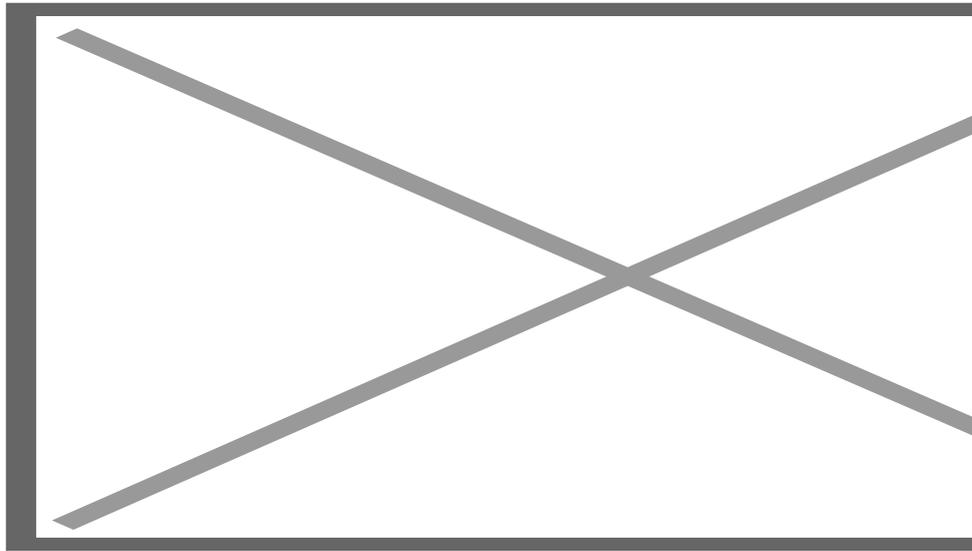


Skiathos & The Sporades



Yacht charter in the Sporades Islands

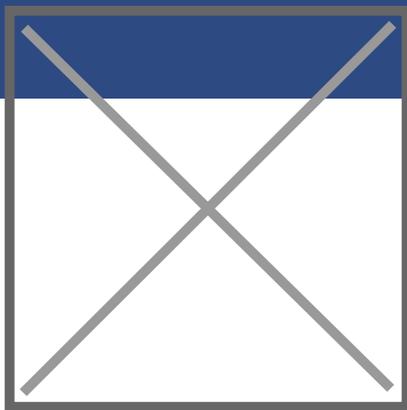
Enjoy the wonderful sailing among the Sporades Islands in Greece. From lively Skiathos to the remote Pelagos, this archipelago in the Aegean Sea sets the frame for your unforgettable yacht charter in Greece. Isolated and peaceful anchorages, white sandy beaches and traditional villages, will give you and your crew memories for life. The Sporades are especially famous for:

- Varied sailing conditions
- Busy and buzzing Skiathos
- Picturesque anchorages
- Traditional fishing villages
- Azure waters
- Characteristic villages
- Impressive taverns that serve authentic local specialities
- Rich fish- and bird life

Departure: Most of our guests sail from Skiathos

Sailing in the Sporades

Explore the archipelago's 11 interesting islands – favourite destinations for tourists and famous for golden, white beaches, crystal clear blue water and picturesque villages. The Sporades are more luxuriant than the Aegean Sea's southern islands. Many are covered by forests that spread down to the water - and the short distance between the islands makes them ideal for shorter stops. A yacht charter in the Sporades gives you the freedom to explore the many coves and calm beaches that can only be reached aboard a sailboat. The waters in the Volos Gulf are well-protected – with winds usually range between 10-20 knots. However, in July and August, the Meltemi winds from the northeast can be strong – and sailing in the Sporades should be undertaken by reasonably experienced sailors. The summer weather is generally sunny with

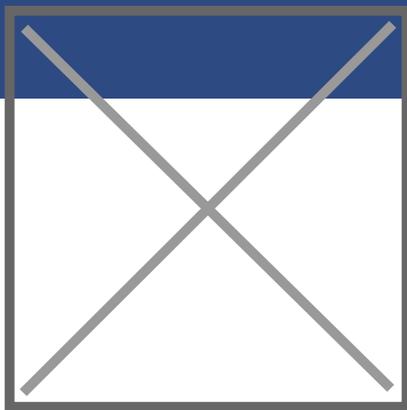


temperatures between 24 and 27° C; however, in the beginning, and the end of the season, you can experience showers and rougher weather.

Highlights

A sailing holiday in the Sporades allows yachters to explore the islands' beautiful white beaches, picturesque villages and, not least, to enjoy the fabled landscapes that constantly surround visitors. Many old communities have no roads, electricity or even phones. The area oozes of authenticity where you as a guest can get an insight into the traditional Greek culture. Additionally, you will have plenty of opportunities to relax by sailing, fishing and swimming in the blue Aegean Sea.

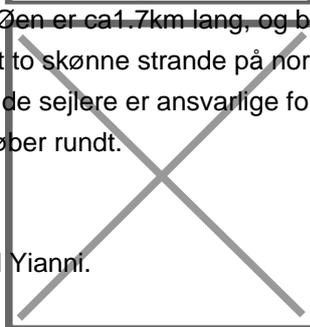
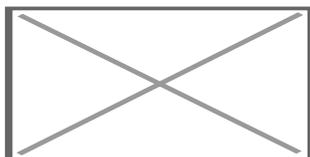
To explore this great northern part of Greece - we have established a series of perfectly situated bases. From the somewhat touristy Skíathos, also called "small Mykonos", you can sail to completely unspoilt coves and small towns with a characteristic architectural style in the Volos Bay just below the mainland. Here are even fewer tourists, and from here you can sail on to explore the beautiful green islands of the Sporades, such as Skopelos, Alonissos, Skantzoura and Pelagos.



Highlights

Paleo Trikeri Øen i Volos-golfen

Mennesker bosatte sig oprindeligt på øen i forhistorisk tid, men den blev forladt i det 16århundrede på grund af pirateri – i dag er Paleo Trikeri hjem for under 50 faste beboere. Øen er ca 1.7km lang, og består af nogle få olivenlunde, et par støvede stier, samt to skønne strande på nordkysten.. Al Yianni er øens eneste havneby - besøgende sejlere er ansvarlige for at byens ene butik, få taverner og ene bar/café løber rundt.



Liggemuligheder

Agterendefortøjning ved havnebyen Al Yianni.

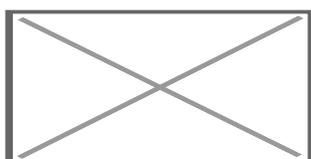
Highlights

Paleo Trikeri er en spændende ø at udforske, noget der på grund af dens beskedne størrelse, ikke tager lang tid. Fra Al Yianni er der en 15minutters gåtur til midten af øen, hvor et af Sporadernes mange bemærkelsesværdige monumenter, nemlig klostret Evangelistrias fra det 19århundrede, findes. Klostret har en skøn gårdsplads, med marmor mosaikker under verandaen – et hyggeligt sted at tage en slapper, samtidig med at man kan følge med i det langsommelige arbejde med at restaurere klostret, der i fremtiden igen skal huse en gruppe nonner.

Faciliteter

Bar, restaurant, taverner og provision.

Koukounaries og strandene på Skiathos

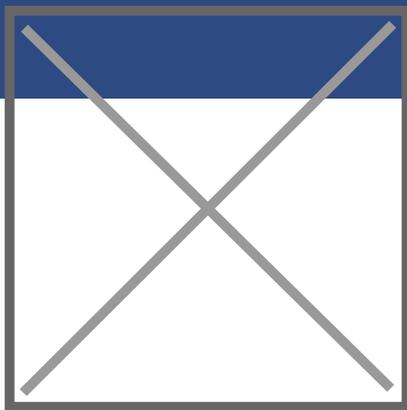


Skiathos er en grøn og frodig ø, kendt for Sporadernes bedste strande – og på din sejlerferie får du mulighed for at udforske dem alle i dit helt eget tempo.

Koukounaries er navnet på øens tredjestørste bebyggelse, der også giver navn til den berømte strand. Stranden er over en kilometer lang og med flere hyggelige kantiner, der betjener besøgende. Vandet er utroligt klart og området kan prale af stor artsrigdom, og de hundredevis af forskellige fiskearter, gør snorkling til en stor oplevelse. Bag stranden findes en skøn naturlige sø, kaldet Strofilia. Ved Koukounaries er der også mulighed for vandsportsaktiviteter, samt

hesteridning.

Tværs over Skiathos' indland, er Banana Beach (officielt Krassas) en af øens smarteste strande - med vandsport, barer, og nudistområde, for dem der er til det. Sideliggende Small Banana Beach, er til dels for homoseksuelle. Der finde familieorienterede strande ved Ayia Eleni, samt Mandhraki og Elia – alle med



solstole og snack-barer – ligesom du kan kaste anker i bugten og svømme ind til stranden, og samtidigt gøre de andre gæster jaloux!

Hvis du bliver træt af strandlivet eller får lyst til lidt kulturelt input, så tag en udflugt til Evangelistrias-klostret fra det 18århundrede og dets lille museum, med fine religiøse udstillinger og artefakter fra øens gamle landsbrugskultur. Kastro er en befæstet bebyggelse, anlagt i det

16århundrede for at beskytte øen mod angreb fra pirater. Bemærk også at en af byens fire tilbageværende kirker, har originale vægmalerier, der helt sikkert er et kig værd.

Liggemuligheder

Adskillige ankermuligheder er tilgængelige på Skiathos.

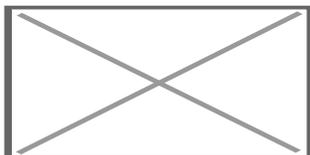
Highlights

Nyd strandende, ridning og de mange vandaktiviteter.

Faciliteter

Barer og restauranter.

Glossa By/ Skopelos Ø



Skopelos har over adskillige omgange været besat af romerne, venetianerne, ottomanerne og franskmændene - det siges endda at hele øens befolkning blev slået af piraten Barbossa i det sekstende århundrede. I dag er her ikke så meget gang i den, selvom optagelserne af filmen Mamma Mia for nogle år siden, satte øen på den anden ende.



Pierce Brosnan og Meryl Streep boede dengang i hyggelige Glossa, der med sine huse på bakkesiderne, alle kendetegnet ved farverigt malede træpartier og grå skifertage, er en af de flotteste (og søvnigste) byer i Sporaderne. Beliggende ved øens nordvestspids, har Glossa en betydeligt mere landlig stemning end Skopelos By, øens vigtigste bebyggelse.

Liggemuligheder

Agterendefortøjning ved Loutrakis' kaj, et par kilometer væk.

Highlights

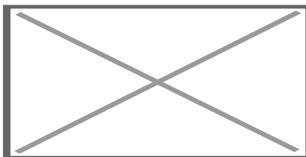
Nyd de flotte strande, slap af og udforsk den flotte by.

Faciliteter

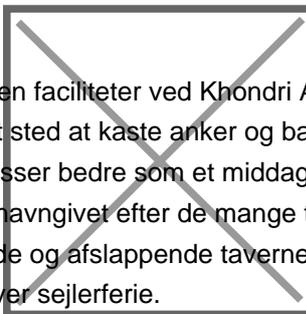
Taverner og provision.



Khondri Ammos-Bugten (Trikeri)



Kysten er bjergrig til begge sider, med Trikeri-halvøens stejle bjerge faldende direkte ned i havet. Bjergsiderne er arrede og slidte af de mange stenbrud, og er næsten fri for vegetation og bebyggelse.



Der er ingen faciliteter ved Khondri Ammos, men det er et overordentligt behageligt sted at kaste anker og bare slappe af på dækket, svømme eller snorkle i det dybe blå vand. Bugten passer bedre som et middagsstop, end som en ankerplads for natten. I nærheden findes landsbyen Platania, navngivet efter de mange træer der omgiver den, med nogle få faciliteter for besøgende sejlere og gode og afslappende taverner – hvilket er med til at gøre Khondri Ammos-Bugten til et godt stop på enhver sejlerferie.

Liggemuligheder

Kast anker på 5-8 meters vand i en vig på bugtens nordside – hvor der er god fastholdelse.

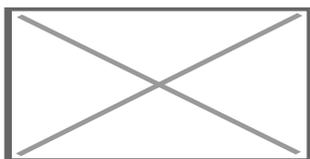
Highlights

Svømning og snorkeling.

Faciliteter

Ingen.

Området ved byen Pigadi

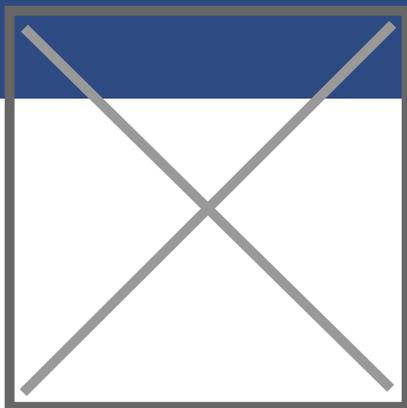


Den billedskønne landsby Pigadi på den vestlige side af Volos-golfen, påstås at være stedet hvorfra sagnhelten Achilles drog ud på hans rejse til den berømte krig ved Troja – omdrejningspunktet for Homers berømte digt Illiaden. For dem der har lyst, er der en længere klatretur fra Pigadi til Achilles-udkigstånet, hvorfra der er en formidabel udsigt til bugten og den nærliggende ø Skiathos – de resterende besætningsmedlemmer kan vælge at nyde et måltid mad og forfriskninger i en hyggelig taverne med skøn havudsigt.



Forvent ikke den store luksus, men spisestederne i regionen har ry for at servere autentisk mad fra det traditionelle køkken, lavet af de bedste lokale råvarer. Så hvis du har lyst til grillet lam eller superfrisk fisk, serveret med masser af græsk salat og skyllet ned med enten retsina, eller en af de nyere mere sofistikerede græske vine (der heldigvis smager mindre af malingsfjerner end retsina), bliver du ikke skuffet i Pigadi. Der er kitesurfing- og kiteboarding faciliteter i bugten, og windsurfere kan også være heldige med vindforholdene.

Liggemuligheder



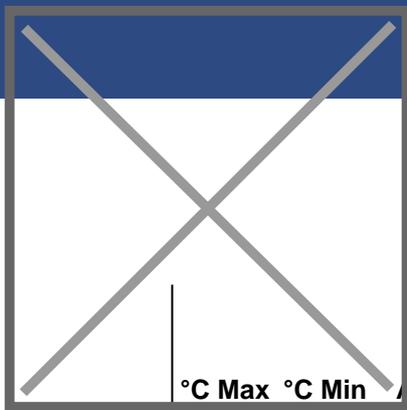
Agterendefortøjning ved Pigadis kaj

Highlights

Achilleus-udkigtstårnet – og den hårde, men flotte, klatretur dertil.

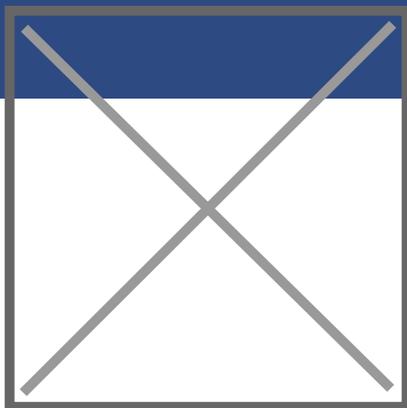
Faciliteter

Barer, restauranter og provision.



Wind and weather The Sporades

Month	°C Max	°C Min	Avg. precipitation (mm)	Avg. water temp. (°C)	Avg. wind (m/s)
January	13	6	55	16	5,5
February	13	6	49	15	7
March	16	7	46	15	5,5
April	20	10	29	16	5
May	25	14	21	18	4,5
June	30	19	11	21	5
July	32	21	5	24	5
August	32	21	6	24	5
September	29	18	12	24	5
October	23	14	53	21	7,5
November	18	10	61	19	5
December	14	8	75	17	5,5



About River Holidays

About sailing in Greece

Here you will find a number of useful information about sailing in Greece. You will also find practical information under the individual sailing areas.

Ports

In Greece, you are most often located in small, cozy local harbors close to squares and fishing boats. Here, however, there are no facilities apart from restaurants - only a few small pensions offer baths.

Marinas

You can keep the budget for a week under €10 if you stay away from the private marinas and don't mind a spartan range of facilities.

The port office

The Port Police is most often located on the harbor front and is known by a symbolic sign with a large anchor and the text "Liminario" as well as a waving Greek flag. The police usually come on board themselves if they feel like it that day. In addition, the local Port Police will want to see the ship's papers that you have brought from the charter base. They are also a helpful "creature", who also have the latest weather reports and can give some useful tips. The Port Police has the right to prohibit vessels from setting sail in winds above 6 Beaufort.

Remember that your boat sails under the Greek flag. The boat is approved by the Greek maritime authorities for rental with the required safety equipment. The port authorities have great authority in the Mediterranean area, and therefore it is recommended to have plenty of time and be patient, because things are in order.

Weather and wind

The Aegean Sea and the Sporades:

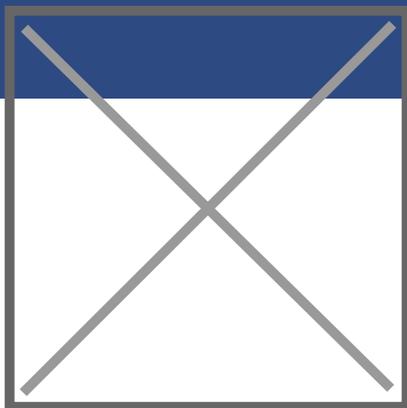
During the summer, the wind comes mainly from the NW-NE. The melt mine, as the wind is called, increases in May/June (6-10 m/s) and reaches its full strength in July/August, to decrease again during September/October. The wind is strongest in the afternoon.

Cyclades:

In July/August, Melteminen can blow up to 10-16 m/s from a northern direction. Most of the time it is windless in the morning. It is therefore a good idea to start early on the sailing. At lunchtime the wind increases and then decreases again in the evening. When anchoring under high mountains, strong downwinds can occur - also at night.

The Ionian Sea:

Here, the wind is significantly lighter in summer. Typically, the wind comes from the northwest - or from the sea towards the land.



The Saronic Gulf:

The gulf off Athens has relatively mild winds between NE-SE - or from sea to land.

Holiday tips for a sailing holiday in Greece

Siesta:

The Greeks enjoy their siesta between 13 and 17. During this time period, basically everything is quiet, and it may be a good idea to have done your shopping in good time for the afternoon.

On land:

In many ports you can rent bicycles, scooters (1 and 2 people) or cars. A trip up the mountains through village communities and orchards, or a visit to the countless monasteries and chapels, is a great way to experience Greek daily life. Almost all islands have ruins and temple remains from ancient times, which are also worth a visit.

Tip:

Normally, you do not tip taxi drivers, waiters, etc. Instead, it is customary to round up the bill.

Note Note Note

It is illegal to remove items from ancient Greek history, regardless of where they are found, and the penalties are harsh and Greek prisons are primitive. It is also illegal to take these antiquities out of Greece, even if you have bought them.