

# LITTLE MERMAID

Paros- Naxos- Koufonisia- Ios- Santorini  
2 days- 1 night

## Day 1

### Paros

The stunningly beautiful island of Paros with its white-sandy beaches and warm waters can be reached from Mykonos within fifty minutes. Combining modern with traditional elements in the most unique way, Paros is a mix of traditional Cycladic architecture, vivid nightlife, magical Paros beaches, enchanting rural villages, and historical monuments. Whether you're after a relaxing holiday or you are more of a thrill-seeker, Paros island will give you exactly what you want! The most important sightseeing in Paros is the Byzantine Monastery of Ekatontapyliani, meaning the church with the hundred doors.

However, Paros is mostly famous for its stunning beaches and the Cycladic villages. Naoussa, Lefkes, and Parikia are the most picturesque ones in Paros, while the most popular beaches to swim include Kolymbithres which is known for its clean water and the rock formations., Golden Beach, Monastiri beach which is a really remarkable place with emerald and calm waters to enjoy, and last Santa Maria a long beach with several smaller, sandy beaches and magic coves in this bay, making it ideal for tranquillity and diving.

### Naxos

Our next stop is Naxos, the largest of the Cycladic islands and one of the most interesting destinations in Cyclades. Its glorious ancient past and strong influences of the Venetians and the Franks are responsible for the abundance of ancient sites. Naxos breathes history!

Apart from its impressive monuments, though, Naxos boasts a beautiful natural landscape, as it is the greenest island of the Cyclades. Imposing mountains, green valleys, beautiful beaches, and rural villages will exalt nature lovers' spirits!

Although this is a calm family island, things to do in Naxos are many. The sea around Naxos is rich in reefs and wrecks. In fact, there is the wreck of a Beaufighter torpedo bomber, a German seaplane, and other more recent wrecks. The most famous beach is Agios Prokopis, which has the thinnest sand. Due to its position, Agios Prokopis is protected from the winds especially towards its northern end, where a great rock blocks the waves from the upper side of the islands' coast, offering its visitors a serene swim on windy days. The Chapel of Agios Prokopis is situated at the entrance of the beach with a magnificent view of the open sea.

## Koufonisia

We then cruise towards Koufonisia, the virgin Greek islands known for their caves, turquoise waters and golden rocks. Koufonisia is a group of 2 islands: Ano Koufonissi and Kato Koufonissi. These two islands are the closest to paradise you'll ever get! They are also very different from each other. While Ano Koufonissi is where the center of the islands' activity is, meaning restaurants, bars and sights, Kato Koufonisi is uninhabited and can only be reached by boat from Ano Koufonissi.

The scenery in Koufonisia is beyond words! Unreal turquoise water, glittering sand, laid-back atmosphere, and Cycladic architecture create a true wonder amid Cyclades archipelago.

Due to its small size and the limited tourist development, activities there are restricted mainly to swimming and walking. Swimming is actually the only thing to do. The beaches in Koufonisia are not organized and provide great chances for total privacy (especially in Kato Koufonisi). Many of them are naturist beaches. One of the most famous beaches is Gala (Milk) which is a small pebbled beach, like an open cave which connects to the sea through a narrow opening. Another beach is Pori, a gorgeous place with soft sand and crystal water. Last but not least is Glaronisi, which means "the seagulls' island", is extremely small, flat, uninhabited and nearly barren, but its private little beaches and stunning rock formations are definitely unique.

In the end of the day we dock to the picturesque port of Koufonisi to spend the night.

## Day 2

### Ios

The island of Ios Cyclades is considered as the 'queen' of young tourists, due to its vivid nightlife and numerous beaches. The most famous one is Manganari is a charming bay on the southern side of the island with clean water and a relaxing ambience.

### Santorini

A little further lies the magnificent island of Santorini, home of one of the most famous volcanoes in the world with breathtaking views over the cliffs, amazing picturesque local wineries and much more. The island was created after a huge eruption of a volcano, occurred in 17th century B.C., which shaped the breathtaking caldera.

Cruising along the coastline, we arrive at Akrotiri's Red Beach, admired for its distinct red hue, caused by the rich in volcanic minerals soil. Following we go to Mesa Pigadia for a swim break. Next we sail towards the White Beach, which is only accessible by boat. A stop for swimming and snorkeling is highly recommended. No one can resist the crystal clear blue waters with the rich underwater environment and reefs. Leaving the White Beach and heading to the Venetian Lighthouse, sail below the Indian Rocks through caves and rock formations, characteristic to the Aegean landscape. Later, we enter the Caldera for a unique view of the whole bay. The picturesque white houses of Fira and Imerovigli villages are hanging from the cliffs consisted of basalt and pumice. Rock formations of the volcanic islands of Palea and Nea Kammeni unfold before your eyes. Our sailing route includes a close sail by the volcano crater and a full view of it. Palea Kammeni, an inhabitant volcanic island next to the volcano, offers unique private bays and beaches, ideal for swimming and snorkeling, perfect to enjoy your own privacy away from crowded locations. Our next stop is at the Hot Springs. This is where another swim break takes place in the sulfurous waters that provide a natural spa. With the breathtaking views of Thirassia Island as a backdrop matching the picturesque Village of Oia, your experience shall culminate in the most unique and unforgettable way possible.

Then we cruise back to Mykonos island.