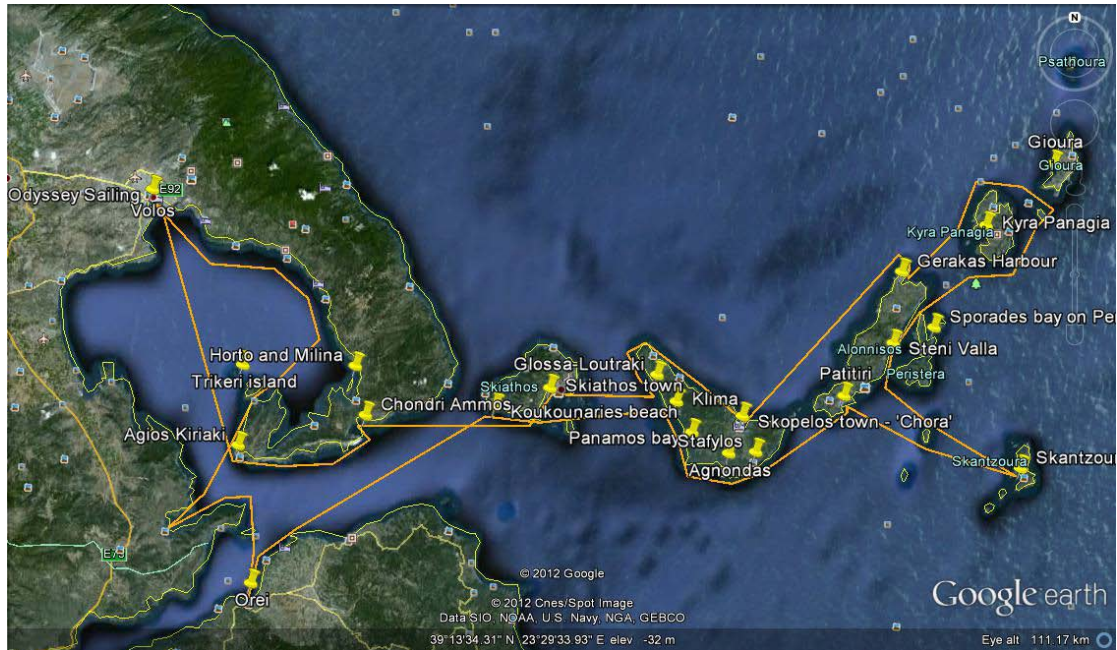


Volos to Volos

*The Gulf of Volos, Northern Evia and the Sporades islands
Proposed 2 week itinerary – weather permitting!*



Volos – one of the larger cities on the northern mainland (population 110,000), easily accessible by direct flights to Volos (Nea Ancheallos) Airport, or by flights to Thessaloniki in the north, Athens in the South or Skiathos island. From Athens and Thessaloniki train, bus or taxi to Volos. From Skiathos, ferry or hydrofoil to Volos.

Day 1 – Saturday: Embark Volos in the afternoon. Provision the yacht. In the evening, dine at one of the many famous ‘tsipouro’ (ouzo/fish) restaurants on the seafront, near the reconstructed ship ‘The Argo’, with which Jason set off from Volos on his quest to find the Golden Fleece.

Day 2 – Sunday: Depart in the morning for a sail in the gulf of Volos. Swim-stops along the coast could include the villages of Gazea, Horto or Milina. Overnight at Trikeri island. Dine at one of the two popular tavernas there.

Day 3 – Monday: Free sailing in the morning and swimstops in the bays around the south of the gulf. Stop for lunch in one of the bays on the east of the bay or at the traditional fishing village of Agios Kyriaki. (Hike up to the mountaintop village if you’re feeling energetic). In the afternoon sail to the popular holiday resort on the north of Evia island ‘Orei’ and dine at one of the many tavernas there.

Day 4 – Tuesday: Sail towards Skiathos island and have a swim-stop or beach cocktail at the famous ‘Koukounaries’ golden sandy beach on Skiathos. In the afternoon head for ‘Panormos’, the famous lagoon like bay, surrounded by pine trees on the west of Skopelos island. Anchor in the bay and have dinner on board or take the dinghy to shore to eat at one of the tavernas on the beach.

Day 5 – Wednesday: Sail along the southern coast of Skopelos. Visit the small fishing village of ‘Agnondas’ to stop up on supplies or to eat the famous ‘lobster spaghetti’ served at one of the tavernas here. Swim-stop in the afternoon at Stafylos bay or continue on to Patitiri, the capital of ‘Alonissos’ island. Stock up on fuel, provisions, and buy souvenirs from the gift shops.

Day 6 – Thursday: Sailing south eastwards towards the deserted island of Skantzoura, perhaps stopping for a swim off the back of the boat in the even smaller islets of Adelfi. There’s nothing on Skantzoura but a few goats and a crystal clear sea, idyllic for an onboard evening meal, star gazing and a plunge into the blue the next morning before you set off back towards Alonissos.

Day 7 – Friday: Sailing northwards along the eastern coast of Alonissos and stopping for a swim in one of the small bays on the islet of Peristera. Overnight at the popular sailors’ village of ‘Steni Valla’ for a tranquil evening, good food, perhaps some live bouzouki if one of the locals wants to play.

Day 8 – Saturday: Sailing northwards towards the islets of Kyra Panagia, Gioura and Piperi. Here we begin to leave civilisation behind and enter the world of tranquillity. Here you will see some fantastic deserted beaches and bays and experience the solitude of nature. This area is near the protected Sea park, home to *Monachus Monachus*, the Mediterranean Monk Seal and one of the most endangered mammals in Europe. You are not allowed to fish here or drop anchor near their breeding grounds, but you may be lucky enough to see one, or at least some dolphins. Anchor for the night in the Sporades bay on the northern tip of Peristera or Gerakas Harbour on the northern tip of Alonissos.

Day 9 – Sunday: Sail down the west side of Alonissos towards Skopelos. Arrive Skopelos Town (capital ‘Chora’) in the late afternoon and spend the evening in the town, which is full of little churches and chapels, gift shops, tavernas, etc.

Day 10 – Monday: Sail along the northern side of the island and turn southwards towards the villages of Glossa (for lunch) and Klima (for dinner) on the west of the island.

Day 11 – Tuesday: Short sail across to Skiathos. Swimstop at one of the little islets opposite. Arrive mid afternoon to berth and spend the evening in this famous tourist hotspot.

Day 12 – Wednesday: This is the obligatory bad weather or land-stop day. It can be inserted anywhere in the itinerary as required! You’ll probably spend the day on a beach, exploring a town, hiring mopeds or a car to explore, reading a book, catching up on postcards, eating or just sleeping!

Day 13 – Thursday: Leave Skiathos after breakfast and set off for the quiet bay of ‘Chondri Ammos’ on the mainland, where you can have a swim-stop and/or stop for the night. Alternatively sail on to Agios Kiriaki and spend the night in the small fishing village.

Day 14 – Friday: Chondri Ammos or Agios Kiriaki to Volos (free sailing in the gulf of Volos and swimstops). Lunch again perhaps at Trikeri island. Arrive Volos late afternoon.

Day 15 – Saturday: disembark in the morning after breakfast. Give your skipper a huge tip (if you have one) ☺ and take away the best memories!!

Please remember that all itineraries are subject to weather conditions and are an indication only.