Itinerary 2: SPORADES - 1-week Sailing Cruise SKIATHOS – SKIATHOS

Day One

Embarkation at Skiathos at 3-5 PM. Meeting point at Skiathos main port, at the “Meltemi” coffee bar. Welcome aboard the sailing yacht. Meet the skipper and the hostess and toast our trip with a welcome drink, compliments of your crew.

Settle in your cabins, while the crew gets the supplies for the trip. Departure at 6 PM, the destination being Panormos, in Skopelos. Estimated arrival: 7.30 PM. At sunset, we anchor at a breathtakingly beautiful, natural inlet, which is perfect for relaxing after a long day and having your supper on board. If you are not so tired as to go to bed or relax on board, the skipper can take you ashore with the dinghy. In Panormos you can find some tavernas and a couple of bars, if having a drink on board is not what you feel like doing.

Day Two

You have the unique opportunity to dive in the sea immediately after you wake up (remember, this is not a port and the waters are pure).

Departure for Steni Vala (Alonnisos) is set for 9 AM, and you can have your breakfast while sailing, as our arrival at the picturesque, small port of Steni Vala will take place at around 12 PM, as the day and place are perfect for trekking. The area has a number of signposted trails (you can’t get lost!) and you can go as far as the Old Village of...
Alonnisos, 10 km away, perched high on top of the island’s mountain and offering amazing views of the Aegean.

For scuba-diving lovers, we can arrange for you to set off with scuba-diving instructors and equipment, so you can visit the ancient shipwrecks around the area of Steni Vala.

For those of you not into any of the above activities, you can go swimming at a beach located 5 minutes away from our mooring point, and / or enjoy fresh fish in any of the tavernas lining the small port.

In the evening, and after a glass of hand-made sangria by our hostess on board, whoever wishes to can visit the Old Village of Alonnisos. You will get there by taxi. In the Old Village, you can wander in the cobbled sidestreets and have your drinks at any of the village’s cafés, all of which offer amazing views.

**Day Three**

Breakfast on board. We set off at 10.30 AM for Kyra Panagia, an uninhabited small island in the north of Alonnisos, sailing in the channel between Alonnisos and Peristera island, which is an ideal place for sailing, since it is always windy but the sea is always calm. After 2 hours of sailing, we arrive at the south inlet of Kyra Panagia and anchor in the emerald waters for some swimming and lunch prepared by your hostess. We stay there until 5.30 PM, when we set off for the north part of the island and the unique inlet of Planitis, the Mediterranean’s biggest natural port. There, completely protected from the weather, we can enjoy a night swim and dinner on board.

**Day Four**

You can get up and take a dive! Departure at about 10.30 AM from Planitis, headed for the eastern side of the island, where we can stop for 1-1,5 hours in the Monastiri inlet. You can swim or visit the Monastery there.
We then sail our way to Kokkinokastron, a protected bay, for more swimming and a light lunch on board.

Departure for Skopelos at around 5.30 pm, sailing along the coast of Alonnisos. Arrival at Skopelos at about 8 pm. There, you can take a stroll and perhaps do some souvenir shopping in the picturesque sidestreets of the Village, and have dinner in any of the numerous tavernas and restaurants, catering to a wide variety of tastes. Finish off your night with a drink in any of the bars of the island.

**Day Five**

Departure from Skopelos, after breakfast, at 9.30 am. Weather permitting, we can visit the rock of St. John, which featured in the film “Mamma Mia” at the famous wedding scene. The place will offer you the opportunity to take amazing snapshots and dive in waters of unparalleled beauty.

Departure at around 12 pm, the destination being the south part of the island, so we can visit another place where scenes from “Mamma Mia” were shot, Kastani Beach. Swimming and lunch on board for you there.

We then set sail for Koukounaries, in Skiatos, one of the most famous, golden sandy beaches in Greece. More swimming there and the peace and quiet offered only by a night on anchor.
Day Six

After a morning dive in Koukounaries, and have breakfast on board, we depart westwards for the Pagasitikos Gulf and the island of Trikeri.

Before we get there, we stop at a secluded beach in Southern Pilion for a quick dive and a snack.

We continue our trip for our destination, which is the island of Trikeri. Arrival at 6 pm.

An option for you is to trek around the island. Trikeri is the ideal place for trekking, as there are no cars on it. Also, due to its size, you can see the whole island on foot in a matter of 1-2 hours.

You can then enjoy dinner at the taverna located only within 10m off our mooring point. You will get to taste the unique spaghetti with crawfish, specialty of the taverna. You can also try “tsipouro”, the local drink that tastes similar to ouzo, and get a free extra dish that accompanies each small bottle of tsipouro. You don’t get to order the dish; the custom in our area is for the cook to serve anything he chooses!

Don’t expect to find any nightlife here. The island of Trikeri is very quiet; however, we can wrap up the day by enjoying a night cap on board before calling it a day.

Day Seven

Breakfast on board at am. Whoever wishes to can visit the Monastery of Virgin Mary, which is only a 10-minute walk from our mooring point. We set off at 10.30 am and head for Skiathos.
We leave the tranquil Pagasitikos Gulf (Gulf of Volos) behind us and sail into the Aegean. At around 2 PM we anchor at the beautiful island of Tsougria, located just off Skiathos. You can take a dive in its crystal clear waters and enjoy cold drinks and a light lunch, prepared by your hostess.

We then set off for Skiathos, where we arrive at 6 pm. The island is the most cosmopolitan of the Sporades complex and you will immediately see why. From the moment we arrive, you can start your walks in Papadiamanti Street, the main shopping street of the town, with a network of sidestreets sprawling around it, as well as the castle of Bourtzi.

After 11 pm, you will see that the island is in a party mood, which does not wear off until the early morning hours!

You can sleep on board. Disembarkation takes place the next day, at 9 am.