

The Cyclades Islands

The Cyclades – literally 'the scattered islands' - in the central Aegean are most people's idea of how the Greek Islands should look. There are dazzling flat-roofed villages to explore, timeless harbours, excellent beaches, and tiny chapels everywhere. Each island has its own distinct history, customs and atmosphere, and each contrasts in landscape and terrain with its neighbour.



Andros

Low key Andros, the second largest Cyclades island, is blessed with a lush landscape, superb sandy beaches lapped by a turquoise-clear sea and an authentic Greek atmosphere.



Ios

In the heart of the Cyclades, Ios is known for its lively side and beautiful beaches. But, there are hidden treasures to seek out and get to know.



Kimolos

Kimolos remains a backwater - overlooked by the crowds. It is an island for those looking for a complete escape and who appreciate the timeless nature of small traditional Greek islands.



Mykonos

Think of Greece and images of the Cyclades Islands often spring to mind. Whitewashed villages clinging to dramatic cliffs, their blue churches echoing with centuries of tradition. Turquoise waters, volcanic landscapes and hidden beaches. The result is an awe-inspiring scene of colour and life. We also arrange stays on tiny Antiparos, Koufonissa and Schinoussa.



Tinos

Tinos remains blissfully under the radar to foreign tourists and is as traditional and Greek as islands come. It is a centre for pilgrimage and its many villages are renowned, collectively, for their beauty.



Syros

Syros' past importance and historical wealth is reflected in the neo-classical mansions and elegant squares of the main town. Elsewhere there are villages and good sandy beaches to explore.



Naxos

Away from its atmospheric port and handful of small resorts Naxos has largely preserved its slower, very Greek pace of life. It offers abundant sandy beaches and a fertile interior still dedicated to farming.



Paros

A gentle landscape hides windmills, sparkling white village and excellent beaches - on the east coast you will find miles of uncrowded sand. The best of all Cyclades islands from which to island hop.



Santorini

Famous Santorini is an island that is startlingly unlike any other. Sheer volcanic cliffs, embroidered on their heights by whitewashed villages, plunge 1,000 feet to the sea. Its beauty inevitably attracts lots of people!



Amorgos

Amorgos is one of the most remote, yet wildly beautiful, of all Greece's islands and remains one of the least-known and visited of the Cyclades. A laid back natural paradise.



Folegandros

A hidden gem, Folegandros remains true to the austere beauty of its rugged landscape, with its wonderfully atmospheric main village perched on cliffs that seem to fall directly into a dazzling ocean.



Milos

The volcanic origins of Milos have endowed it with a very special geology. Rugged and hilly, it has a richly variegated coastline: sandy beaches, bleached smooth moonscape and colourful rock formations.



Sifnos

Sophisticated Sifnos attracts a discerning visitor. Its clean sandy beaches and pretty white villages are backed by hills good for walking. Sifnos is known for its cuisine and pottery.



Serifos

In search of a Cycladic island with some 60 sandy beaches, a lovely Chora high above the port, walking trails and delicious local cuisine, but with fewer visitors than most? Look no further.



Kythnos

An undiscovered and charming island that calls for you to immerse yourself in local life. Colourful festivals, gorgeous inland villages, ruined castles and more.



Kea

Kea is the closest Cycladic Island to Athens and yet is surprisingly one of the least known: Athenians like to keep to themselves. There is a Neolithic settlement, fine sandy beaches and oodles of traditional Greek charm.

Andros, Tinos & Syros

Andros, Tinos and Syros, three Cyclades islands that remain authentic and, largely, under the tourist radar. From mountain peaks, undulating verdant landscapes, white-washed villages and elegant mansions, not to mention spectacular beaches, you can find them here. Visit one or visit them all.

Chrissi Akti Hotel Batsi, Andros

The Chrissi Akti is an established family-run hotel just over the road from the start of Batsi's excellent sandy beach and a couple of minutes' flat walk from the centre of the village.

The hotel's 61 rooms are served by a lift. Facilities include air conditioning, WiFi, shower room and balcony. The Classic rooms are on the ground floor with garden views. Superior rooms are on the upper floors with side or full sea view balconies.

The hotel has some Suites and family rooms for up to 4 persons. The ground floor has a lounge, café-bar and sea facing terrace. The pool measures 6m x 16m. The Chrissi Akti would be particularly suited to those who want to stay close to the beach with everything close to hand.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast
Guide price from **£1122 per person***



Anthea Boutique Hotel Agios Fokas, Tinos

Over the last decade, the Anthea Boutique Hotel has developed a progressive path towards sustainability and its place in the local environment.

Located in Agios Fokas around a 3 minute walk to the beach and tavernas and a 20 minute walk / 5 minute taxi ride to Tinos harbour, it occupies a rural setting within easy reach of the bustling traditional Greek town.

With only 25 rooms and junior suites, it is styled in the traditional

Tinain architectural way. Furniture and decor are modern and rooms equipped with A/C, WiFi and shower.

The hotel prides itself on its cuisine. Most of the ingredients come from the local market. The buffet breakfast is excellent, with vegan and healthy options in evidence.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast
Guide price from **£1239 per person***

Benois Hotel Galissas, Syros

Located less than 100m from the beautiful sandy Blue Flag beach of Galissas, the hotel has 33 rooms built around a beautiful pool.

Rooms are double or twin bedded and the hotel has some larger family rooms for up to 4. Standard rooms measure 20 sq m but there are some smaller at 17 sq m sold at a reduction. Rooms are ground or first floor, comfortable with modern decor and quality furnishings. All have A/C, WiFi, shower room and balcony or terrace. Views are pool, garden, village or sea.

The hotel's cafe serves light meals and a dish of the day. Restaurants are within a few minutes' walk, including Iliovassilema next door, which is regarded as one of the island's best.

The Benois is a well run hotel with a very relaxed atmosphere - recommended!

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast
Guide price from **£1198 per person***



Naxos, Paros & Ios

Highlights include: Naxos Town (Naxos) with its extensive waterfront bedecked with tavernas and small shops, maze of narrow streets and the Venetian Kastro; the charming and atmospheric fishing village of Naoussa (Paros); and Ios's white sand beaches, some of the best in the Cyclades.

Naxos Resort Hotel Aghios Georgios, Naxos

Naxos Resort, now incorporating the Galaxy Hotel next door, offers a high standard. It is a short walk from the sandy Aghios Georgios beach (one minute) and Naxos Town's bustling waterfront (ten minutes).

Designed in local style, the rooms are housed in a number of small, two-storey buildings with pretty landscaped surrounds. All are very nicely furnished and decorated in a tasteful modern style and possess A/C, WiFi, shower room and balcony

- most have garden views, some have pool or sea views at a supplement.

The hotel has two good-sized pools with children's section and a low-key pool bar to one side, a terrace restaurant, fitness room (no charge) and a sauna/hamam (local charge).

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1340 per person***



Contaratos Beach Hotel Naoussa, Paros

The Contaratos Beach combines high standards of comfort and good facilities with an excellent location. Quietly situated, it is a short walk from the centre of pretty Naoussa and just opposite the excellent sandy Agii Anargyri beach.

The hotel has 36 rooms, a mix of Standard, Superior and Suites, all with A/C, WiFi, shower or bath and balcony with pool or sea views. Superior rooms are larger with a jacuzzi bath.

The pool measures 16m x 8m. To the side is the pool bar and hotel restaurant. The hotel has a tennis court (payable locally) and Jacuzzi.

The centre of Naoussa and its picturesque harbour (boats run daily to other beaches) are a 15 minute walk away, although you will find tavernas within only a few minutes' stroll.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1348 per person***

Homer's Inn Gialos, Ios

Homer's Inn is a family-run hotel a short walk from Gialos port and the sandy beach there. Its slightly elevated position enables fine views. The Gikakis family are very hospitable and make friends with nearly all their guests who return year on year.

The hotel has 40 twin or double rooms (some triples and family rooms available). All are well furnished and have A/C, WiFi, shower room and balcony. Our

rooms have views over the valley and bay to Sikinos.

The pool is large (140 sq m) and has a children's paddling pool, and snack bar.

It is a 6-7 minute walk down the hill to the port and sandy beach. There is a bus service to Chora and fabulous Milopotas beach. Chora has good restaurants and is an atmospheric evening venue.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1195 per person***



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Santorini, Amorgos & Folegandros

Discover diverse landscapes, charming cultures, and unforgettable Greek magic. Santorini's dramatic cliffs, iconic sunsets, and volcanic charm. The untamed beauty, authentic villages and hidden coves of Amorgos. Romantic and tranquil Folegandros with its whitewashed houses and dazzling beaches.

Kalimera Hotel Akrotiri, Santorini

This small hotel is on the edge of the village of Akrotiri, 10 kms south of the capital Fira. This unspoilt village has half-a-dozen tavernas and a Minoan archaeological site dating from the 1625 BC eruption.

All 23 rooms are tastefully furnished and have air-conditioning, WiFi, shower and balcony or terrace. Most have some form of sea view, either to the caldera or to the south coast. Some open-plan maisonettes for families are available.

There is a garden bar and restaurant (home cooking). The pool measures 80 sq m. A roof-garden bar operates in the summer evenings.

The Kalimera offers a quiet, friendly and well priced alternative to the more commercial areas.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1189 per person***



Lakki Village Aegialis, Amorgos

Lakki Village has a prime location directly on Aegialis' sandy beach, a 10 minute walk from the village.

Designed in a traditional and pretty 'village' style, the rooms (standard rooms, studios, suites and apartments) are housed in a number of 2-storey white and blue buildings, within the mature colourful gardens. Room facilities include A/C, WiFi, shower and balcony or terrace with garden and/or pool views.

In the gardens is an attractive pool area with a snack bar. Above the

beach, just metres from the sea, is the restaurant - using largely organic and local produce.

Lakki Village provides a traditional Greek island holiday in simple, comfortable accommodation right next to the beach.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1416 per person***

Folegandros Apartments Chora, Folegandros

In a central, quiet location, just a couple of minutes' walk from Chora's central square, this modern apartment-hotel is designed in village style around fragrant Mediterranean gardens and has a lovely pool area.

There are 19 units. Studios are spacious and split level, with a living area containing a sofa-bed and basic kitchenette and two steps up to a double bedded sleeping area. Suites have a separate living room with a couple of sofa beds.

All are furnished to a high standard and have A/C, WiFi, shower and balcony or terrace with garden, pool or village views.

The pool is large (15m x 7.5m) and has a low-key pool bar for a drink, breakfast or snack.

Board Basis: Self Catering

Guide price from **£1598 per person***



Milos, Kimolos & Sifnos

Explore Milos' lunar landscape, geothermal hot springs and colourful beaches. Discover Kimolos' untouched beauty, charming villages and relaxed pace. Savour Sifnos' white-washed architecture and artistic heritage and hiking trails. There is something for all on these isles.

Niki Savvas Apollonia, Milos

In a very quiet location just 10m from the sea, Niki Savvas offers stylish accommodation of a very high standard. There is a small pebble beach just opposite, Apollonia's main sandy beach is a 5 minute walk away (350m), and the harbour a few minutes more (650m). All 8 rooms are priced individually according to their size, views and facilities. All possess top quality fixtures and fittings.

Rooms have air conditioning, WiFi, bathroom with walk-in shower,

queen sized bed, balcony or garden patio. Continental breakfast is served to your room at a time of your choosing.

To the front, directly above the sea, is a delightful garden area furnished with sofas, deckchairs and sun beds – the perfect place from which to watch the sunset which can be spectacular from here.

A small, friendly and personal hotel.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1884 per person***



Mikro Parisi Chorio, Kimolos

We like this family-run accommodation very much. It is located at the edge of the traditional village of Chorio - a 5 minute walk from the centre and 15 minutes down the hill to Psathi's beach

There are only five rooms here, two rooms on the top floor, and on the ground floor three larger studios with light kitchen facilities and one 2-room apartment, also with a kitchen.

All are stylishly furnished with built-in queen sized double bed, A/C,

WiFi, rainwater shower and balcony or terrace with views to the sea.

Yiannis, is a welcoming host. Breakfast includes produce from his own organic farm, likely to include (some of) honey, cheese, jams, eggs and 'lavenia', a pizza-like Kimolos speciality.

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1265 per person***

Efrosini Hotel Platy Yialos, Sifnos

This charming little hotel is very 'Sunvil'! In a prime position directly on Platy Yialos beach, the Efrosini has charm, character and a very friendly family-run atmosphere.

There are ten rooms here, all sea facing bar one which is disabled-adapted and has a ramp from the street behind. They are very nicely done with fresh decor and good quality furnishings. Twin or double bedded, all possess air conditioning, WiFi, shower room and small

balcony with sea views over the garden.

To the front is a garden with snack bar where breakfast is taken and the hotel provides sun beds for their guests to use on the beach.

Tavernas and cafes are within a short walk in either direction, and immediately behind the hotel is a very handy bus stop (good service).

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1495 per person***



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Serifos, Kythnos & Kea

Escape the crowds on these lesser-known jewels. Serifos with its dazzling beaches, dramatic cliffs and vibrant Chora; whilst Kythnos beckons with ancient ruins, pretty villages and laid-back charm. Join locals and watch the world go by on Kea's bustling harbour and explore the island's archaeological treasures.

Galazio Suites Livadakia, Serifos

Set just 100m back from stunning Livadakia beach, and 250m from Livadia harbour, the Galazio offers the style and comfort to match its excellent location. All dozen studios and suites are spacious with high quality furnishings, tasteful decor, sea views and all the mod cons you'd expect - A/C, WiFi, a kitchen area, Nespresso machine, a walk-in rainwater shower, hairdryer, TV, a room safe and a furnished sea view terrace. Pool towels are provided. Golden Livadakia beach is just a

minute's walk away. There is one taverna on the beach - others, plus cafes and shops, are to be found at the port a 5 minute walk away. Although equipped with kitchen facilities for light self catering, a complimentary breakfast basket is delivered to your room each day. Please note: Galazio Suites do not accept children under 5 years of age.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from **£1493 per person***



Porto Klaras Loutra, Kythnos

What a surprise to find such an immaculate accommodation on such a touristic backwater as Kythnos!

These boutique-style hotel apartments are hard to fault on any level, from their location above the sea and proximity to the beach to the modern Cycladic design.

Set in the seaside village of Loutra – known for its thermal waters/spa – the hotel occupies a slightly elevated location with fine views. There is a mix of rooms, studios and suites on

three floors plus 3 rooftop VIP studios - all with A/C and WiFi. All the amenities of this friendly seaside village are within a few minutes' walk; a good choice of tavernas, cafes, shops, sandy beaches, thermal baths and bus for Chora and other villages.

Board Basis: Room Only
Guide price from **£1249 per person***

Anemousa Studios Otzias, Kea

300m from Otzias beach, the Anemousa is a small unit of 13 studios and apartments amongst verdant gardens. Designed in the local style, accommodation is housed in several low-level buildings (ground and first floor). Most are double bedded and have a kitchenette, shower, A/C, WiFi and balcony or patio with garden and/or pool views. Apartments have 1 or 2 bedrooms and separate living room. The pool is lovely with a pool bar serving drinks, breakfast (local

charge), and snacks. There is also an outdoor gym and BBQ area. It is a 4-minute walk to the beach where there are two tavernas and cafe. The local bus runs the 5 kms to Korissia and Ioulis several times daily in season.

Board Basis: Self Catering
Guide price from **£980 per person***



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Island hopping in the eastern Cyclades

Paros | Naxos | Amorgos

Unleash your inner explorer and surrender to the beauty of the Aegean Sea on an unforgettable island-hopping adventure in the eastern Cyclades, a captivating archipelago known for its whitewashed villages, pristine beaches and vibrant culture.

This ten night carefully curated itinerary visits three distinct, yet complementary, island paradises – Paros, Naxos, and Amorgos, with each night leaving you yearning for more.

We have utilised flights to Mykonos, from which it is only 1 hour by ferry to Paros, but flying into Santorini is also possible and, of course, into Athens with either ferry or flight connections. All transfers and hydrofoil/ferry services are included and on each island you have the support of our local partners.

If this trip doesn't quite fit the bill, speak to our destination specialists and we will work with you to design your perfect escape.

Day 1 - Arrival on Paros

On arrival at Mykonos Airport, transfer to the port (4km) and then ferry to Paros (1 hour).

Overnight on Paros.

Days 2 and 3 - Explore Paros

Paros has, in recent years, grown in popularity with visitors drawn to its excellent beaches and pretty resort villages. There is something for everyone here, from cosmopolitan Naoussa with its lively energy, chic boutiques and traditional tavernas to the quaint village of Drios and its miles of uncrowded sand. In between is a gentle landscape hiding windmills and sparkling white villages.

Ferry connections to/through Paros are some of the best in the archipelago. It is possible to visit

the satellite island of Antiparos (just a 10 minute ferry hop), Mykonos (including the holy island and site of Delos just offshore) and Santorini on a day excursion.

So, the decision is yours. Do you relax on the beach, hire a car or join a sightseeing tour?

Overnight on Paros.

Day 4 – Transfer to Naxos

Forty minutes to the east of Paros is Naxos, the largest and greenest island in the Cyclades. At 430km² it is twice the size of its neighbour and which has enabled the island to preserve its slower, more Greek pace of life away from the main town and a handful of burgeoning resorts. Its fertile interior remains dedicated to farming and is superb walking country.

Overnight on Naxos.

Days 5 and 6 – Explore Naxos

Naxos is wildly diverse; tall mountainous ranges are contrasted by lush valleys dotted with citrus groves and olive trees, and long sandy beaches – 92km in total. The beaches of Prokopios and Ayia Anna gently shelve into the clear blue seas making them an excellent choice for families, and further south you'll find the great golden sweep of Pyrgaki – the rule of thumb being the further south you travel the better the beaches become and the emptier.

Naxos Town is particularly attractive, its extensive waterfront bedecked with tavernas and small shops. Behind, a maze of narrow streets and tiny passages leads to the Venetian Kastro, worth visiting for the island's archaeological museum.

Inland is superb walking country and there are numerous marked trails crisscrossing the island.

Overnight on Naxos.



Day 7 – Transfer to Amorgos

From Naxos your journey continues to Amorgos, one of the most remote, yet most beautiful, of all Greece's islands and one of the least-known and visited of the Cyclades. Journey time 75 minutes.

Overnight on Amorgos.

Days 8, 9 and 10 – Explore Amorgos

A stay on Amorgos promises an escape into serenity and an insight into an island lifestyle that has stood the test of time.

Our hotels are in the north east, in or close to the attractive small fishing village of Aegialis, which has a fine sandy beach. Amorgos beckons for exploration. Hike through rugged gorges, in the foothills of its mountains and climb to the summit of Krikellos, the island's highest peak (821m). It is a natural paradise and the views, colours and smells tantalise all the senses.

The seas around the island are crystal clear and – for those who venture – the beauty of hidden beaches like Agia Anna and Kalokairi, accessible only by foot or by boat, are a sight to behold.

Chora itself is one of the most attractive Cycladic towns, whitewashed with chapels and Venetian fortifications. A short walk, leads to Hozoviotissa monastery; Amorgos' most famous attraction.

Overnight on Amorgos.

Day 11 – Day of departure

Transfer from Amorgos to Mykonos (2 hours 50 mins.) for your return flight to the UK.

Duration

10 nights

Itinerary includes:

- Return flights to Athens
- 3 Nights Paros - Bed and Breakfast
- 3 Nights Naxos - Bed and Breakfast
- 4 Nights Amorgos - Bed and Breakfast
- Transfers and ferry connections throughout

Guide price

Based on 2 sharing from **£1813 per person***

Paros



Island hopping in the western Cyclades

Milos | Serifos | Sifnos

Whilst the islands of Santorini, Mykonos, Paros and Naxos are well-known, the western islands of the group are less frequented and richly reward those willing to make the journey.

This ten night island hopping itinerary visits Milos, Sifnos and Serifos. It is a mere example of the combinations and complexity of trip we can arrange. Time in Athens can also be incorporated and, as always, all transfers and ferry services are included and support provided throughout.

Day 1 - Arrival on Milos

A same day flight connects the UK to Milos, via Athens; the latter part of your journey being a short, 40 minute flight.

Overnight on Milos.

Days 2 and 3 - Explore Milos

The volcanic origins of the island of Milos have endowed it with a very special geology. Rugged and hilly, it has a richly variegated coastline, ranging from curving sandy beaches to bleached smooth moonscape, from hidden lagoons and hot springs to colourful rock formations erupted from the seabed. It is also the homeland of the marble statue of Venus of Milo seen today in the Louvre, Paris.

Plaka, the old capital perched on its hilltop, is particularly atmospheric in the evenings. There are over 70 beaches on the island, and our featured village of Pollonia has its own sweep of sand shaded by tamarisk trees, with more beaches to either side.

A unique and fascinating attraction are the Catacombs of Milos, dating from the 1st - 5th century. This ancient site located in the village of

Tripiti is among the three most important worldwide, together with the catacombs of Rome and the Holy Land. It is possible that the Catacombs of Milos are older than the ones of Rome.

Boat trips and kayaking tours are available and it is also possible to visit neighbouring Kimolos, a sleepy backwater 30 minutes across the water.

Overnight on Milos.

Day 4 - Transfer to Sifnos

Only 40-50 minutes from Milos, Sifnos is a complete contrast. Where volcanic features dominate on Milos, on Sifnos you'll discover an island of fertile valleys, terraced fields and lofty mountains, classically Cycladic villages and some 227 churches.

Overnight on Sifnos.

Days 5, 6 and 7 - Explore Sifnos

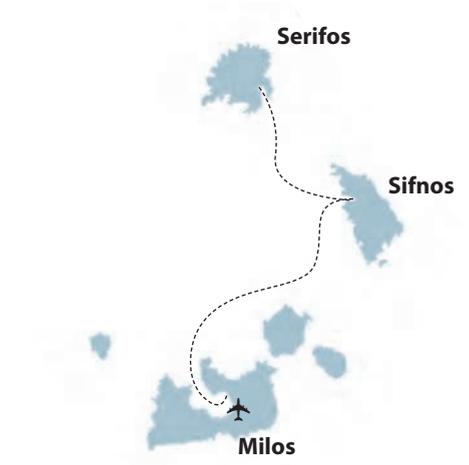
Sifnos stands out thanks to its traditional architecture, fascinating culinary scene, excellent beaches and its peaceful and relaxing atmosphere - making it a popular choice for those who relish the lesser-trodden path. There is a sense of traditional elegance and a creative air - local pottery and ceramics make excellent souvenirs.

Those visiting in springtime will enjoy the colour and fragrance from the island's carpet of wildflowers.

Overnight on Sifnos.

Day 8 - Transfer to Serifos

Transfer northeast to Serifos (20 minutes by ferry). Whilst sharing the same stunning Aegean backdrop and whitewashed villages as Milos and Sifnos, Serifos is renowned for its Chora (main village), one of the loveliest you will find and its



rugged natural beauty, sculpted by the elements. Overnight on Serifos.

Days 9 and 10 - Explore Serifos

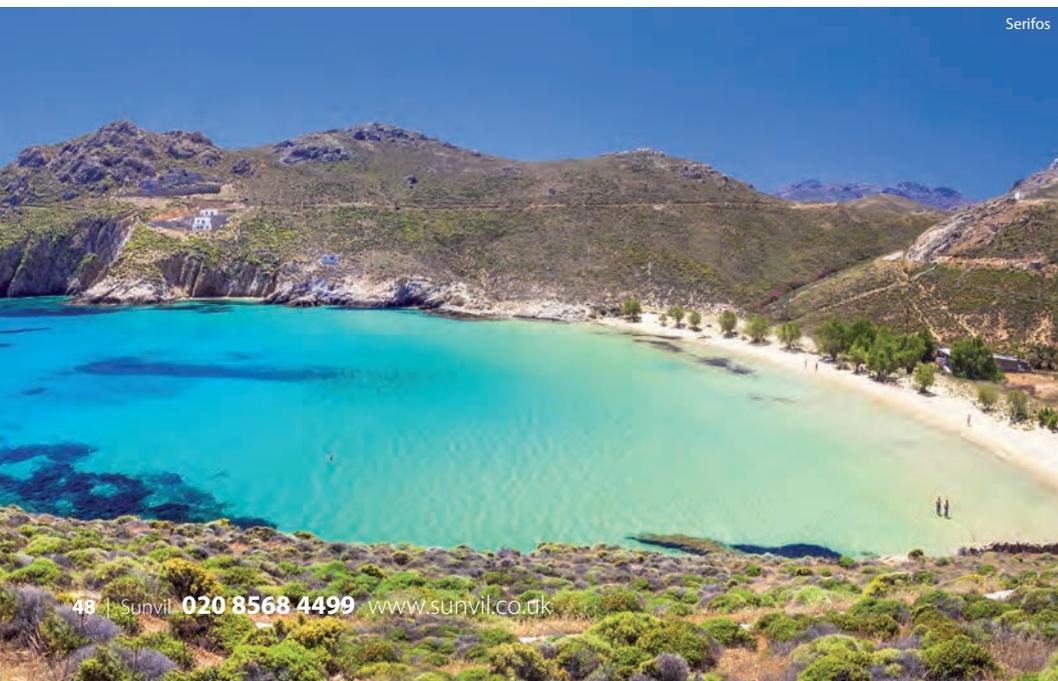
Despite being only a couple of hours from Athens, we're pleased that Serifos remains, largely, a secret and those that do come stay mainly in the little port of Livadi or its satellite Livadakia in the next bay (they are only a ten minute walk apart). This means that, for those of us who want to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of our holiday destinations there is time and space to do so. It is so tranquil.

There are some 60 beaches on Serifos, nearly all of them sandy and many with natural shade. The main beach of Livadi would be the envy of many and Psili Ammos beach was once picked by The Sunday Times as Europe's Beach of the Year.

Overnight on Serifos.

Day 11 - Day of departure

Transfer from Serifos to Piraeus (2 hours) and then onto Athens Airport for your return flight to the UK.



Serifos

Duration

14 nights

Itinerary includes:

- Return flights to Athens
- 3 Nights Milos - Bed and Breakfast
- 4 Nights Sifnos - Bed and Breakfast
- 3 Nights Serifos - Bed and Breakfast
- Transfers and ferry connections throughout

Guide price

Based on 2 sharing from **£1748 per person***

Island hopping in the northern Cyclades

Andros | Tinos | Syros

Verdant landscapes, historic monasteries, windmills, neoclassical mansions and pretty villages galore can be found on Andros, Tinos and Syros, yet all have, remarkably, retained a low key tourism industry and an authentic Greek atmosphere. A trip to the northern Cyclades will both confirm and challenge your expectations of the 'scattered islands' and we cannot wait to discover your favourite.

This ten night itinerary includes flights into Athens, returning from Mykonos but both airports operate as a gateway to the region and regular ferry connections are available from both. With over 50 years' experience we are well-versed in designing logical and well-paced itineraries, with all transportation incorporated into the holiday package provided. Speak to us and, together, we can plan your Greek island odyssey.

Day 1 - Arrival on Andros

On arrival at Athens Airport, transfer to Rafina port and then onwards to Andros (1-2 hours by ferry).
Overnight on Andros.

Days 2, 3 and 4 - Explore Andros

Andros is the second largest island of the Cyclades (after Naxos) and, due to the many underground springs, remains green throughout the summer. It is a paradise for walkers and there is a network of marked trails providing access to the island's mountains, valleys, monasteries and villages.

Andros' many beaches are mostly superb, ranging from long sandy crescents (such as that at Batsi) to secluded coves. It is at Batsi where most visitors choose to stay. This small resort-village has a friendly relaxed Greek air, fine beaches to either side, a good choice of restaurants and cafés and a handful of bars.

Overnight on Andros.

Day 5 – Transfer to Tinos

Transfer to the island of Tinos, 60-90 mins by ferry.
Overnight on Tinos.

Days 6 and 7 – Explore Tinos

Unlike its neighbour Mykonos, Tinos remains under the radar to foreign tourists and is as traditional and Greek as they come.

Tinos is not, however, unknown to Greeks. In fact it is one of the more visited islands, famous as a religious centre, and thus welcomes considerable numbers of Greek pilgrims who come to visit its imposing church at the top of the bustling town. Tinos makes its living from domestic tourism; this, for us, is a good thing!

But there is far more to Tinos. The island is known for its villages (over 50 and often cited as collectively the most beautiful of any Greek island), its windmills, its dovecotes and marble sculpture. Tinos has some fine beaches, a rural hilly interior good for walking and more to offer than many better-known islands.

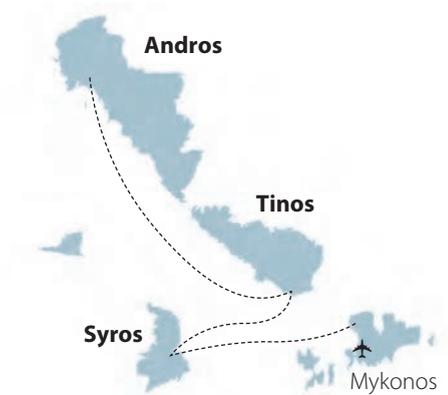
A day trip to Mykonos (20 minutes by ferry) is possible.

Overnight on Tinos.

Day 8 – Transfer to Syros

A 30-50 minute ferry ride will take you from Tinos to Syros, another island blissfully untouched by large scale tourism developments.

Overnight on Syros.



Days 9 and 10 – Explore Syros

Syros' past importance and historical wealth is reflected in its imposing main town of Ermoupolis, the capital of the Cyclades, which boasts many neoclassical mansions, elegant squares, numerous churches and municipal buildings. The museum's exhibits show human settlement dating back 5000 years.

The town is divided into two parts, although today they are viewed as one. Ermoupolis and its neighbour Ano Syros are built around two hills, one topped with an Orthodox cathedral, the other with a Catholic cathedral.

Away from the town there are villages and good sandy beaches to explore, the most well-known being Galissas which has a small resort behind. All are served by an excellent bus network making independent exploration inexpensive and easy.

Overnight on Syros.

Day 11 – Day of departure

Transfer from Syros to Mykonos (25-45 minutes) for your return flight to the UK.

Duration

10 nights

Itinerary includes:

- Flights to Athens, returning from Mykonos
- 4 Nights Andros - Bed and Breakfast
- 3 Nights Tinos - Bed and Breakfast
- 3 Nights Syros - Bed and Breakfast
- Transfers and ferry connections throughout

Guide price

Based on 2 sharing from **£1630 per person***

Syros

