

# Naxos, Paros : a family trip

Paros

Trip code: CYCGP0020

Guided hike

• Hiking • 8 days



Two of the most authentic Cycladic islands to discover with the family: vast and mountainous Naxos with a rich archaeological heritage and Paros, whose marble made famous during Antiquity. White houses with blue shutters, chapels marking the countryside, heritage and culinary wealth ... The Aegean Sea welcomes us for a sailboat trip and for multiple pretexts for pleasure breaks on forgotten coves or dream beaches.

## Highlights

1. Immersion in the nature and culture of two major Cycladic islands
2. Remarkable landscapes and typical Cycladic villages
3. A complete program of activities: hiking, swimming, sightseeing and ... sailing cruise

# PROGRAMME



## D1 Athens

Flight to Athens, then transfer (included) to the hotel in Piraeus or Athens depending on the arrival time of the flight. Meeting with your guide at the hotel.

**Free dinner. Overnight in Piraeus or Athens.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

## D2 Piraeus - Naxos

The schedule for the day depends on the ferry departure time.

From Piraeus, ferry to the largest island in the Cyclades. Luggage transfer to your accommodation. You will walk to the hotel (15 minutes) along the sea with the clattering of sailboat ropes. Depending on the time of arrival, swimming, visit to the endearing capital of Naxos: Venetian fortress, magnificent archaeological museum, stroll to the site of Portara (temple of Apollo; 6th century BC) at sunset. Unless a waffle break, which the city has made a specialty of, tempts you

*About 2 hours of walking.*

**Picnic at noon. Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Naxos.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

## D3 Naxos: Kouros de Flério - Potamia - Apano Kastro - Halki

Departing from old marble quarries with their colossal unfinished statues (Kouros), you will discover a pretty traditional path that crosses a plateau before descending to the town of Potamia. There follows a nice climb to the ruined fort of Apano Kastro, superbly perched on top of a hillock from which the view is magnificent. Finally, a quiet path leads you to the white village of Halki and its wonderful Cycladic atmosphere. Possible visit to the lemon distillery. Return by bus to Chora

*About 3 hours of walking, +350 m, -250 m*

**Picnic at noon. Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Naxos.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

#### **D4 Naxos: Mini Catamaran Cruise**

Mini cruise by sailboat or catamaran to Paros or the "small Cyclades" or along the coast of Naxos depending on the wind conditions for an exceptional discovery of the islands at the pace of a sailboat. Swimming breaks (loan of fins and mask) and lunch on board on the program.

**Please note:** If this is not possible (weather-related security problem or full boats) we offer a superb hike in the area of Apeiranthos, an authentic mountain village or towards Mount Zas, the highest point in the Cyclades.

**Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Naxos.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

#### **D5 Paros: Parikia - Marathi**

Crossing (40 minutes) to Parikia, the port capital of the island of Paros, and its famous windmill. While our luggage is transferred to the hotel, we cross the pleasant historic center, rich in the remains of the ancient city of Paros and where the famous church of Panagia Ekatontapiliani (the Virgin Mary with a hundred doors) stands. Then we climb the slopes overlooking the city towards Marathi and its ancient garnet mines. Descent on foot to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Paros.

*3 hours of walking; + 350m / -350m*

**Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Paros.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Main Itinerary :*

#### **D6 Paros: Parikia - Aliko / Piso Livadi - Dryos / Pottery 'Noe'**

From Parikia to Aliko on the south coast of the island not the beautiful inland trails of Paros. Possible visit to the astonishing "Cycladic Garden" which will thrill children. On a private garden, hyper-realistic doll constructions, reproducing ships, traditional buildings and monuments of the Cyclades with the benevolent explanations of the Benetos family, owners of the site. Entrance € 3 per person (free - 10 years old).

Return transfer to Parikia

*About 3 hours 30 minutes of walking; + 380m / -350m*

**Or :**

Line bus transfer to Piso Livadi. Nice walk on the only coastal path on the island that goes to Dryos. It is a magnificent path that goes from beach to beach, especially the aptly named "golden beach", a real call for swimming.

After Dryos, we reach by small roads, the Noe pottery workshop where we can decorate pottery.

Return on foot to Dryos then return by regular bus to Parikia  
*About 2h30 of walking; + 100m / -100m*  
**Dinner and overnight in a hotel in Paros.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

*Alikí :*

*Piso Livadi :*

## D7 Piraeus - Athens

Transfer to the port of Paros to take the ferry to Piraeus (approximately 4 hours crossing). Picnic on board the boat. Arrive in Piraeus in the afternoon then transfer to the hotel in central Athens.

**Free dinner. Overnight in Athens.**

*Accommodation : Hotel*

## D8 End of stay

End of stay after breakfast, transfer to the airport and return flight.

## Itinerary

On site, we may sometimes have to modify somewhat the itinerary indicated: either at the level of the organization (problem of overloading of accommodation, modification of boat rotations), or directly because of the guide (weather forecast, group level ...). Trust us, these changes are always in your best interest. Warning ! In the Mediterranean, the weather can change and the boats shifted in their passage. We adapt to the circumstances. All indicated boat times are subject to change.

The visits we offer are not contractual and depend on the opening of the sites and / or the possibility of welcoming us. We cannot be held responsible if it is impossible to visit a workshop or a museum.

# SOME PRECISIONS

## Grade

Stay for families. Easy, no portage. Children from 8 years old. Hike accessible to fit hikers, motivated by walking and group life. 2 to 3h30 of walking per day. The height difference is variable, between 100 and 380 m (maximum) per day.

## Luggage transport

You only carry a small backpack with your daily things, the picnic and the groceries. You will have to transfer all of your luggage from the boat to the vehicle that transports the luggage to the islands, and then to your room (and vice versa). That's all.

## Transfers

### The boat

We will travel from island to island on the regular ferries that ply the Aegean Sea from Piraeus.

These large boats are a guarantee of arrival on the islands. It should be noted that Greek ferries can sail up to force 9/10 depending on their size. It can be very windy at sea without even realizing its effects on the islands. You only need to be in a sheltered cove or bay (or on the right side of the island) to not feel the effects.

**The boat for the mini cruise in Naxos is a catamaran sailboat. In case it is unavailable or full, the cruise will be on a monohull from the same company.**

## Group

From 4 to 15 participants.

Exceptionally, the group may have one more person, for example if a couple registers when there is only one place left, or in the event of simultaneous registrations.

# DATES AND PRICES

## Prices include

- return flights Paris / Athens
- air taxes
- framing
- accommodation for 7 nights
- meals from breakfast on D2 to breakfast on D8 (except dinners on D1 and D7)
- boat tickets and transfers during the stay
- the mini sailboat cruise in Naxos
- transfers from and to the airport
- luggage transport

## Prices do not include

- the drinks
- dinners on D1 and D7
- site visits
- the insurance
- registration fees
- anything not indicated in "Prices include"

## Options, extras and discounts

- single room supplement: on request

## Your expenses on place

- D2 archaeological museum: around € 2 / person
- Cycladic gardens (if the pottery workshop is closed): around € 3 / person (free - 10 years old)

# IN YOUR LUGGAGE

# DETAILS