



The Cyclades

Into the deep blue of the Aegean

The whitewashed houses line up like a game of Tetris against the blue sky, and the beaches, with their turquoise waters, shimmer in the sun. With so many beautiful islands to choose from, where do you even start? This round trip brings you the very best of the Cyclades! Athens, Naxos, Ios – and of course Mykonos and Santorini, the classic Cycladic islands. Island hopping, lazy swims, beach picnics, taverna stops, and views that take your breath away – all with time to simply unwind. Beyond the relaxation, we'll head out on a speedboat tour with snorkelling stops – and take in unforgettable sunsets with panoramic views of the islands.

- Ten days of island hopping in the Aegean – from Athens to Naxos and Ios
- Mykonos & Santorini: Greece at its most beautiful
- Naxos: Dream beaches, wild landscapes and peaceful mountain villages
- Ios: Relaxing summer days and incredible sunsets

10 days

01.09. – 10.09.2026

Share a room

€2459,-

Have a room all to yourself

€2739,-

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Day 1, Tue, 01.09.2026: Arrival in Athens

Individual arrival in Athens. Head to the hotel on your own – the metro is an easy and affordable way to get there. Are you here early? Head out to explore narrow alleyways and tiny shops, old meets new, antique meets hip – and the Acropolis watching over it all. In the evening, your Marco Polo Scout takes you the best spots in Athens with insider tips on where to go for drinks and nightlife: head to the trendy Gazi district and try an ouzo orange.

Day 2, Wed, 02.09.2026: Call of the Cyclades

Rise and shine! Today we catch the first ferry at the Port of Piraeus. We settle in on deck with a frappé from the bar and watch excitedly as the first few islands appear in the distance. Around midday, we reach the largest island in the Cyclades, Naxos. Like a crown of foam, the city of Naxos floats before us in the seemingly endless blue. Our luggage is taken to the hotel for us, and we dive straight into the harbour's bustle: a stroll along the promenade, past small shops and into the narrow alleyways of the old town. The higher we climb the castle hill, the quieter it becomes. From time to time, the Aegean flashes into view between the whitewashed houses. We end the day in a taverna with freshly grilled dishes, a Greek salad and a glass of wine. Later, most of us wander down Paralia's lively promenade to enjoy live music, the starry sky and that unmistakable Greek zest for life. The ultimate holiday feeling! B/D

Day 3, Thu, 03.09.2026:

Beach life or island hopping?

Time for island hopping with our Scout! Today, we have the two very different "sisters" of the Cyclades on the itinerary – Delos and Mykonos. One is uninhabited and full of archaeological treasures, the other is an Aegean jet-set fairy tale. B

Day 4, Fri, 04.09.2026:

A road movie full of action

Rugged mountains, fertile valleys and white-sand beaches. Winding road, panoramic view – winding road, panoramic view... countless hairpin bends and sweeping vistas lead us to the highlights of Naxos. We stop in the mountain village of Apiranthos – far from the beaches and like a journey back in time. It's a picturesque Greek village of steep steps, narrow alleys and shady corners, where elderly men sip coffee and play backgammon at the kafenio. After one last short bus ride to Komiaki, we say goodbye to the driver – for now. We then grab our daypacks, make sure we have enough water, and pull our caps down over our foreheads. Our panoramic hike down to the harbour of Apollonas takes three hours – our gaze often wanders out to the azure blue sea. At the beach in Apollonas, we rinse off the sweat. Before we make our way back along the coastal road, we stop to see the Kouros of Apollonas – a 10-metre-long unfinished colossus that has been resting in the hillside above the village for more than 2,500 years. What stories could this ancient giant tell? In the evening, your Marco Polo Scout sets up a beach picnic on Naxos, where everyone gathers to share the day's stories. Fresh rustic bread, juicy olives, creamy feta, dark-red tomatoes and a glass of Greek wine – the flavours of Greece! B/D

Day 5, Sat, 05.09.2026: The next island beckons...

Hop on the ferry in the morning, and in just under an hour you're in Ios. We're welcomed by a small harbour dotted with yachts, a sandy bay, and a whitewashed Orthodox church perched on the rocks, the blue-and-white Greek flag fluttering above it. During the day, the Chora of Ios shows its romantic, almost sleepy side – winding alleys, whitewashed houses, colourful boutiques and flower-covered façades. How about a seat in a taverna, a bit of shade and a Greek mocha? In the late afternoon, we make our way up to Panagia

Gremiotissa Church – the landmark of Ios and one of the best spots to watch the sunset. Stunning! The shift from sundowners to nightlife happens fast – as night falls, the mountain town switches into party mode and the rooftop bars, cafés and tavernas come alive... B

Day 6, Sun, 06.09.2026:

From hiking trails to dream beaches

A long night in Chora? No problem – we're not heading out until around noon today. A quick stop at the village supermarket for picnic supplies, trekking shoes laced, daypacks stocked – we're ready to go. First stop: Manganari Beach, where powder-soft sand and turquoise water make the midday heat easy to forget. Refreshed and rested, we set off on our hike. The trail winds steadily downhill to the Odysseas Elytis Amphitheatre, dramatically perched above the town, before continuing on to the harbour of Chora. The two-hour hike is well worth it – the reward: panoramic views over Ios's terraced hills and the surrounding Cycladic islands. B

Day 7, Mon, 07.09.2026: Santorini

We hop on a boat to Santorini. This beautiful island outshines every postcard cliché – even with a few cruise ships in the bay. Speaking of standing out: High on the crater rim lies the island's capital, Fira – time to take a closer look! In the afternoon, we take the ferry back to Ios. B

Day 8, Tue, 08.09.2026:

On, above and below the sea

Today we're taking it easy – sleeping in, enjoying a long breakfast and recovering from the party nights. In the afternoon, we head out on a speedboat excursion.



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The ancient hero Odysseus would have envied our speedboat – in the afternoon, we use it to explore Ios's hidden treasures. After all, those Caribbean-blue beaches and secret sea caves can only be reached from the water. Relax on board, snorkel in the clear water, sunbathe, daydream. What a perfect day... The day ends with sunset at the Odysseas Elytis Amphitheatre – and if that doesn't call for a sundowner, nothing does. B

Day 9, Wed, 09.09.2026:

Goodbye, island life – hello, city life.

In the morning, we set off by ferry toward the mainland – enjoying the Aegean breeze one last time, soaking up the sun, and holding on to the memories. After seven easy hours at sea, our ship docks in Piraeus. Back in Athens, our Marco Polo Scout says goodbye – but not before sharing one last tip for the evening: Philopappos Hill, with the city and the Acropolis spread out below, is the perfect place to bid Athens farewell. B

Day 10, Thu, 10.09.2026: Head back home

The time to say goodbye has come. Individual journey home. B

B = breakfast, D = dinner

Arrival

Arrival and departure flights are not included in the tour price. We would be happy to provide you with an individual train or flight offer.

Hotels

Place	Nights	Hotel	Local rating
Athen	1	Arion	***
Naxos	3	Annita's Village	***
Ios	4	Poseidon	**
Athen	1	Arion	***

Travel documents and vaccinations

German nationals require a valid identity card or passport. Up-to-date information on entry requirements and any applicable vaccination requirements

can be found on the internet in the tour description under "Safety – Health – Entry" or ask your booking agent.

Included in the tour price

- Excursions by comfortable local coach
- Ferry trips according to the itinerary
- Accommodation in a double room in the hotels listed
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (B = breakfast, D = dinner)
- Boat trip with snorkelling tour
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide (except on day 10)
- Extras not included: Admission fees, optional or recommended activities, and transfers

Climate-friendly travel with Marco Polo

This tour is carbon neutral thanks to CO₂e offsetting (www.agb-mp.com/co2).

Price per person from €

10 days	SGL	DBL
01.09. – 10.09.2026	2.739,-	2.459,-

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