

«AEGEAN BREEZE»
AROUND THE ISLAND IN 1 DAY!
Excursion duration 09:00 – 16:00
HIGH SEASON

This trip will give an opportunity to see the entire island around in one day! In the beginning of the trip we will visit the valley of butterflies and climb to the top of the medieval fortress of the knights of Ionites. You will be at the foot of the highest mountain of the island, Attaviros, visiting the village of Embona, where you will be warmly welcomed by the locals, giving you the opportunity to taste Rhodes wines and Greek cuisine. Our trip will end with a swim in the southernmost part of the island of Prasonisi, which will enhance the impressions received during this excursion!

VALLEY OF THE BUTTERFLIES

First stop will be in butterfly valley, which situates in Pelikanos Gorge. From the middle of June until the end of September this nature preserve become habitat for rarest kind of butterflies - Quadripunctaria Poda. Fragrance of styraks trees tar, numerous brooks which meet in a waterfall and pebbles paved paths, small bridges lying across the brooks create the image of one more heavenly place of Rhodes island.

CASTLE OF KRITINIA

After leaving Valley of Butterflies we are plunging in the Middle Ages epoch, when in 14th century the island was at the mercy of the Order of St. John the Baptist. As a protection of the coastal line one of the castles of Kritinia was constructed. During the stop you can go up to the top of this castle where tremendous view to the other Aegean islands opens. Here, during free time, you can try freshly squeezed juices and traditional products of the local people. On the way from Kritinia you will enjoy the view to the mountain-mass with its highest pick – Attaviros.

EMBONA

The village Embona, the “wine center” of Rhodes is located at the base of Attaviros Mountain. Every year the local wine-makers win prize-places in various international contests. You will have an opportunity to taste the best wines of Rhodes and not only! Olive oil and fragrant honey degustation will be the “sweet” culmination of this stop. After that we will have a lunch. It is included in the excursion price and consists of the best traditional specialties of Rhodes baked in oven and on grill and exclusively from the fresh home-made products.

PRASONISI

Then we will follow to the southern point of the island. It will give you time for rest before new upcoming adventures. This place is in the “must list” of everyone who comes to Rhodes. The image of “two seas kiss” admires! The tourists come here not only to have a look but also for sport activities – this is the beloved place for wind- and kite surfers.

AEGEAN BREEZE (group excursion) - description	
Mythology / Archaeology	
Culture/customs	
Gastronomy	
Nature/scenery	
Active trip	
Souvenirs	
LUNCH INCLUDED	
<p><u>Adults (per pax):</u> bread, Greek salad, tzatziki, cutlets, pitaroudia (chick pea fritters), main dish – choice from 5: lamb with potato OR pork skewers with rice and potato OR chicken skewers with rice and potato OR moussaka (layered oven casserole dish made with vegetables and meat) OR veal in red souse with rice and potato, water and house wine (white/red) - unlimited, seasonal fruits.</p> <p><u>Children menu (4-11,99):</u> bread, tomato, cutlets, tzatziki, pork OR chicken skewer with rice and potato, a spirit or juice, seasonal fruit</p> <p><u>Infants (0-3,99):</u> at the discretion of the tavern (free)</p> <p>Vegetarian menu is available (should be ordered in advance)</p>	
Excursion program	Time
Hotels pick up	
Valley of Butterflies	09:20 – 10:20
Kritinia	11:00 – 11:30
Wine testing	11:50 – 12:30
Lunch in Tavern “Savvas”	12:40 – 13:40
Prasonisi (swimming)	14:40 – 16:00
Return to the hotels	
Additional service included	
Whispers, wine testing	
What to take with you!	
Comfortable shoes, head covering, sun protection cream, water, photo camera, money for souvenirs and traditional products (wine, oil, honey, olives, spices), entrance tickets, freshly squeezed juices in Castello cafe.	
Entrance tickets	
Entrance fee in Valley of Butterflies: 5 euro per adult, children under the age of 12 are free.	

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KAMIROS

Our tour starts from the west coast, and our first stop will be one of the Ancient city-states of Kamiros, which was excavated just at the beginning of the 20th century. The uniqueness of this site lies in the fact that the city is so well preserved that, accompanied by the fascinating story of our professional guide, you will have a clear idea of the origin and history of this lost city. In addition, you can walk along its streets till the Acropolis, and discover the origins of democratic government, the features of places of worship and their place in the life of the ancient Greeks.

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Additional service included	
Whispers, wine testing	
What to take with you!	
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Entrance tickets	
Entrance fee in Kamiros 6 euro per adult.	
For EU member-states: children and young people up to the age of 25 are free, AND people 65+ have 50% discount, upon presentation of their ID card or passport for verification of their age and country of origin.	

HEART OF ISLAND

Excursion duration 08:30 – 15:45

During this excursion you will have a chance to visit the most significant archaeological sites of the island of Rhodes. We will see the legendary Lindos which was founded by Dorians in 11 century BC. Being accompanied by our guide you will go up to Acropolis of Lindos where you will see the historical monuments. Going to the center of the island we arrive in Apollona village with its authentic atmosphere. Also, we will visit 7 springs nature preserve where we will have a walk in sycamore trees and pines shadows and will be told for many interesting facts about the power of springs and the bravest ones can go through "Tunnel of Youth".

LINDOS

On the way to Lindos you will listen to the story about the first Greek Acropolis and its role in ancient Greeks life being. Firstly, you will see Acropolis while approaching to the town and it's amazing! Going down to Lindos you can choose both ways to reach Acropolis on the top of the hill, going through narrow shadowed streets or using the local "transport"- donkey, accompanied by their owners (cost of this "transfer" is 6 euro). Our guide will tell you incredible history facts, taking your minds through the centuries. Going up directly to the temple of Athena Lindia you will see and understand the power of belief in ancient gods. Tremendous view to the heart shape bay opens from this hill. Exactly here the vessel with Apostle Paul on board approached Rhodes. Going down to the village you can see traditional houses and unusual church of Virgin, which is famous by its rare frescoes. During free time you can visit souvenir shops and try a cup of Greek coffee with lovely Lindos bay view.

After we leave Lindos, we will head to one of the ceramic workshops, where you will get acquainted with the production process, which remains unchanged for hundreds of years. Learn the secrets of firing ceramics and making the mysterious «bowls of Pythagoras». Anyone can try to make a clay product themselves and take your masterpiece for memory.

APOLLONA VILLAGE

Having departed from Lindos will follow to the base of Prophet Elias Mountain where non touristic village Apollona is located. Such life style was common for them since ancient time. Today they like the others are ready to share their history. Walking along the narrow streets of the town, our guide will tell you what the kinds of local people's occupation were in the past and how they live nowadays. We will visit traditional house-museum and see olive oil soap production secrets; you can buy it as a souvenir as well. We will taste the real village olive oil and local wines. Not far from here you will be offered lunch.

7 SPRINGS NATURE PRESERVE

Crystal-clear waters of seven springs which meet in one stream pass through the tunnel and get in a lake where the rarest small fishes Gizani live. As per local legend the springs possess the power of purity. Our guide will tell you about ritual of passing through the "Tunnel of Youth".

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Mythology / History	
Traditions / customs	
Gastronomy	
Nature/scenery	
Active trip	
Souvenirs	
Excursion program	Timing
Hotels pick up	
Lindos. Excursion and free time	08:30 – 10:45
Ceramic factory	10:55 – 11:30
Apollona village. Walking tour, wine testing and lunch	12:00 – 14:20
7 Springs	14:45 – 15:45
Return to the hotels	
Lunch included	
<u>Adult per pax:</u> village bread, Greek salad, main dish a choice of 2 - goat with chickpeas OR traditional mousakas OR vegetarian mousakas.	
<u>Children (4-11,99):</u> village bread, Greek salad, chicken fillet with potatoes or spaghetti	
<u>Beverages per pax:</u> water, 1 glass of wine OR 1 beer, soft drink for children.	
Additional service included	
Whispers, wine testing	
What to take with you!	
Comfortable shoes, head covering, water, photo camera, money for entrance tickets and souvenirs.	
Entrance fees	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acropolis of Lindos: adult 12 euro For EU member-states: children and young people up to the age of 25 are free, AND people 65+ have 50% discount, upon presentation of their ID card or passport for verification of their age and country of origin. Traditional Museum in Apollona Village: 2 euro per person over 18 y.o. 	

«MEDIEVAL RHODES»
Excursion duration 14:30 – 19:00

This trip is a unique chance to get acquainted with two historical towns from ancient times until now days. The trip will start from the visiting Acropolis of the ancient Ialysos which situates on the top of Filerimos hill. Here you will find amazing combination of antiquity with middle ages, catholic with orthodox churches. Then the tour will continue in the Old Town of Rhodes capital. You will find yourself in completely different epoch by strolling around the narrow streets. The most important is that you will see the medieval town both with the day light and with the night lamps.

FILERIMOS HILL

Exactly from here starts the history of emergence of three main ancient cities of Rhodes Island. Filerimos is an open book where the history of Rhodes can be read. And it's really like that! Athena Pallada temple, the first early-Christian church with a baptismal font, Bithynian temple, catholic monastery of Ionian knights, church of George the Dragon-Slayer which was built in the middle ages and the most precious for all the Greeks is early Christian three-aisled basilica dedicated to Virgin Mary. The church is well known since for housing the icon of the Virgin of Filerimos. Attributed to St. Luke the Evangelist, the icon considered to be written in Virgin Maria lifetime. Here our guide will tell you amazing true facts from the monks' life. Leaving Filerimos you will try unique liquor which was created by a monk as elixir of life. During free time you can walk along the cypress alley directly to the 18 m cross. This point of the hill affords you breathtaking panoramic view to the island.

OLD TOWN

Find yourself in front of D'Amboise gate from the first moments you will feel majesty and power of this citadel-town. Impressive walls with the wide loopholes, moats, wells, paving-stone streets – all these will be revealed to you, together with our guide's fascinating tale will intensify your perception of the middle ages spirit. In search of one of the wonders of the world you will be led to the town central square where the Palace of Grand Master situates now days. Strolling along the Street of the Knights, you will get acquainted with the interesting facts from the Order of St. John the Baptist's life: membership of the Order and hierarchical ranking, its statutory activity and mission, its victories and its fall. We will finish our knights' part of old town tour at the old hospital walls. During free time you will get an opportunity to plunge into atmosphere of old town everyday life.

MEDIEVAL RHODES (group) – description	
Mythology / history	
Religion	
Nature /scenery	
Active trip	
Souvenirs	
Excursion program	Time
Hotels pick ups	
Filerimos	15:00 – 16:15
Walking tour in Old town	17:00 – 18:00
Free Time	18:00 – 19:00
Return to the hotels	
Additional service included	
Whispers	
What to take with you!	
Comfortable shoes, water, photo camera, money for souvenirs & entrance fees	
Entrance tickets	
Entrance fee in Filerimos 6 euro per adult. For EU member-states: children and young people up to the age of 25 are free, AND people 65+ have 50% discount, upon presentation of their ID card or passport for verification of their age and country of origin.	

SYMI CRUISE
Touristic port
Catamaran "KING SARON"
Excursion duration 09:00 – 16:45

You will have a cruise to another Greek island of Dodecanese – Symi! During this fabulous boat trip on Aegean you will enjoy the beauty of the western coast of Rhodes and see its neighbor – Turkey coastal line. The first stop will be in Panormitis bay, where the Monastery with the Wonderworking Icon of Archangel Michael situates. After visiting the Monastery, we will depart by the same boat to the capital of the island. On the way you will see the most beautiful lagoon of the island – St. Georges Bay. By visiting the capital of Symi island you will fully feel the history of the island and its inhabitants.

CAPITAL SYMI

Together with our guide you will have a walk in the port part of Yalos, getting to know with its history and specificities of the architecture of this port town. Also, you will have a chance to get acquainted with the interesting citizenships of the island – which are very good at what they do. Originally, Symi inhabitants lived with what the sea gave to them. But after the Phoenician coming, shipbuilding becomes the main kind of occupation which gave a good income from the sales of the ships. It was considered that the ships manufactured in Symi were the most high-speed and safe ones. With acceptance of Christianity, one of the best artistic schools of icon painting was opened here. Besides of that, citizens of Symi are famous by their ability to deep dive holding their breath for a long period of time for sponge mining.

The island endured not only rise but fall. Today it lives in its habitual rhythm; the locals are occupied in mining of sponges which were admitted by world scientists as the best ones by their biological contains. In free time you can try the local delicacy – Symi shrimps in one of the restaurants of Yalos and have time to have a swim.

PANORMITIS MONASTERY

This monastery has a special place in life of the Greeks. Being the orthodox, they carefully keep their heritage but at the same time do not hide it from the people but opposite, give an opportunity for everyone to find Spiritual Joy, by touching the Wonderworking Icon of Archangel Michael which placed in Byzantine church built in 18 century. Our professional guide will tell you the story of creation of the Icon and the monastery existence already in early Christian period. On the monastery territory there are two museums: ethnographic and church. Numerous gifts brought from all over the world, letters addressed to Archangel Michael, monastery possessions – all these fully reveal special significance of the Saint. After 1 hour in the Monastery you come back to your boat and for the return to Rodos.

Symi Cruise (group excursion) – description	
Mythology / History	
Religion	
Culture/Traditions	
Gastronomy	
Nature/ scenery	
Active trip	
Souvenirs	
KING SARON	Excursion Program
08:30	Arrival to the port and embarkation
09:00	Boat departure
10:05 – 14:00	Symi. City walking tour. Lunch (optional)
14:00	Boat departure from Symi
14:40 – 15:40	Panormitis. Monastery of Archangel Michael
15:40	Boat departure from Panormitis
16:45	Arrival to Rhodes Touristic Port
What to take with you!	
Comfortable shoes, head covering, change of clothes, sun protection cream, photo camera, money for souvenirs (sponges, leather goods), drinks on the boat and during lunch.	
Additional service included	
Whispers, boat tickets	