

# Saronic Flotilla



## Typical 2-week flotilla itinerary

### SARONIC ROUTE

**SAT:** Embark at Kalamaki Marina in Athens. Transfer to the marina for embarkation. On your first evening, enjoy dinner in the famous Plaka area of Athens, with a view of the Acropolis, or chill out in one of the restaurants in or near the marina.

**SUN:** Athens – Aegina (17nm). Aegina is a pretty green island, rather sedate and traditional considering it's less than 4 hours sail from Athens. We moor up in Aegina Town for our welcome drinks party.

**MON:** Aegina – Epidavros (15nm). On the mainland, Epidavros was the health resort of Ancient Athenians. Take a taxi to the famous theatre, where the acoustics enable you to hear a pin drop even in the outer seats (74ft from the orchestra).

**TUE:** Epidavros – Vathi (Methana) (9nm). A short sail across the bay, Vathi is a charming hamlet on the volcanic peninsular of Methana. Moor up in this tiny harbour and relax with a bottle of retsina and Greek salad at a restaurant on the waterfront.

**WED:** Vathi – Poros (16nm). Busy town quay in this old port with plenty of restaurants and bars for a Greek night out.

**THU:** Poros – Perdika (13nm). This small fishing village with a beautiful harbour is 5 miles south of Aegina town. Good local seafood and some of the best sunsets in Greece.

**FRI:** Perdika – Athens (20nm). Lunch stop at the beach resort of Ayia Marina for a last swim before returning to Kalamaki Marina. Two-week flotilla clients have free sailing until Sunday evening.

**SAT:** Kalamaki Marina in Athens. Check out / check-in.

### ARGOLIC ROUTE

**SUN:** Athens – Methana (25nm). We moor up on the town quay for our welcome drinks party and a chance for the new arrivals to meet the two-week flotilla clients.

**MON:** Methana – Ermioni (24nm). Ermioni is a typical Greek harbour with bars and restaurants around the town square.

**TUE:** Ermioni – Porto Heli (14nm). In this huge land-locked bay we can either moor on the town quay or anchor in one of the many sheltered bays.

**WED:** Porto Heli – South Ermioni (Kapari) (12nm). Tonight we anchor in a quiet bay for a swim and beach barbecue.

**THU:** South Ermioni – Poros (19nm). Busy town quay in this old port with plenty of restaurants and bars for a Greek night out.

**FRI:** Poros – Athens (27nm). Enjoy a fun regatta back to Kalamaki Marina, followed by your farewell party on Friday night.

**SAT:** Kalamaki Marina in Athens. Check out / check-in.

# Athens & Saronic Gulf Islands

The Saronic islands of Aegina, Poros, Hydra and Spetses and the Peloponnese coast offer smooth sailing sheltered from strong winds. The Saronic route is highly recommended for easy sailing, especially in July & August to avoid the strong meltemi winds blowing in the Cyclades.

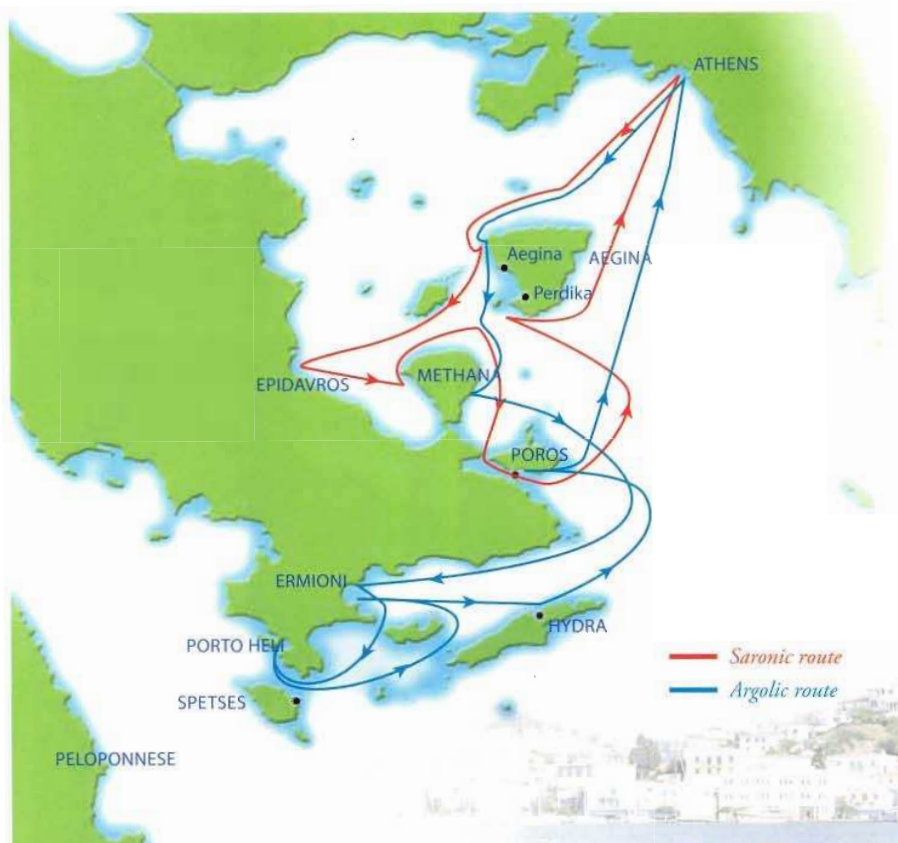
One week the flotilla follows the **SARONIC ROUTE**. Visit the beautiful island of Aegina and Epidavros, the health resort of Ancient Athenians - the theatre is well worth a visit. Poros is a busy town quay - very popular for a typical Greek night out.

The following week the flotilla follows the **ARGOLIC ROUTE** south of Poros. The yachts raft up in the beautiful anchorages near Porto Heli, before returning via Poros.

The flotilla returns to Athens at the end of each week, while the 2-weekers enjoy a couple of days free sailing before meeting up for the welcome drinks party.

You'll be met at the airport and taken to your yacht, a 40-minute taxi ride straight to the marina. An excellent supermarket is within easy walking distance. Your fridge will be chilling and there's a welcome pack on every yacht - see page 7 for details.

Kalamaki Marina is a taxi or tram ride from the centre of Athens. On your first evening, enjoy dinner in the famous Plaka area of Athens, with a view of the Acropolis, or chill out in one of the restaurants in or near the marina.



Welcome drinks party

## Skiathos & the Sporades

The Sporades islands of Skiathos, Skopelos and Alonnisos, together with the more sheltered Gulf of Volos offer exciting sailing off the tourist track. Fresh sailing winds, unspoilt harbours and beautiful beaches await you with this new flotilla from Skiathos.

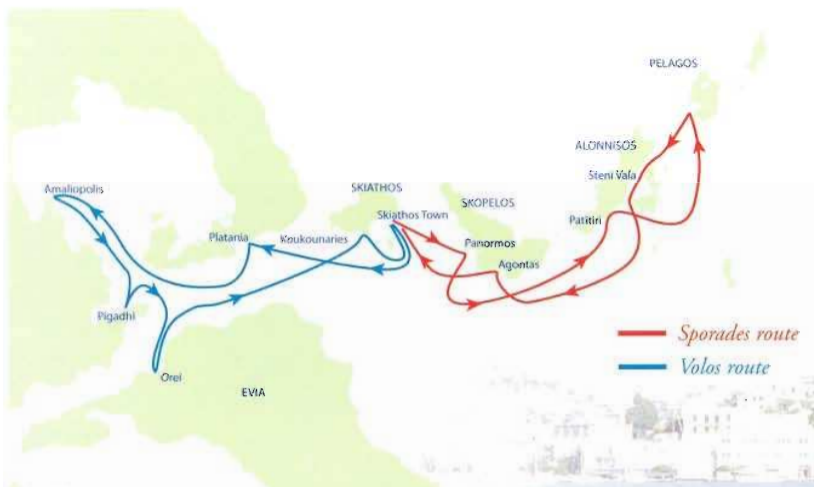


Afternoon breezes Force 2-5 from the north-east give good sailing from mid-morning to early evening. In July and August the meltemi can bring stronger winds, but the islands have good shelter.

One week the flotilla follows the **SPORADES ROUTE** and heads east to explore the islands of Skiathos, Skopelos, Alonnisos and the uninhabited islands of Peristeri or Pelagos. These islands are stunningly beautiful with white sandy beaches, green pine forests and the bluest sea. No wonder the movie makers of "Mamma Mia" chose the Sporades for their film location!

The following week the flotilla follows the **VOLOS ROUTE** and heads west into the Gulf of Volos, once the home of Jason and the Argonauts. Visit historic Pegadhi from where Achilles set sail for Troy. Find unspoilt fishing harbours and deserted anchorages in this beautiful bay.

All flotilla yachts are well-specified with a welcome starter pack, CD player, cockpit cushions and toilet waste holding tanks - thoughtful extras for your cruising comfort. End cleaning and airport transfers are included.



## Sporades Flotilla



Cocktail competition

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#### SPORADES ROUTE

**FRI** : Embark at Skiathos Harbour. Transfer to the harbour for embarkation. Skiathos is a lively town with many bars and restaurants .

**SAT** : Skiathos – Panormos, Skopelos (10nm). A popular bay with many tavernas around the beach.

**SUN** : Panormos – Patitiri, Alonnisos (14nm). The capital of Alonnisos and an enchanting harbour.

**MON** : Patitiri – Panagia, Pelagos (14nm). Pelagos is an uninhabited island and nature reserve. We anchor in this lovely bay and watch out for the local monk seals.

**TUE** : Panagia – Steni Vala, Alonnisos (9nm). A sheltered bay with tavernas ashore.

**WED** : Steni Vala– Agnontas, Skopelos (14nm). This small pine-clad inlet is a beautiful anchorage with tavernas on the beach.

**THU** : Agnontas – Skiathos (11nm). Fun regatta on the sail back to Skiathos. Two-week flotilla clients have free sailing until Saturday evening.

**FRI** : Skiathos Harbour. Check out / check-in.

#### VOLOS ROUTE

**SAT** : Skiathos – Platania (12nm). We anchor in this attractive bay for our welcome drinks party and a chance for the new arrivals to meet the two-week flotilla clients.

**SUN** : Platania – Amaliopolis, Volos (20nm). Time to explore the Gulf of Volos and enjoy a swim before anchoring in the bay .

**MON** : Amaliopolis– Pigadhi (14nm). Another peaceful anchorage in the Gulf of Volos, overlooked by the ruined Achilles Tower. It is said that Achilles set sail from here for Troy.

**TUE** : Pigadhi – Orei, Evia (11nm). The ancient Acropolis which guarded this ancient port is still visible. Today it's a pleasant resort.

**WED** : Orei– Koukounaries (18nm). Often said to be the best beach in the Aegean- white sand backed by pine trees.

**THU** : Koukounaries – Skiathos (6nm). Enjoy a fun regatta back to Skiathos, followed by your farewell party on Thursday night.

**FRI** : Skiathos Harbour. Check out / check-in.

*Routes may vary due to weather conditions.*