


# Romantic Cyclades Tour (Athens, Naxos, Ios, Milos)

*Ios Island*

 10 Days

 Locations Included

- Athens (3 nights)
- Naxos (2 nights)
- Ios (2 nights)
- Milos (2 nights)

## Daily Schedule

Day	Highlights	Location
Day 1	Arrival in Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens	Athens
Day 2	Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour	Athens
Day 3	Athens to Naxos, Explore Naxos on your own	Athens to Naxos
Day 4	Naxos Old Town Flavors	Naxos
Day 5	Naxos to Ios, Free day/evening in Ios	Naxos to Ios
Day 6	Best Beaches of Ios	Ios
Day 7	Ios to Milos	Ios to Milos
Day 8	Boat tour to Kleftiko Milos	Milos
Day 9	Milos to Athens	Milos to Athens
Day 10	Depart Athens	

# Detailed itinerary

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## Arrival in Athens, Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

### Private Athens Airport transfer (45 minutes)

Welcome to Athens! Your private driver will be waiting for you outside of your arrival gate to transfer you safely and hassle-free to your hotel in Athens.

### Free afternoon/ evening in Athens

Use the afternoon to scope out some of the museums that you are interested in. The city has a whole slew to be explored, depending on what specialty speaks to you.



For more history and mythology:

- Acropolis Museum
- National Archaeological Museum
- Museum of the Ancient Agora
- Archaeological Museum of Kerameikos

Find some fine arts at:

- Benaki Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- National Gallery

Go off the beaten path at:

- Museum of Cycladic Art, where you can also buy some truly unique souvenirs
- The digital interactive museum at the Platonic Academy, next to the site where the actual Academy stood
- Museum of Ancient Greek Technology in the center of Athens, featuring a working model of the Antikythera mechanism, the first analog computer

Museum tickets and guided tours can be arranged upon request.

### Overnight: Athens

## Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

### Athens Nightlife Tour (3hr)

The Greek night at its best, away from touristic stereotypes.

One thing is for sure: Athens knows how to party! Forget all stereotypes and immerse into the real Greek night!

Let one of Athens' best local guides take you around some amazing nightlife places, with fantastic décor and panoramic views where the locals hang out to drink and eat mezes (tapas).

Visit three-four hot spots of Athenian nightlife, from a neighborhood dive bar to a local favorite for great music, both Greek and foreign.

Meet & interact with the locals and embrace their way of entertaining.

Try various drinks, from great Greek wine to the best cocktails in town.



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## Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour

**Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour** (8 hours)

The complete ancient Athens experience!

Dive into the marvelous world of Ancient Athens with a full-day tour at all the must-visit sights.

Uncover stories from Greek mythology throughout the visit of the magical Acropolis and 2 more landmarks in the city.

Continue with a unique Acropolis museum tour that explores the private and public lives of ancient Athenians by decoding the hidden messages within the artifacts they left behind!

**Overnight:** Athens



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## Athens to Naxos, Explore Naxos on your own

**Explore Naxos on your own**

With an active main town where you can shop and admire the Venetian architecture, a historic Kastro (castle) area, and expansive beaches, the island offers opportunities for both laidback relaxation, as well as water or land activities. The rest of the day is yours to unwind as you choose. Try out some of these options:

- Hike up to the summit of Mount Zas, the mythological childhood home of Zeus, the ruler of the gods, and the highest point in the Cyclades.
- Head inland to the town of Chalki, home to the island's oldest market and a petite, shady square perfect for whiling away the afternoon. Stop at the kitron distillery to sample the local liqueur and learn about its distillation process over the years.
- Visit the Temple of Demeter at Sangri. Multiple deities of fertility were worshipped here, particularly the goddess Demeter. The temple was constructed in 530 BCE, during the tyranny of Lygdamis, and represents a precursor of classical Athenian architecture.
- Stroll to the Portara, the entrance to the Temple of Apollo. Construction on the temple began in the sixth century BCE but was never finished, but the still-standing entranceway has become one of the hallmarks of the island. You can find it on the islet of Palatia, just over a causeway from the heart of Naxos Town (Chora).



For dinner, wander up the hill through the streets of the Kastro neighborhood to pick out your favorite of the area's tavernas, where you can sample the island's fresh produce in its best forms.

### **Overnight:** Naxos

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## Optional Activity

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### **Following Ariadne's path in Naxos (Wine, Spirits & Olive Oil Tasting) (3hr)**

The adventures of Gods and Heroes of Greek Mythology are well known to you all, so let us introduce you to Naxian Mythology :

Beginning with the King of the 12 Ancient Greek Olympic Gods, Zeus, who grew up in the caves of Naxian mountains, hidden from his father Kronos, with the help of his mother Rea.

Followed by Goddess of fertility Demeter, who blessed Naxos island and made all the valleys and slopes of its mountains flourish.

Last but not least, we will have the chance to get familiar with the myth of God Dionysus ( God of wine and celebrations )and his beloved wife, Ariadne, the Cretan Princess, who was abandoned on Naxos island, from Theseus, Prince of Athens.

As the ancient Greeks imitated their Gods by organizing Lucullian (fancy) meals, we also organize for you a full tasting tour with divine flavors and spirits coming from the Naxian land, accompanied by a journey in the Myths of our island's history.

Naxos used to be one of the biggest trade markets in the Cyclades during the Antiquity.

One of the main reasons for that was its fertile land, which provides the Naxians with many different goods.

Three of the most important are: Citrus, Grapes, and Olives.

On this tour, you will have the opportunity to see firsthand how these products have been processed throughout the years and also to taste unique flavors and spirits.

In a majestic garden full of Citrus and Grapes trees, we are founding our first spot, a family-owned Distillery/ Winery, but our journey in flavors couldn't be completed without our last spot, an old Olive Press.



## Naxos Old Town Flavors

### Naxos Old Town Flavors (4 hours)

- Visit the traditional creamery shop of Koufopoulos ( Tyrokomia Naxou - Greek traditional cheese and products ). Tasting a variety of Naxian cheeses
- Walking tour in the Venetian Castle of Naxos town.
- Light dinner on the restaurant's terrace Oniro, inside the old town, with a magnificent panoramic view of the castle and the port by the sunset hour. Clients will have the chance to taste different Mediterranean dishes.
- Visit the candy shop. "Naxia Sweet Home" It is a family business. They produce homemade candies using local flavors like sage, citron, lemon, orange, mastic, ouzo, lime chili, and many flavors for the young children. All the production takes place in front of the visitors who can have a free taste of hot and fresh candies and can discover their favorite flavor.
- Our afternoon walk will end up with a visit to the traditional shop of PROMPONAS. We will taste the "Naxos Citron" local liqueur. With passion, love, and dedication to tradition, they create the local drink of Naxos "Citron Promponas" that consists of citron tree leaves pure essence.

**Overnight:** Naxos



## Naxos to Ios, Free day/evening in Ios

### Transfer from Naxos to Ios (3 hours)

Time to say goodbye to Naxos and get ready to get stunned by Ios Island!

Your driver will come to you up and take you to the port for your ferry to Ios.

Upon arrival on the island of Ios your driver will be waiting for you at take you to your hotel.

### Free day/evening in Ios

Unlimited summer fun! The party guests are young and cool and come from all over the world – Australia, Italy, Austria, America, England, Ireland, Sweden... Holidays in Ios are all about feeling timeless and carefree in the Aegean.

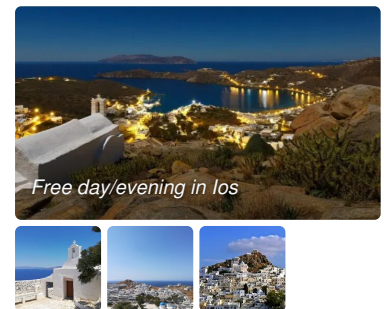
Discover the other side of Hora

Ios' labyrinth of alleyways is full of Cycladic whitewashed houses and churches, flower-filled patios, aromas emanating from the bakery and women gossiping on their stoops while they knit. Now you're experiencing authentic Ios.

Hidden gems of Ios island

The 16th-century Agia Theodoti church

To the northeast of Ios, you will find the island's oldest Orthodox church, built in the 16th century, above the ruins of the Temple of



Apollo.

#### The Theatre of Odysseas Elytis

A striking theatre made up of 1,100 seats above Hora, built in the Ancient Greek style and named after the Nobel award-winning Greek poet Elytis.

#### The 14th-century Catholic Fragoklissias church

Near Hora's school, you will find the only Catholic church on Ios, which has been there since the 14th century.

**Overnight:** Ios

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### Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

#### **Ios Village – Historical Walking Tour (4hr)**

Discover the history and culture of Ios.

- Visit the local Archaeological Museum.
- Discover the Ancient and Modern history of Ios.
- Visit few Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches of Ios.
- Experience the traditions and the folklore of the island.
- Stop for a refreshment at a traditional coffee shop (Kafenion).





## Best Beaches of Ios

### Best Beaches of Ios (6 hours)

Explore the stunning coastline of Ios and experience the beautiful beaches the island has to offer.

Traveling the best way, by the sea, in the comfort of luxury speedboats!

This tour allows you to enjoy the untouched paradise the island has to offer, visiting secluded areas of coastline with aqua blue, crystal clear waters, stopping at beaches that are only accessible by boat.

Experienced captains will be able to show you the highlights of Ios' coastline, capturing some of the classic Cycladic architecture, beautiful beaches, scenery and fantastic snorkeling locations.

Visit 7 of beaches: Kolistani, Sapuunochma, Klima, Pikri Nero, Pepa, Tripti and Manganari

4 Swim stops at Pikri Nero, Tripti and opportunity to snorkel at Neverbay, fantastic area for snorkeling, location where the "Big Blue" was filmed.

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## los to Milos

### Transfer from los to Milos (3 hours)

Get ready for another stunning island of the Aegean Sea: Milos!

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the port.

Enjoy the ferry ride to Milos.

Upon arrival on the island of Milos your private driver will be waiting for you and transfer you to your hotel.

**Overnight:** Milos



## Boat tour to Kleftiko Milos

### Boat tour to Kleftiko Milos (5 hours)

The absolute must-see locations of Milos, not easily accessible by land, in one tour, and in only 5 hours. This is the compact but equally thrilling experience of Kleftiko and cave Sykia, in a more compact version. The 15m rib boat, starting from Adamas, will take you to explore the beautiful west side of Milos, including stops in:

- Kalogries beach
- Sykia Cave
- 2 stops in different locations in Kleftiko

With the speed of this impressive rib minimizing the time between stops, this tour offers 4 hours of swimming in a 5-hour tour.

**Overnight:** Milos

### Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

#### Kimolos Tour from Milos (8hr)

Kimolos is located right across from the village of Pollonia, to the north-eastern side of Milos, a smaller and very picturesque version of Milos, where one has the feeling that time has stopped.

For the visitor that has either fully explored Milos or that simply wishes to explore this quiet and picturesque hidden gem, our Kimolos tour is the ideal choice.

Explore Chorio, the picturesque capital of Kimolos, with the remains of the medieval castle and 17th & 18th century churches and Agios Minas, with the trademark red "poria".

Swimming stop in the famous Prassa beach, in the north of Kimolos, with the crystal-clear waters.

Stop in the traditional fishing settlement of Goupa.

Tour along the southern beaches of Kimolos, like Kalamitsi & Bonatsa.

Afternoon stroll in Psathi, the port of Kimolos, before we take the ferry back to Pollonia.

Visitors must be ready to dive into another era and experience the original Greek islands!



## Milos to Athens

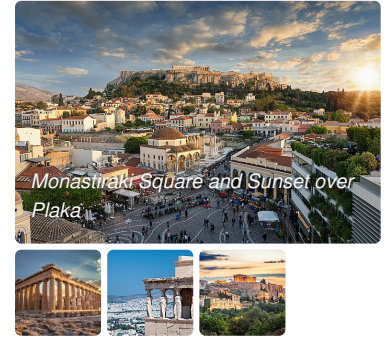
### Transfer from Milos to Athens

Time to say goodbye to Milos and head back to Athens.

Your private driver will pick you up and take you to the port.

Catch your ferry to Athens.

Upon arrival in Athens Port your private driver will be waiting for you to transfer you safely and hassle-free to your hotel.



**Overnight:** Athens

### Optional Activity

Your specialist has selected this for you to consider.

#### **"Medea and other friends I made in Athens" a unique live theatrical performance in Athens (1hr)**

The funniest 60 minutes you will spend in Athens!

Come Watch a Unique, Funny, And Touching Play Right Under The Acropolis!

A 60-minute show of ancient Greek theatre with a twist! Ideal for small kids or big kids!

"During his visit to the Acropolis, a modern-day tourist slips and gets knocked out. When he awakens, he finds himself transported to 5th century B.C, Athens.

There, he will have a talk with Medea on raising children, chase the god of Wealth himself around the Parthenon, and find out how Odysseus solved a Cyclopean problem."

The director Nancy Rigopoulou, has staged a unique show that allows the spectators of every nationality to meet the deep, omnipotent, and timeless messages of the ancient Greek civilization in the most entertaining and uncomplicating way.

In 60 minutes, without the need for any prior knowledge, the average viewer will become a participant in some of the most important works of the world repertoire. Everything is done with redeeming laughter as their guide, the surest way for anyone to deal with the twists of fate.

A unique product for all visitors to enjoy, offering a complete experience of Greece that will make your trip unforgettable.



## Depart Athens

### **Private Athens Airport transfer** (45 minutes)

Time to say goodbye full of memories and stories to tell back home!  
Your private driver will be waiting for you at your hotel to transfer you safely and hassle-free to the airport for your flight out.



## What's Included

### Activities

- Day 2: Acropolis, Museum & Mythology Tour (private group)
- Day 3: Explore Naxos on your own
- Day 4: Naxos Old Town Flavors (private group)
- Day 6: Best Beaches of Ios (small group)
- Day 8: Boat tour to Kleftiko Milos (small group)

### Transportation

- Day 1: Private Athens Airport transfer
- Day 3: Athens to Naxos transfer & ferry
- Day 5: Transfer from Naxos to Ios
- Day 7: Transfer from Ios to Milos
- Day 9: Transfer from Milos to Athens
- Day 10: Private Athens Airport transfer

### Accommodations

Your specialist has not yet selected any hotels for you.

Please ask your specialist to select hotels with availability for your travel dates.

## Excludes

- International flights
- The meals not mentioned in the trip plan
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance, and repatriation insurance
- Optional excursions, activities, and optional tours
- Reservations marked as "reserved by traveler" are reservations that the traveler is responsible for directly. These items are not reserved or supported by kimkim and are included in the trip plan just for completeness.

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## About your local specialist



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Our network of guides and partners around the country excels at "introducing" their region and its people through a dynamic program tailored to the natural environment, culture, history, and gastronomic products of each region.

From one-day excursions to multi-day explorations we provide participants with a unique opportunity to open "closed doors" and experience "hidden secrets" in the land of Gods and people.

We promote Greece's nature & culture through adventure activities, organized trips & tours, that will give the real feeling of what Greece is all about.



**Angela**

Based in Athens, Lefkada and Kalamata

Hi everyone! I am Angela (or as my Greek friends call me, Aggeliki). Let me introduce myself: I am a travel and adventure lover just like you! I work in the travel industry, for a quiet few years now, and I love creating new exciting trips, tours, and above all,...

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## Customize your trip with the help of a local travel specialist

Kimkim has handpicked the world's top local travel specialists so you will have peace of mind and an unforgettable trip that meets your exact requirements.



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