Itinerary 1 - SPORADES - 1-week Sailing Cruise VOLOS – VOLOS

Day One:

Embarkation at Volos between 3-5pm on the main port. Welcome aboard the sailing yacht. Meet the skipper (and 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 6pm, our destination being the small island of Trikeri in 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 Two:

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 set off at 11 am and head for Panormos, in Skopelos. Leaving the Pagasitikos Gulf behind us, we sail into the Aegean Sea, the perfect “venue” for hoisting our sails and enjoying our first day of sailing.
On our way to Panormos, we come across the small island of Tsougria, located just off Skiathos. We get there at approximately 4 pm and stop for around 2 hours, so you can take a dive in the crystal clear waters and enjoy cold drinks and a light lunch, prepared by your hostess.

We depart for our final destination, Panormos. 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 too tired, the skipper can you take you ashore with the dinghy. In Panormos you can find some tavernas and a couple of bars, unless you would prefer to stay on board and have a drink on deck.

Day Three:
You have the unique chance 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 9am, and you can have your breakfast while sailing, as our arrival at the picturesque, small port of Steni Vala will be at around 12pm. If you enjoy hiking, 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 Four:**
Breakfast on board. Departure at 11 am for the uninhabited small island of Peristera, next to Steni Vala, for the first dive of the day.

We set off two hours later for Kokkinokastro, a protected bay, for more swimming and a light lunch on board, prepared by your hostess.

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 town, 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 features in the film “Mamma Mia” during 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, our 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.
Departure at around 4 pm, and this time we are headed for Skiathos. Just before we enter the port of Skiathos, we stop briefly at the small island of Arkos, for a quick dive and cool drinks.

Arrival at Skiathos at approximately 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 Papadimantaki 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 Six:
Departure at 10 am and breakfast on board, while we are moored off Koukounaries beach, 50 minutes away from Skiathos.

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 4 pm, we raise our anchor and set off for Orei in North Evia, leaving the Sporades complex behind us. We arrive there at 6.30 pm and from there, anyone who wants to can visit the famous Edipsos spas, 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 drop 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.