Itinerary 4: SPORADES
1 week Sailing Cruise: SKIATHOS – VOLOS

Day One

Embarkation at Skiathos at 3-5 pm. Meeting point at Skiathos main port, at the “Meltemi” coffee bar. Welcome aboard of the sailing yacht. Meet the skipper and the hostess and toast to our trip with a welcome drink, compliments of your crew. Settle in your cabins, while the crew gets the supplies for the trip.

We spend the first night in Skiathos. 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!

Day Two

We set off at 9 am, headed for Steni Vala, in Alonnisos, directly, giving you the chance to wake up and enjoy breakfast while we sail.

Our arrival at the picturesque bay of Steni Vala is scheduled for 12 pm, as you can spend the rest of the day choosing from a number of activities: trekking, scuba-diving, swimming or “tsipouro” drinking!

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 10 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.

We then depart at about 12.30 pm for Koukounaries, in Skiathos, arriving there in time for lunch. Koukounaries has been voted as the third most beautiful beach in the world. There, you can enjoy swimming and sunbathing on the sandy beach and do any water sport you fancy and can think of (canoeing, kayaking, jet skiing, water-skiing, to name just a few). You can also enjoy a cold beer and dance to the music played at the beach bar.

At around 5.30 pm, we raise our anchor and set off for the small, quaint island of Trikeri, in the entrance of the Pagasitikos gulf. Estimated arrival: 8 pm.

It’s the perfect time to 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 Six

Breakfast before we leave the island of Trikeri. Whoever is into trekking can let the crew know in advance, so they can wake you up early. The island of 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. A place of interest worth visiting is also the monastery of Virgin Mary.

We depart at 12 PM for Orei in North Evia, stopping on the way at a secluded beach for a dive and a light lunch on board.

We enjoy sailing to Orei and arrive there at 8 pm and from there, anyone who wants to can visit the famous spa resort of Edipsos, which are only a 20-minute taxi ride away.

At night, you can have dinner at a taverna located 50m away from our yacht. You can find many to choose from and try fish or meat dishes.

Day Seven

Departure at 10 am, after having had breakfast on board. We relax by sailing, headed for the Pagasitikos Gulf and the quaint bay of Tzasteni. We get there early in the afternoon and have a swim and lunch on board.

We set off in the early evening, headed for Afissos, another picturesque bay. We can stop there for a couple of hours, to have coffee or ice-cream in a café by the sea, before we set off for our final destination, Volos.

Arrival in Volos at 8-10 pm. We take anchor, enjoy our last drinks on board and call it a night. You can sleep on board and disembark at 9 AM the next morning.