



Flotilla Sailing the Greek Islands



Flotilla Sailing



Kiriacoulis has teamed up with its UK partner Nautilus Yachting, who have over 20 years experience of sailing holidays in the Mediterranean, to offer a flotilla from Athens exploring the beautiful Saronic Gulf.

Kiriacoulis has the largest fleet of charter yachts in the Mediterranean and has its headquarters in Athens. Choose from a huge range of yachts in the Kiriacoulis fleet ranging from 34' to 55', giving you an unrivalled range of 2, 3, 4 and 5 cabin yachts, all highly specified and equipped for your cruising comfort. With so many yachts to choose from, there's sure to be one to suit you. Groups of families or friends can choose matching or different sized yachts.



What is a flotilla?

Flotillas are the sociable way to sail. You have the freedom of skippering your own yacht during the day but with the support of a lead crew with an experienced skipper and hostess, providing weather forecasts, guiding you on the best itinerary, helping you to moor up in the evenings and sorting out any queries you may have.

We aim to ensure a friendly flotilla with a maximum of 10 yachts sailing with each lead crew. This allows you to visit the small harbours and anchorages which make sailing in Greece so special.

People choose flotillas for a variety of reasons. It's popular with those who appreciate the support of the lead crew but also with those who have sailed many times before who enjoy the sociable side of a flotilla and the local knowledge and reassurance that the lead crew provide – useful if you're new to the cruising area. During the school holidays flotillas are particularly popular with families who enjoy an active holiday together.

What experience do I need?

To sail a yacht on flotilla you should have skippered a cruising yacht previously, either on flotilla or in the UK.

On the Saronic Flotilla from Athens we can offer sail training for less experienced skippers. If you have crewed on previous sailing holidays or have motoryacht experience, you can improve your yacht handling skills with an instructor for a 3-day flotilla course. If you don't have any previous sailing experience, take the instructor for the 6-day course.

Saronic Flotilla



Set sail from Athens to discover the picturesque islands of the Saronic Gulf. Visit ancient ruins and historical sites, sleepy fishing villages and busy harbours, unspoilt anchorages and waterside tavernas. This cruising area has a great mix of modern and ancient culture.

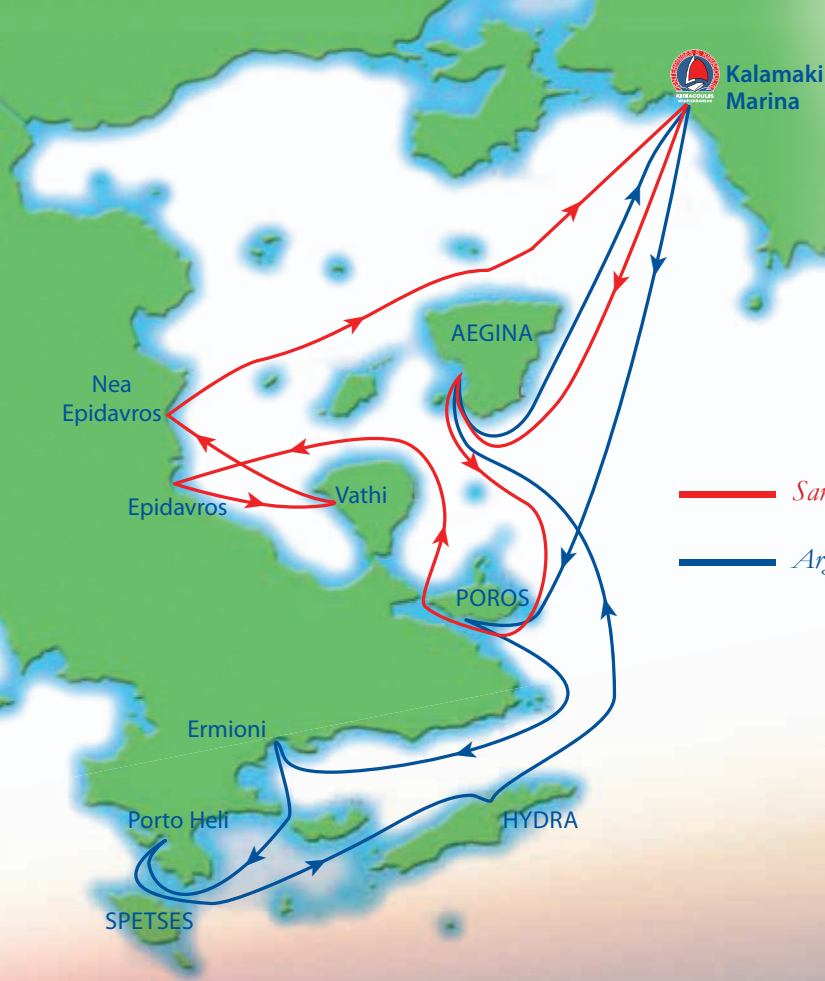
This flotilla starts on Saturdays from Kalamaki Marina, the main yacht charter marina in Athens, and visits the beautiful islands of the Saronic Gulf, an ideal area for flotilla sailing offering reliable winds of moderate strength and scenic harbours. The flotilla follows a 2-week itinerary returning to Athens at the end of each week with clients on a 1-week holiday, while the 2-weekers enjoy a couple of days free sailing before meeting up for the welcome drinks party.

With daily flights you could plan a few days in Athens before or after your flotilla for a city break to soak up the history and culture of this amazing city. Be sure to visit the Parthenon on the Acropolis, the temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, the patron of the city.

WHEN TO SAIL...	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temp°C	6 - 12	6 - 12	8 - 15	11 - 18	15 - 23	19 - 28	22 - 31	22 - 31	19 - 28	15 - 22	11 - 17	8 - 14
Average Rain Fall (cm)	4.3	4.3	4.9	2.5	1.7	0.6	0	0	1.6	5.7	7.7	6.9

Choose from a huge range of yachts in the Kiriacoulis fleet at Athens and explore the islands of the Saronic Gulf. On the flotilla routes there are many interesting islands, beautiful anchorages and bustling harbours for overnight mooring.





— Saronic route
— Argolic route

WEATHER & WIND

From May to September the temperatures reach over 27°C on most days. Summers have cloudless blue skies with very little chance of rain. The wind is generally Force 2-5. These areas are protected from the meltemi wind which can blow strongly in the Aegean in July and August, and winds rarely exceed Force 6.

Saronic Route *Typical flotilla itinerary*

Argolic Route *Typical flotilla itinerary*

In this cruising area there are many picturesque harbours and peaceful anchorages. The flotilla crew will set the itinerary each week depending on the prevailing wind conditions and other factors but here are the typical itineraries.

One week the flotilla follows this Saronic route and visits the beautiful islands of Aegina and Poros as well as the harbour at Epidavros, with a superb theatre well worth a visit.

Saronic Route

- SAT** : Embark at Kalamaki Marina in Athens. Transfer to the marina for embarkation. Enjoy dinner in the famous Plaka area of Athens, with a view of the Acropolis, or in a restaurant near the marina.
- SUN** : Aegina (21nm). After the flotilla skipper's welcome briefing, sail across to an anchorage on Aegina for some of the best sunsets in Greece.
- MON** : Poros (14nm). Busy town quay with plenty of restaurants and bars. A popular night out!
- TUE** : Epidavros (21nm). The health resort of Ancient Athenians. Take a trip to the famous theatre, where the acoustics enable you to hear a pin drop even in the outer seats (74ft from the orchestra).
- WED** : Vathi (9nm). A charming small harbour with a choice of tavernas ashore.
- THU** : Nea Epidavros (10nm). Afternoon sail to this quiet bay for a swim and beach party.
- FRI** : Athens (29nm). One-week flotilla returns to Athens.
- SAT** : Disembark at Kalamaki. Independent sailing for yachts on a two-week flotilla.

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The following week the flotilla heads south to explore the Argolic Gulf and visits Poros, Ermioni and Hydra as well as the beautiful bay of Porto Heli.

Argolic Route

- SAT** : Embark at Kalamaki Marina in Athens. Transfer to the marina for embarkation. Enjoy dinner in the famous Plaka area of Athens, with a view of the Acropolis, or in a restaurant near the marina.
- SUN** : Poros (29nm). After the flotilla skipper's welcome briefing, sail south to Poros. This busy town quay with plenty of restaurants and bars is a popular night out.
- MON** : Ermioni (20nm). We moor at this typical Greek harbour with bars and restaurants around the town square.
- TUE** : Porto Heli (13nm). This lagoon offers great shelter. We can either moor on the long quay or anchor in the scenic bay.
- WED** : Hydra (19nm). Hydra harbour can get very crowded so we often raft up in peaceful Mandraki Bay and walk round the scenic cliff top into town.
- THU** : Aegina (21nm). Sail across to an anchorage on the island of Aegina for some of the best sunsets in Greece.
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All flotilla yachts are equipped with

- Furling genoa
- Furling mainsail or slab reefing mainsail with lazy jacks
- Electric windlass
- Steering wheel
- Autopilot
- Hot water & electric fridge
- GPS & chart plotter
- CD player & VHF
- Bathing platform & deck shower
- Cockpit cushions
- Inflatable dinghy tender
- Log-speedo
- Cruising guide and charts
- Bimini suntop & sprayhood
- Liferaft & life jackets
- 220v shore supply & battery charger
- Toilet waste holding tank
- Electric WC pumps on yachts built after 2007
- Aluminium gangway on yachts built after 2008

What's included

- ✿ Fully equipped yacht (see right).
- ✿ Transfers from airport to marina (one round trip transfer per yacht). Further transfers can be pre-arranged at extra cost.
- ✿ Welcome drink.
- ✿ Starter pack including: washing up liquid, sponge, rubbish bags, matches, toilet & kitchen rolls, water, orange juice, wine, packet of biscuits, individual sachets of tea, coffee, sugar & milk.
- ✿ Bedlinen (sheets, pillows, pillowcases & blankets), towels (1 hand, 1 bath per person).
- ✿ Water/cooking gaz at departure.
- ✿ Services of flotilla skipper & hostess on lead yacht.
- ✿ End cleaning.

Extras payable locally

- ✿ Yacht security insurance
- ✿ Fuel used

Optional extras payable locally

- ✿ Outboard
- ✿ Cruising chute
- ✿ Rail netting



