



7 DAY HOLIDAYS EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION VOLOS

DAY 1

Find your sailing yacht at the central port of Volos (1). The reception of your yacht takes place by 17:00, and your check-in and familiarization with the yacht lasts 1-2 hours. Shall you have time, enjoy a drink or a meal along the seafront of the town.

DAY 2

Depart for the island of Skiathos (2), which you should reach in about 5-6 hours. The numerous southern beaches of the island, such as Koukounaries (3), are known for their golden sands, beach parties and famous visitors from political and cultural circles. Navigation is safe – except at Troulos. On the way, you can enjoy the many beautiful beaches and make short stops to swim. You will need to reach the port of Skiathos before 18:00, in order to find a mooring place in the busy period, 15/07- 15/09. If not, you will need to anchor, taking care not to be too close to the flight path of planes landing at the airport. In the port you will find a large shopping and tourist market. You can enjoy yourself in the numerous restaurants and bars in the town. We suggest the little island of Tsougria (4) for swimming or a day trip. However, care is needed near the shore as there are reefs.



DAY 3

Leave for the island of Skopelos and the main harbour (5), which you should reach in about 3 hours. The town port is safe, but difficult to enter and exit when there are strong winds. Alternatively, you could stay the night in the bay of Panormos (6). The place to anchor is in the eastern part of the bay, which is quiet and safe but has no facilities. Care should be taken as the seabed is hard: you will need to use the entire length of the anchor chain and to secure the yacht with a line to a stable point on the shore.

GENERAL RULES FOR SAFE SAILING IN SPORADES

The winds in the Sporades are mainly northerly - usually up to force 5. We suggest courses that follow the southern coastlines of the islands, as they are well protected from the northerly winds, and have safe places to anchor/moor. On the contrary, the northern coastlines have strong winds, high waves and steep rocks.



DAY 4

Depart to the island of Alonissos, which you should reach in about 3 hours. The port of Alonissos (Patitiri) is situated on the SE end of the island (7). It is a small harbour with few mooring places and a troublesome swell.

Here, we suggest you visit the museum in the port and the old town at the top of the hill, 10 minutes away by local bus. You will discover traditional houses, impressive views, and good food.

Alternatively, you can stay in Steni Valla bay (8) - a narrow bay with small cafes and restaurants. You can find water at the cafés and a small food market. Great care should be taken when approaching the quay, as the water is less than 2m deep and you are in danger of damaging the rudder. You should drop anchor as close as possible to the southern shore and slowly approach the northern side, paying attention to the quay and stopping the yacht at least 3m from the shore.

DAY 5

Depart for the southern end of the island of Peristera, which you should reach in 1.5 hours (9). Peristera bay is a safe place to anchor with an attractive beach. Alternatively, depart for the northern end of the island of Evia, the little "Pontikoniso" (10), which you should reach in 3.5 hours. It is safe to anchor in the southern bay of the island, but there are no facilities or inhabitants. There are, however, fishing boats where you can buy fresh fish.

DAY 6

Depart for the small fishing village of the island of Trikeri (11), which you should reach in 3-6 hours. This is a safe harbour with traditional tavernas. We also suggest that you visit the island's monastery, a 15-minute walk from the harbour.

From here, you need 3 hours to Volos, where you should be at 18:00.

DAY 7

Be ready to check out of your yacht by about 09:00.