can dine at one of the many famous 'tsipouro' (ouzo/fish) restaurants on the seafront, near the reconstructed ship 'The Argo', on which Jason set off from Volos on his quest to find the Golden Fleece.



Koukounaries beach, Skiathos



Volos

Day 8 – Saturday: Disembark in the morning by 09.00

On a two week cruise you can explore many more bays and locations around the islands, as well as including a visit to Orei in northern Evia, the island of Skyros, and beautiful deserted islet Skantzoura along the way. Or it's possible to sail further to explore the eastern Aegean islands, the northern Cyclades or Halkidiki and northern Greece.

Please remember that all itineraries are subject to weather conditions and are an indication only. Sailing times are calculated at an average cruising speed of 6-7 knots (nautical miles per hour).