

UNEXPLORED GREECE: AEGEAN ISLANDS 2026

- Aboard the 24-cabin M/S Panorama
- Limited Sailings May, June, July & September 2026
- 8-day cruises from Athens to Athens



AT A GLANCE



A CRUISE VOYAGE UNRAVELING THE MOST AUTHENTIC CYCLADIC AND DODECANESE ISLANDS OF GREECE.

Discover unknown gems with rich history, incomparable light, translucent water, and heavenly beaches. Let us show you our home, off-the-beaten path. These 10 stunning island destinations offer a more nourishing side of Greece, a taste of true Greek culture. These are places where people take pride in offering hospitality – in line with the ancient custom of *filoxenia*, love of strangers – and where things are done with *meraki*, love and soul. A cruise voyage unraveling the most authentic Cycladic and Dodecanese islands of Greece. Discover unknown gems with rich history, incomparable light, translucent water, and heavenly beaches.

Highlights include:

Cape Sounion - Ikaria - Patmos - Lipsi - Kalymnos - Amorgos - Koufonisia - Iraklia - Serifos





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ATHENS



DAY 1 - ATHENS – CAPE SOUNION

Embarkation 2-3pm. Set sail for nearby Cape Sounion. Sunset cocktails and welcome dinner al fresco under the ancient Greek temple of Poseidon. Overnight at sea towards the island of Ikaria.



DAY 2 - IKARIA

In the morning, we stop for a refreshing swim at the Seychelles beach, accessible best by yacht. Enjoy the translucent blue waters and bright white pebbles covering the sea bottom. BBQ lunch on board and our ship docks in Ikaria's quaint port. Ikaria is an island-phenomenon unlike anywhere else in Greece or in the world. People here live much longer than the population on other islands and mainland. In fact, people here live on average 10 years longer than those in the rest of Europe and the Americas. Join our [optional](#) tour discovering authentic villages that march to a different drummer, enjoy a hike in wild landscapes followed by a dip in one of the eight natural thermal springs. Afternoon at leisure, or at one of the village traditional fairs.



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DAY 3 - PATMOS – LIPSI

Early morning sailing and arrival in Patmos, an island revelation with a touch of divine. Surrender yourself to the mysticism and tranquility of the island of the Apocalypse. Morning discovery of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Grotto and Monastery of St. John and the historic centre of the medieval town of Chora, filled with grandeur and serenity. Small and secluded yet spectacular all the same, Patmos is the "Jerusalem of the Aegean". Afternoon sailing to Lipsi island, a time capsule of authenticity in the Dodecanese. Lunch al fresco and swim stop in one of the glittering necklaces of 24 islets await, protected by the Natura 2000 network making an ideal refuge for the shy Mediterranean Monk seal. While in Lipsi we invite you to taste the famous Aposperitis red Lipsi wine (on board treat). Evening at leisure to enjoy the setting of the local harbour at sunset, and a seaside dinner with home-cooked traditional recipes made of local produce. Overnight in Lipsi.



DAY 4 - KALYMNOS

Early morning sailing to Kalymnos with a swimstop on the way. Kalymnos is a hidden gem island for those who crave simplicity and authenticity. Home of the famous sponge divers, this island in the Dodecanese is ideal for modern day adventurers with many hiking routes to be explored. Join our optional tour to engage with the locals harvesting sponges and producing about 30,000 sponges annually, witness the numerous species of sponge and the various stages they go through before reaching the market. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy a hike or marvel the Esperidon fjord, perhaps the most beautiful fjord in Greece. Overnight in Kalymnos quaint port.



DAY 5 - LEVITHA – AMORGOS

The ship sails towards the white and blue Cyclades. Enjoy a stop at Levitha island, inhabited by a family of four, raising animals. In the summer, the family also runs a small but spotless restaurant for the visiting yachts. They grill to perfection fresh fish and meat. Enjoy a hike on one of the island's goat paths. On top of the island there is an abandoned World War II Italian outpost. Midday sailing to Amorgos, the island of Luc Besson's "Big Blue". Mellowed with traditions, firewater and laid-back villages, Amorgos will make you forget the 20th century, never mind the 21st. Enjoy an afternoon with locals learning how to make the island's famous "Psimeni Raki", a local homemade liquor with the flavor of honey and clove made since ancient times on Amorgos. Evening at leisure to enjoy the breathtaking medieval capital, 400m above sea level. Overnight in Amorgos's quaint port of Katapola.



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DAY 6 - AMORGOS – KOUFONISIA – IRAKLIA

Our optional early morning discovery will take us to the impressive monastery of Chozoviotissa built in 1088 inside the rocky cliffs of the mountain. We will visit monks' cells which are open to visitors and contain important heirlooms and artifacts. We are offered a glass of Psimeni Raki and a local sweet while we enjoy magnificent views of the Aegean. Return on board for a short sail to the Small Cyclades: enjoy a swim in Koufonisia, take out the ship's Kayaks and Paddle boards to explore sea caves only accessible by yachts. Afternoon scenic cruise around the nearby island of Schinoussa before we reach Iraklia, a tiny hidden island gem in the midst of the Aegean. Part of the Natura 2000 network of natural habitats, it enchants with the superb views offered by its mountainous footpaths, the variety of its coastline and its own, unique sights. There is no supermarket on the island, and deliveries come by ferry from the nearby island of Naxos. Evening at leisure to enjoy the true laid-back Greek island life. Overnight in port.

DAY 7 - SERIFOS

In the morning we reach Serifos, a quintessentially Cycladic island of brilliant light, clear water, and steadfast traditions. Enjoy a swim at one the island's remote beaches accessible best by small ship. Barbecue lunch on board, followed by an afternoon stroll to explore the island's picture-perfect "Hora" castle-village. Join our optional tour to a local winery offering unobstructed views to the Aegean or get creative in the island's ceramic studio where you can master the basics of pottery and bring as gifts back home. Farewell dinner reminiscing all the hidden gems of Greece. Midnight sailing back to Athens.

DAY 8 - ATHENS

Disembarkation at 8:30 - 9am after breakfast.

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SAILING DATES

From Athens, Marina Zeas	May	15, 22, 29
	Jun	05, 19, 26
	Jul	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
	Sep	04, 11, 18

YOUR BOAT



M/S PANORAMA

Motor Sailer

GENERAL INFORMATION

Length: 54 m

Launched: 1993 | Rebuilt: 2001 | Renovated: 2021

Cabins: 24

Capacity: 49 passengers

Crew: 16-18

The M/S PANORAMA is a 54 meter/24 cabin elegant motor sailer that was launched in 1993 and was last renovated in 2021.

This state of the art sail cruiser has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings, has sailed from the Seychelles to Monte Carlo and from the Black Sea to Cuba, and offers the highest standard of accommodation, comfort and safety. The vessel complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator, and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members. Service will be attentive or unobtrusive according to your preference and priority is always given to the safety and comfort of passengers. Organized excursions are available for most ports of call and can be pre-booked or reserved 24 hours in advance.



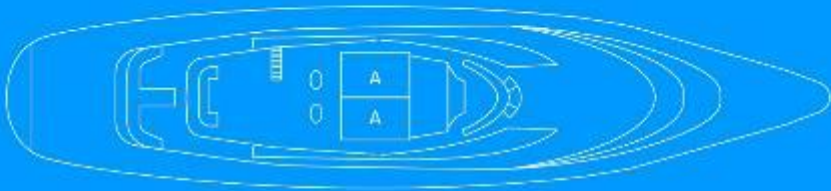
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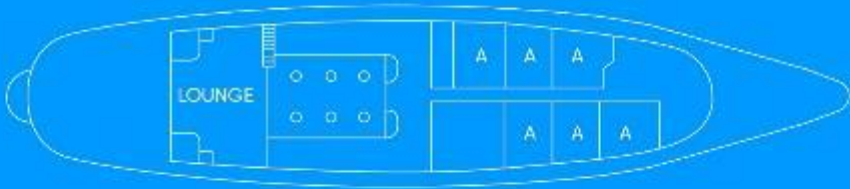
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360°
SUN DECK



RIVIERA
MAIN DECK



OCEANS
LOWER DECK



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CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

The PANORAMA's 24 cabins are located on 3 decks and are finished with wooden furniture and light fabrics. Cabins on the Upper and Main decks are equipped with windows while cabins on the lower deck have portholes. The fully equipped bathrooms are finished with marble or Corian materials. All cabins are air-conditioned and fitted with flat-screen TV, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, mini-fridge, central music, public address system and safe boxes.

LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the Lounge and Dining Room at the Main Deck as well as the Upper deck indoor and outdoor bar area and the sun deck. In the evening you can relax in one of the ship's lounges and enjoy a drink while listening to soft music. The swimming platform on PANORAMA's stern enables to swim when weather and anchorage conditions permit. The Captain will drop anchor at secluded bays and beautiful uninhabited islands where guests enjoy swimming and snorkeling*.

*Swim stops are not always guaranteed due to weather or other external factors. The Captain will inform the guests accordingly.



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MAIN DECK DINING ROOM

The classy dining room is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. The spacious dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet.

MAIN DECK & UPPER DECK LOUNGE AREAS

The interior lounges have relaxing couches and comfortable lounge chairs where you can have a drink and gaze out of the large windows into the breathtaking sceneries you are cruising to, read a book, watch television or one of our documentaries on the next place you are visiting. Also, the outdoor area, located on the Upper Deck, provides beautiful views of the ports of call visited.

SUN DECK

The vessel features a Sun Deck with a sitting area to relax and enjoy unobstructed views and with ample Sun loungers' space to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery.

360 Virtual Tour: <https://my.thevivestia.com/tour/panorama>



