

# 7 DAY YACHT CRUISE IN THE SARONIC/ARGOLIC GULF ISLANDS

Trips will start and finish from Athens, specifically Marina Alimos. Time of departure will be close to noon. Guests will be picked up from their Hotel around 1030am and brought to the yachts in Marina Alimos.

After yacht allocation and berth allocation, there will be a safety and yacht orientation talk by the captain. Once everyone is comfortable and briefed the yacht will depart Alimos Marina.

The overall structure of this charter will be to involve the students in as much as possible in the operation of the yacht. Learning how to sail, how to cater to their group. They will be responsible for all chores domestic and deck. Without being a sailing school they still will be involved in maintaining a smart professional yacht.

## Day 1.

Athens to Ancient town of Epidavros stops along the way for swimming etc. The town of Epidavros is the sight of one of the best examples of Ancient greek theater construction. Just outside the town is the main theatre that can seat 15,000. It was built around 2200 BC. A trip to see this ancient marvel is easily arranged.

Other activities available in this village include, scuba, trekking, and Para gliding

Sailing time to Epidavros about 4 hours 30 miles.

## Day 2.

Epidavros village to the island of Poros. On arrival in the huge bay of Poros you can anchor in Oyster cove, swim and dive for fresh sea oysters. Poros is a very cosmopolitan island with good shopping, great beaches and lots of coves to explore and a good night life with bars and disco's.

Sailing time around 3 hrs, 20 miles

## Day 3.

Poros Island to the Town of Erimioni stopping in Teslavina bay for Lunch. To day the yacht will take you to a secluded bay for Lunch and Snorkelling and swimming. Then a great sail to the Old town of Erimioni. The town is quiet greek fishing village, where you can still experience old Greece. There are some exceptional walks and treks the students will enjoy. The best being around the peninsula though the ancient forest and back into the old town before returning to the Yacht, about 5-6km walk.

Sailing time around 2.5 hrs 19 miles

#### Day 4

This could be an open day. There are several options available here:-

i )... Sailing trip to Spetsai Island and stay overnight if dockage available, 3hr sailing trip lots to see on island, wide variety of suitable night life. Sailing time 3 hr 18 miles

ii)... Sail trip to Southern Peloponnese port of Plaka, this would be a more "sailing" trip with about 4-6 hours and it could involve medium winds making the trip seem exciting, and quick. The port is very small about 12 houses but located below a huge mountain. Spectacular scenery. Sailing time 6 hrs 30 miles

iii )... Sail trip to Koladia, with stops on the way for swimming and snorkeling. Koladia is a working fishing port where the offshore fisherman operate. It's a rare sight to see wooden Greek style fishing craft of 23m+ . The village also has wooden ship building yard, where the wooden ships are built. Witness old style craftsmanship here. Sailing time 4 hours 20 miles

#### Day 5

Returning back towards Athens, today you will make a lunch time stop over at the island of Hydra. Here you will be able to visit a unique community where there no vehicles on the island. Transportation is by means of donkey or mule. This is a mountain village with a tiny harbor and tiny narrow streets. Spend a few hours wondering around the maze of alley ways and experiencing a different Greece.

The Yachts will depart at around 4pm and you will sail back to Poros Island and anchor for the night in a secluded bay, where the yachts will have a crew night at anchor with on board BBQ and anything else that can be found. Perhaps the captains will show you where to find fresh oysters or clams ?

#### Day 6

The last chance for a good days sail, so today you will sail out towards the island of Angistri, briefly stopping for lunch, after sailing into the Port of Aegina Harbor. On the way to we will arrange for the group to have there picture taken on the yacht while sailing. Sailing time 4 hours 20 miles

Aegina is a unique island with many facets, it is a huge producer of Pistashios, Olives and Olive oil. The temple of Anafi is on the island, this is the only example of a complete temple from ancient times. Also one should visit the Monastery of Aegina, the nuns hand make some of best lace in the world.

#### Day 7

Sailing from Aegina Island back to Athens. Sailing time 4 hours 20 miles

To day is your last chance to collect the last of your Greek island souvenirs before the yacht heads back to Athens. Your arrival back in Athens at the Marina will be around 1pm weather depending.