



Active Greece

There is much more to a holiday in Greece than sun, sand and sea. Below we highlight just a few of the activities you can enjoy and where to find them.

Walking

Greece is famed for its wonderful walking opportunities, especially in early and late season.

Crete - Sep, Oct from £1293 pp

We offer walking holidays in a very unspoiled region of western Crete. The price is based on 2 sharing (single supplement applies) and includes flights, transfers, BB accommodation and materials. Please see page 233 for details.

Kythnos - all season (April to October) from £985 per person

Discover this most traditional and unspoiled small Cycladic island on foot. We call this Walking Plus, as most dinners are included in a local taverna, as well as the opportunity to partake in any village festivals that may be taking place. See page 186 for details.

Serifos - all season (April to October) from £899 per person

A shorter 5 night/6 day walking programme on this quiet backwater neighbour to Kythnos. As per Kythnos includes most dinners and any cultural events that may be taking place. Trips can be extended to make the most of the beachfront location of your hotel. See page 186.

Kythnos and Serifos - all season (April to October)

The best of both worlds! The two above walking holidays can combine as a 9 night/10 day trip (can be extended). Pricing on request. See page 186.

South Pelion - all season (late May to early October) from £1130 per person

Pelion is a walker's paradise and these 1 week self-guided holidays enable you to walk the newly opened South Pelion trail. Half board. See page 125.



Locally guided walks

Guided walks available locally in Ithaca, southern Pelion, Naxos, Skopelos and Olymbiada (Halkidiki).

Soft walking from your resort base

Our local representatives have been collecting walking information for many years, and have routes and directions to hand for our guests who want to walk from their resort base.

Walking information

Our holidays to Amorgos and Kythnos include a walking guidebook and we can send a free walking leaflet on request to clients staying in Olymbiada (Halkidiki). In addition to the above areas good independent walking opportunities are available almost everywhere, as mentioned in our resort descriptions and much useful information can be gleaned with a quick internet search.



Painting Holidays

Greece is known for its wonderful conditions for artists, from the quality of her light to the wide variety of subject matter, and such vibrant colours! So we are pleased to offer painting weeks in Western Crete and South Pelion.

The holidays are suitable for painters of all abilities, especially novices who will receive excellent one-on-one guidance and tuition. Our artist leader will guide you to the best painting spots.

Crete - Jun, Sep from £1293 pp

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South Pelion - Jun, Jul, late Aug/Sep from £1244 per person

Painting weeks in one of the most beautiful but remote areas of the Greek mainland. Sketches and watercolours for beginners and intermediates led by an experienced tutor. Half board. See page 125.

Combined Walking & Painting Holidays

Crete - May, Sep from £1293 pp

We also offer combined walking and painting weeks. These would suit those who prefer shorter walks or painting sessions – or perhaps couples with different interests. See page 233 for details.

Mixed Activities & Cultural Holidays

Insight into Crete - June, Sep from £1419 pp

Insight weeks in Crete include walking, sketching, Greek dancing, cooking and language, a boat trip and visits to a winery, an olive oil factory and Chania's Botanical Gardens - see page 233

Other areas that offer a good range of activities include Tolon, Agistri, the Kerveli Village Hotel (Samos) and Olympiada (Halkidiki) - please see individual resort descriptions.

Active kids?

Greece is great for families - warm safe waters, children welcomed in restaurants, and even a lot of old stones to clamber over thus ticking the guilt-relieving 'educational' box! However the choice of islands and resorts can be bewildering.

We'd urge you to look at our resort of Tolon in the north Peloponnese. With water sports, motorboat hire (2 hours free for Sunvil guests), free bicycles, a very safe sandy Blue Flag beach with shallow seas, and waterfront tavernas where you can sit with a drink and watch the kids splashing around in the shallows just below - what could be more perfect! And have we mentioned the wealth of history in the area? Tolon is without doubt the best placed resort in Greece for a little historical exploring.

Plus boat trips to Spetses and Hydra, an hourly bus to atmospheric Nafplion and its castles, pedalo to the island in the bay...we could go on. See page 143.



On and in the sea

For a useful searchable waterports website visit safewatersports.com/en

Water sports, kayaks, snorkeling

Water sports are pretty much guaranteed in Skiathos, Parga, Thassos, Tolon, Lefkas, Corfu, Paros, Naxos. On Lemnos there is a Club Hotel on Plati beach that is happy for non-residents to hire its equipment.

Sea kayaking trips can be had from Skopelos (Elios), Agistri and Ithaca.

Snorkeling excursions are available from Samos (Kerveli), Ithaca and Tolon.

Scuba diving

Available last summer in Agistri, Alonissos (Patitiri), Crete (Chania, Paleochora, Panormos), Corfu (Aharavi), Kefalonia (Fiscardo and Ag Efimia), Ithaca, Lefkas (Nidri, Nikianna), Lemnos, Naxos (Ayia Anna), Parga, Paxos, Pelion (Afissos), Peloponnese (Pylos/Gialova, Finikounda, Kardamili, Tolon), Samos (Kerveli, Pythagorion), Sivota, Skiathos and Zakynthos. This is not a complete list so please enquire for other areas.

Motor boat hire

Can be pre-booked in many areas - see page 269 - and no prior experience is required. In Tolon all our guests are entitled to 2 hours free per party - see resort pages. Could be more practical (and definitely more fun!) than hiring a car. Motor boats are available for local hire in many other areas - please enquire.

Greek cooking

Cooking lessons/demonstrations are available on Samos (Kerveli Village Hotel), Olympiada (Halkidiki) and Western Crete (Almirida Beach Hotel). Minimum numbers may apply.

Bicycles

Offered free of charge to guests staying in Tolon and at our hotels in Olympiada. Bikes may be rented locally in many other areas, including Lefkas, Lemnos, Parga, Zakynthos and the south Peloponnese (Stoupa, Kardamili, Chrani and Gialova).

