



## CYCLE CYCLADES

Ferry hopping 5 gorgeous islands

Guided with vehicle support

**Summer: June 9 – 16**

**Autumn: September 22 – 29**

Groups of 8+ riders, choose your own date for a guided tour

### DESCRIPTION

#### **Cycle Mykonos, Syros, Delos, Paros, Antiparos, Naxos and Santorini Hiking add-on**

When travelers fantasize about Greece they usually conjure up stark whitewashed island villages surrounded by a blinding blue sea. That's the Cyclades. Blue and White, just like the Greek flag. Our bike tour uses ferries to hop from island to island.

Read a day by day account of the Cycle Cyclades tour in [Odyssey](#) magazine.

The 4 night [Santorini Hiking add-on](#) offers Cyclades in all its glory with cultural activities and land and sea excursions. You hike along the volcano's caldera ridge to witness the watery horizon 360 degrees. Sail into the caldera and ascend a volcanic peak. In a Cyclades cooking class, discover the unique local foods. We introduce you to Santorini's marvelous wines grown in volcanic soil.

Read about the fabulous meals on the Cycle Cyclades tour as described in the [Food 411 blog](#), an award winning food directory.

Before or after your bike tour, while in Athens see the city and surrounding region from a bike. Check out [Athens Day Tours](#)

### DETAILS

<b>2019 Dates</b>	June 9-16 and September 22-29
<b>Duration</b>	7 nights, 8 days
<b>Add-ons</b>	Santorini Hiking -see <a href="#">Add-On tab</a>
<b>Arrival City</b>	Athens, at least one night before tour departure
<b>Arrival transfer</b>	see <a href="#">Extras tab</a>
<b>Tour Start Point</b>	Pireaus port to Syros island
<b>Tour End Point</b>	Naxos island
<b>Minimum Age</b>	18
<b>Minimum Pax</b>	8
<b>Maximum Pax</b>	14
<b>Total Mileage</b>	346 km, 215 miles for standard route. Possible to vary most daily routes to add mileage, or lessen miles with vehicle transfer.
<b>Highest Elevation</b>	496 meters, 1627 feet

**Rating** Active. See [Rating System](#)  
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## **ITINERARY**

Due to morning departure on Day 1 prepare to arrive at least one day early to Athens to test ride the bikes.

Bike mileage listed for each day is that day's standard bike route. Depending however on the cycling level of the participants, routes may vary by adding mileage or minimizing mileage with vehicle transfers.

### **Day 1: Syros**

Early morning departure on a ferry to Syros, the capital of the Cyclades islands. Syros is known for its many beaches and elegant capital, Ermoupoli which means "trading city." A warm-up short Kambos ride ends at the entrance to the car-free medieval neighborhood Ano Mera. **scenic warm up ride 12 km, 7.5 miles**

### **Day 2: Syros**

Today's ride makes a big loop in the southern half of Syros starting with a 204 meter ascent (670 feet), the highest point of the day. The route goes from one beautiful beach to the next finally stopping at Vari Beach for lunch and swimming in the protected bay. **36 km, 22 miles**

### **Day 3: Mykonos**

Mykonos is famous for its party scene, its high end shopping, its cool vibe. It offers a stark contrast to the other low key simple elegance of the other Cyclades islands. Biking is minimal on Mykonos — a ride to Elia Beach for swimming at a fine sandy beach and a classy Mediterranean lunch. **24 km, 15 miles**

### **Day 4: Paros**

A morning local boat takes us to the ancient sanctuary of Delos island, a World Heritage Site to its explore its extensive grounds. Lunch in Mykonos harbor, then catch a ferry to Paros. We bike to the hotel in Naoussa, check in, then bike and hike the dirt path to the 1887 Korakas Lighthouse. **12 km, 7 miles, 45 minutes hike**

### **Day 5: Paros**

Our main destination is adorable Antiparos island, a 10 minute ferry hop from Paros. Depending on the season, there could be a pit stop at the unique Valley of the Butterflies. In Antiparos, we bike ride to the famous cave and descend by foot to its bottom, Back on Paros, bike the southern coast. **58 km, 36 miles**

### **Day 6: Naxos**

Morning ride to Lefkes, the highest village on Paros. Take a ferry to Naxos, arriving in time for lunch and to walk to the Portara. There are a number of biking options in Naxos, including to an olive oil museum, a 6th century BC "kouros," or the protected Alyki juniper forest. **23 km, 14 miles in Paros, 23 km, 14 miles in Naxos**

### **Day 7: Naxos**

Today is the tour's highest cycling day, up to 1633 feet. En route there's a stop at a marble kouros (ancient Greek male statue) left unfinished in its quarry. At cute little Halki, sample the "kitron," shop at an olive wood store, visit the art gallery. Cycle to Aria Springs and hike up to Za Cave. **48.55 km, 30 miles**

## Day 8: Departures

Take ferry or flight to Athens or 2 hour ferry to Santorini for hiking add-on tour

## *COST & INCLUSIONS*

<b>Cycle Cyclades Tour Cost</b>	2950 euros per person
<b>Cyclades Single Supplement</b>	800 euros
<b>Santorini Hiking Add-on</b>	2400 euros per person
<b>Santorini Single Supplement</b>	500 euros

See [daily exchange rates](#)

## *TOUR INCLUSIONS*

**Accommodations:** 3-4 star hotels, primarily family owned and operated, ranging from boutique hotels to seaside upscale hotels. Tasteful, clean, air-conditioned, private bath, abundant hospitality, comfort. All accommodations are standard doubles with option for upgrade. All accommodations serve breakfast, usually buffet style. Tour prices are based on double occupancy. See [Accommodations tab](#) to request more info about tour's accommodations

**Ferry transfers:** 4 one-way tickets: Piraeus to Syros to Mykonos to Paros to Naxos. 2 round trip tickets: Delos and Antiparos.

**Bikes:** Specialized road bike or hybrid bike. Triple chain ring, 27 gears. Road bike has carbon fiber fork. Hybrids have front suspension. **Electric bike or carbon Tarmac bike** are available as an upgrade on request. Regular pedals or toe clips on request. You are welcome to bring your own clip-in pedals and shoes. See [Our Bikes](#) and [Our Gear](#)

**Bike gear:** helmet, water bottles, handlebar pouch, odometer

**Support vehicle:** ("sag wagon") with bilingual driver who is also a bike mechanic. Vehicle carries spare parts, floor pump, ice cooler, water, nutritious snacks, bike tools, first aid kit, day packs, luggage and gives you a lift if you get tired.

**Tour Leader / Bike Guide:** the Tour Leader handles all the tour logistics and rides with the group.

**All Meals:** Breakfasts are included at each hotel. Lunches — you choose from the menu. Dinners are generally at trusted establishments within walking distance of the hotel. Dinner consists of 2-3 appetizers and salad chosen by us and shared by the group. You are offered an entrée choice, usually a meat, fish or vegetarian dish. Dessert, house wine, water or beverage for those who don't drink wine.

**Cue sheets** turn by turn directions

**Maps of the region**

**Trip packet:** useful and interesting information about the region

**Entrance fees:** Delos island, Valley of the Butterflies, Antiparos Cave, Naxos Venetian Museum

**CycleGreece jersey:** short sleeved, rear pockets, locally made

**CycleGreece lightweight backpack:** 17" x 13", 43cm x 33cm

**Gratuities & VAT taxes**

#### **TOUR EXCLUSIONS**

- International airfare to/from Greece
- Transfers from Athens Airport to Athens – see [Extras tab](#)
- Departure transfer at end of tour from Naxos
- Alcoholic beverages (other than house wine)
- Travel insurance – see [Extras tab](#)
- Tips for CycleGreece guides and drivers, at your discretion

#### **TAKE NOTE**

- Participants are required to sign our [Waiver](#)
- Participants are required to agree to the [Booking Agreement](#)
- Travel Insurance is required as a condition for participation in a CycleGreece tour

***See the website for more details about ACCOMMODATIONS, EXTRAS, ADD-ONS, MAP and BOOKING AGREEMENT***

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