

SeaStar Week of Joy on a Catamaran cruise in the Cyclades



Departure: Olympic Marine – Lavrion Half-board 8 days, 7 nights

from € 2232.00 per person in a 2-person cabin

Main features:

- A multitude of unique natural, cultural and culinary experiences of Greece
- A sought-after itinerary at the Western Cyclades (Back-up itinerary in the Saronic gulf, in case of strong weather)
- Very experienced, hospitable and friendly crew of local (English speaking) skipper and hostess
- Fully equipped, meticulously serviced and diligently cleaned yacht

The senior sailors of SeaStar Sailing, each one with decades of local experience, have carefully designed a sought-after 7-day cruise to the Western Cyclades (provided the wind is forecasted to be up to Force 5 Beaufort) and a back-up 7-day cruise to the islands of the Saronic gulf (if the wind is forecasted to be above Force 5 Beaufort), with emphasis on relaxed holidays for people who want to enjoy the natural beauties of Greece, learn about its long cultural background and taste its famous cuisine. Mature travellers will truly appreciate the content of this cruise, appropriately named "SeaStar Week of Joy".

Your Boat

"Iroula" is a Bali 4.1 catamaran, which sleeps 8 guests in 4 double-bed cabins, each cabin with a private en-suite shower/toilet.

It also sleeps its two crew members (skipper and hostess) in the two forepeak skipper cabins, each one equipped with its own WC.

The yacht has five air-conditioning units (active only when the yacht is stationary) for the 4 guest cabins and the dining area. It is also equipped with a powerful AC generator, a DC to AC inverter and two solar panels.

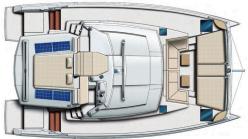
Eating and drinking is supported by a fully equipped galley (for serious cooking and serving), an outdoors BBQ at the rear end of the yacht and a home style refrigerator with separate deepfreeze drawers.

Sunbathing is supported with 4 sunbeds at the upper deck and 5 sunbeds at the front deck, in addition to a big sofa at the front deck and a second sofa at the rear of the yacht.

The front deck design is emblematic of Bali catamarans and offers maximum space and comfort to the guests.

The rear end of the salon consists of a unique (to Bali cats) retractable partition with the salon door on it, which can be lifted in its entity, tack under the salon roof and unify the internal space of the yacht with its external rear deck space, giving a real sense of living outdoors, while being protected from the sun and the wind, at the same time.

































Your cabin

Each double bed guest cabin has a private air-conditioning unit with its own controls and a private en-suite shower/toilet, with WC and shower toiletries. It is also equipped with ample wardrobe space, mosquito screens for its portholes, an electric fan, bedside reading lamps, schuko 220V, car-type 12V and USB sockets for recharging of mobile phones.

Bedlinens include sanitary cover for the mattress, double under sheet, two pillows with sanitary covers and pillowcases, two single upper sheets and two single blankets (which can be replaced by a double upper sheet and one double blanket, at no cost, if ordered well in advance).

Three (one beach, one big and one small bathroom) towels are provided for each guest.

The front cabins are a little smaller than the rear ones and are also designed to connect with the skipper cabins for private bareboat cruises. The connecting doors are kept shut for cabin charter cruises.







Your Itinerary

The frequent periods with strong winds (above Force 5 Beaufort) in the Cyclades, necessitate the existence of a back-up itinerary. So, two itineraries (the main plan and the back-up plan) are available, in case the wind strength exceeds Force 5 Beaufort.

The main plan – The Western Cyclades

The Aegean Sea and the Cyclades islands easily define the dream place of most sailors visiting Greece. A sea space with more than 3000 years of history, magnificent places to show and unbelievable stories to tell. You will never appreciate the greatness of the sun's light, unless you have visited the Cyclades and have seen its reflections on the turquoise sea, the quaint harbors, the white houses with the blue doors and windows, the windmills, the ancient Temples, the Byzantine churches, the small plots of farmland sculptured at the sides of steep hills and mountains. The sea and the land of the islands always engaged in an endless game of playing with each other. Sometimes trying their mighty strength against one another and some other times in perfect harmony and calmness, providing a paradise on earth for human beings.





The main plan – The Western Cyclades

Day 1 - Saturday: Lavrion - Milos (about 65 nautical miles)

The yacht will be located at Pier 2 in Olympic marine. The crew will welcome you aboard at 14.00h with refreshments, show you to your cabin and provide you with all the necessary information relative to your safety and comfort.

"Iroula" will depart at 15.00h for Cape Sounion, for your first dip in the sea waters of the Aegean. After a short swim, the yacht will depart for an all-night trip to the furthermost destination of the cruise, which is the island of Milos. So, you will have a chance to watch the sun setting into the sea to the starboard side, followed by a bright moon (since the cruise dates have been selected to have an illumination of the moon of over 75%) shining upon the Aegean Sea and the silhouettes of the islands of Kythnos, Serifos, Sifnos and Kimolos, to the port side. A light dinner will be served on board after departing from Sounion and then you will decide when to put an end to a romantic night and go to sleep.

The choice of this long trip into the night, allows the cruise to move away from a crowd of hundreds of other yachts departing in the evening of Saturday, which compete to find a berth at a nearby harbour. It also increases the possibility to find space for the next few days, in the heavily congested (without any booking process in place) Greek harbours.





Day 2 - Sunday: Milos (Kleftiko) - Milos (Adamas) (about 14 nautical miles)

Sunrise will find you anchored at one of the most photographed sites of the Cyclades, called Kleftiko. Breakfast will be served, you will have plenty of time to swim, enjoy the magnificent view and take pictures.

Departing at around 11.00h will allow for an early arrival at Adamas harbour, the main village of the island. After lunch on board at around 14.30h, you will have the rest of the day free, to relax, visit the village and have dinner at your leisure.





Day 3 - Monday: Milos - Polyaigos - Kimolos (about 12 nautical miles)

Soon after breakfast you will depart for yet another small paradise of the Cyclades for a swim, at the island of Polyaigos (inhabited by only 2 people and part of the Natura 2000 (bird watching) program of the European Union) and then continue for the port of Psathi in Kimolos. After lunch on board, you can visit the picturesque village of Kimolos (just 800m from Psathi), take pictures and have dinner at your leisure.

Kimolos, despite its small size, incorporates in one island, all the characteristics found in the Cyclades islands (castle, churches, village and house architecture, boat caves on the beach, beaches, tasty food recipes, etc.).





Day 4 - Tuesday: Kimolos - Sifnos (about 17 nautical miles)

Day 5 - Wednesday: Sifnos - Serifos (about 20 nautical miles)

After an early breakfast in Psathi, you will depart for the bay of Fykiada in Sifnos for a nice swim and then continue for the cosmopolitan village of Platys Gialos, which is being awarded with a European blue flag for its beach, for many consecutive years. The crew will serve you lunch, and you will then be encouraged to explore the island and have dinner at your leisure. The island of Sifnos described as the harmonious "silent power" has consciously kept a low profile despite its many merits that make it a very popular destination. Archeological sites (towers, forts, temples, mines, tombs), museums, Christian churches and monasteries, local architecture, hiking paths (a unique network of 200 km of trails in total -some dating back to 3000 BC and some other form a group of 19 officially marked trails www.sifnostrails.com), eons of pottery tradition (you can also participate and "make your own" artifact at

Pilotechnion), gastronomy (many famous Greek chefs were born in Sifnos) and the natural beauty of the island (hills, vegetation, beaches, etc.) combine, to make Sifnos a true gem in the

Breakfast will be served, before departure for Cheronissos, a picturesque fishing village at the northernmost part of Sifnos, for a swim and lunch on board. From there, the cruise will continue for Livadi the main port of Serifos, where you can relax or explore the town and have dinner at your leisure. The town of Serifos (around 5km from the port), built on a hill at around 200m height provides fantastic views of the port, the Aegean Sea and the nearby islands.

before sailing on to Merichas, the main port of Kythnos. After lunch onboard, the afternoon

can be spent to discover the beautiful villages of the island. Dinner at your leisure.













Day 6 - Thursday: Serifos - Kythnos (about 26 nautical miles) The day will start with breakfast and a short hop to the bay of Koutalas for a refreshing swim,

Day 7 - Friday: Kythnos - Layrion (about 25 nautical miles) After breakfast and before leaving the island for the return trip to Olympic Marine, a stop for a few hours at the famous beach of Kolona, for swimming and lunch, will provide everyone with a chance for retrospect and consolidation of the experiences of a great week, before they



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With southerly winds, a rework of the plan and a different selection of destinations may be required.

Day 8 – Saturday morning: Olympic Marine Lavrion

become cherished memories for the years to come.

Your crew will offer you breakfast and will greet you before 9.00h, which is the scheduled disembarkation time.



Prices

	Double Cabin for 2 persons	Double Cabin for 1 person	Privatisation
	Price per person (incl VAT)	Price per person (incl VAT)	Price per week (incl VAT)
Double Rear Cabin	€ 2480.00	€ 4315.20	€ 16963.2
Double Front Cabin	€ 2232.00	€ 3883.68	€ 16963.2

Important: The yacht will depart, even if, only one double cabin for 2 persons, has been booked

Price includes

- Accommodation in a double cabin with bathroom and private toilet for 7 nights
- Half board (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 1 dinner)
- Breakfast on day 8 will be served in a take-out box
- Drinks: water, coffee, tea, wine or beer (1/2 bottle of wine or 3 cans of beer, per person, at lunch time).
- Crew services: skipper and hostess/cook
- Bedsheets, towels and blankets
- Water sports on board: fins, mask, snorkel, and SUP
- Air conditioning (or heating!)-[on average 2-4h/day when the boat is stationary]
- Boat insurance with third-party liability cover for passengers

Price does not include

- Flights
- Round trip transfers between the airport and the yacht
- Alcoholic drinks (excluding wine or beer served with lunch)
- Dinners (except the first night)
- Onboard cashbox (mandatory) contribution to be paid in cash on site (220€/person in a double cabin, 400€/person in a single cabin)
- Tips for the crew: around 10% of the amount of the cruise price, if satisfied

The back-up plan - Islands of the Saronic gulf

The Saronic Gulf is a scenic area, characterized by old towns with strong cultural heritage, fishing villages, picturesque coves, bright blue waters and mild winds throughout the year. However, a more detailed examination will also reveal cosmopolitan places, historic harbours, deserted beaches and uninhabited islands.

Well known towns like Aegina, Epidaurus, Methana, Poros, Hydra, Spetses and Porto Heli serve as destinations, but lesser-known places like Agistri, Korfos, Vathi, Ermioni, Perdika and even uninhabited places like Kyra, Dokos, Gali and Zogeria can keep the crew safe at night.

























The back-up plan - Islands of the Saronic gulf

Day 1 - Saturday: Lavrion - Sounion (about 6 nautical miles)

The yacht will be located at Pier 2 in Olympic marine. The crew will welcome you aboard at 14.00h with refreshments, show you to your cabin and provide you with all the necessary information relative to your safety and comfort.

"Iroula" will depart at 15.00h for the cove of Cape Sounion, under the emblematic Temple of Poseidon, to spend the night in this relatively protected environment from the strong northerly winds and gain an early start on the next day for the long trip ahead. You can take your first dip in the Aegean Sea, if you wish and afterwards the crew will serve you dinner.

If the weather allows for a possibility to perform a relatively calm crossing, by travelling during the night, the skipper will inform you, will grab the opportunity and thus gain for you an extra day (and a possible extra destination to visit).

Day 2 - Sunday: Sounion- Ermioni (about 42 nautical miles)

Soon after sunrise the crew will prepare the yacht for the crossing and depart as early as possible. You can stay in bed for as long as you wish. Your hostess will make your breakfast available during the crossing, when you get up.

A few hours later, Tselevinia islands will provide you with an exotic environment to have a swim, relax and get into holiday mood. Lunch will be served on board and soon after, the cruise will continue for its ultimate destination, the port of Ermioni.

Ermioni provides very good shelter from the strong northerly winds and its open plan can accommodate a good number of visiting yachts. It also acts as a "remote" harbor for nearby Hydra, since it is almost impossible to find mooring space in Hydra (which must be visited) harbour. You will have your afternoon free, to visit Ermioni and have dinner at your leisure.

Day 3 - Monday: Ermioni (visit to Hydra)

Soon after a good breakfast on board, you can catch one of the small ferry boats or share a watertaxi for a visit to Hydra. On this day, lunch and dinner will be at your leisure, so that you can make the most of the day in Hydra.

The cosmopolitan island attracts the Athenian elite with their yachts during the weekends. A long list of famous people, both Greek and foreign, have made Hydra their home at various periods. It also boasts a solid historical background, mainly due to its participation in the fights against the Ottoman Empire for the liberation of Greece. It is famous for its ban of any vehicle with wheels (except two garbage trucks), so all transportation is done by donkeys or horses. However, you can find expensive boutiques for shopping, art galleries, gourmet restaurants, etc. Trekking or going on horse-back to its mountain top to enjoy the views of the Aegean, is a very popular activity with visitors. Visiting historical and art museums offers another opportunity for cultural activity.

Do not miss the last ferry to return to "Iroula"!

Day 4 - Tuesday: Ermioni — Poros (about 22 nautical miles)

After breakfast, you will depart for Poros.

Poros is an island famous for its nearby beaches, most of them located in a big protected bay and very close to the town. It has a very picturesque town architecture. Other points of interest include the old Russian Navy base, the famous lemon tree forest and an open-air cinema that continues to operate, in the summer months. It enjoys significant yachting activity, due to its ample protected space and its re-supply (water, diesel) facilities.

Soon after arrival, lunch will be served and you will have the rest of the day free for discovering the town, relaxing, swimming and enjoying dinner at your leisure in one of the many fine taverns.

Day 5 - Wednesday: Poros - Agistri (Aponissos) (about 15 nautical miles)

Breakfast will be served and then, the yacht will depart for a beautiful open-air location at the west side of Agistri island. Swimming and relaxing onboard will be the order of the day. Lunch will be served at noon. Afterwards, you can visit the shore (by dinghy) for a walk or have dinner at your leisure at the only tavern available, later in the evening.

Day 6 - Thursday: Agistri (Aponissos) - Aegina (about 7 nautical miles)

Soon after breakfast, the cruise will continue for the town of Aegina. Lunch will be served on board, while dinner will be at your leisure. You will have plenty of time to visit the town, relax on board and generally come and go, as you please.

Aegina had been a powerful city in the ancient world and has a rich history. Its last glorious period was 200 years ago when it became the first capital of liberated Greece for a short period. The temple of Aphaea (Athena) has been standing in a good condition for thousands of years and along with the temple of Parthenon at the Acropolis of Athens and the temple of Poseidon in Sounion form a holy isosceles triangle with the Poseidon temple being at the apex with equal distance from the other two temples dedicated both to goddess Athena.

The town has interesting neoclassical buildings and monuments, a busy harbour and many good taverns. A big Christian Orthodox monastery dedicated to the recent Saint Nectarios of Aegina, attracts thousands of people every year. Finally, the island is famous for its pistachio production and many Greek sailors make a point to buy good supplies in the fall, with the new harvest, every year.



This back-up plan has been designed, assuming strong northerly winds above Force 5, mainly in the Cyclades, but also affecting the Saronic gulf at a certain degree.

Strong southerly winds in the Cyclades, may require, a rework of the plan and a different selection of destinations.

Day 7 - Friday: Aegina - Sounion - Layrion (about 38 nautical miles)

After breakfast, the long return trip to Olympic Marine, will start. It will take us over the north side of Aegina to gain a good angle against the prevailing winds and also have the yacht protected by the shores of Attica, from the wind and the waves.

Lunch will be served during the crossing. A stop at Sounion, for swimming and light snacks, will provide everyone with a chance for retrospect and consolidation of the experiences of a great week, before they become cherished memories for the years to come.

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Day 8 - Saturday morning: Olympic Marine Lavrion

Your crew will serve you breakfast and greet you before 9.00h, which is the scheduled disembarkation time.

If needed, the skipper alone will make changes, to safeguard crew safety, comfort and satisfaction.

Payment terms

- A 50% bank deposit of the charter fee is required within 5 days after our booking confirmation.
- The remaining balance of 50% is required four (4) weeks prior to departure, to be deposited to our bank account.

Cancellation fees

- Bookings cancelled more than 60 days before embarkation, 30% of the total charter fee.
- Bookings cancelled between 59 and 31 days before embarkation, 50% of the total charter fee.
- Bookings cancelled less than 30 days before embarkation, 100% of the total charter fee.
- If the cabin is re-chartered for the same period, the cancellation fees will be limited to 30% of the total charter fee.

Next Departures:

20/4/24 18/5/24 15/6/24 20/7/24

24/8/24 21/9/24 19/10/24

SeaStar Sailing **guarantees** that the yacht will depart, even if, only one double cabin for 2 persons, has been booked.

Book Now!

At www.seastarsailing.com/cabin-bookings you can contact a broker of your choice from our list of specialist brokers. Please use their professional services, ask them about the scheduled cruise dates and cabin availability for these dates and book a cabin (or more) for the cruise that you are interested in.



We help you create...

Questions and Answers

1. The cabins have a double bed. Can I book a cabin just for myself?

You certainly can and we provide a reduction in price for single person occupancy of a double cabin.

2. Can I participate in the yacht handling activities?

Your skipper will encourage you and explain to you, how you can participate and expand your knowledge.

3. Are children accepted as guests?

Children over the age of 15 years, who can and do behave as adults, are accepted and treated as adults, provided that they are accompanied by their legal guardian.

4. What is the onboard cashbox used for?

The cashbox contribution is used for all the expenses that cannot be properly accounted for with official documents (e.g. harbour fees, local food purchases, water refills, electricity fees in harbours, diesel re-supplies, etc.).

5. Are pets allowed onboard?

Unfortunately, the cruise design does not cater for hosting animals onboard.

6. What kind of food is served for breakfast and lunch?

We try to serve food to be enjoyed internationally, including as many fresh materials that can be sourced locally, as possible (e.g. local vegetables, cheese, honey, etc).

7. Do you support special diets?

A vegetarian diet can be supported to a certain extend. There are no options offered for allergies or other dietetic restrictions.

8. Where on the yacht do you serve food?

Food is served on the table of the salon area, but you can take it anywhere you want to sit and enjoy your meal.

9. Can I cook on board?

There are excellent cooking facilities on board. However, out of respect to the other fellow passengers, cleaning must follow immediately after use.

10. When is alcohol drinking not allowed on board?

Alcoholic drinking is not allowed to anyone wishing to participate in the yacht's handling, for two hours prior and during this activity.

Please make sure that you consume alcohol only to the point that you can remain sociable.

11. Can I bring my own choice of alcoholic drink?

Yes, you can.

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12. Are drugs allowed on board?

Possession and use of drugs is not allowed in all territories of Greece, including the sea. Therefore, you are kindly requested to comply and abstain from holding and using drugs on board.

13. Can I bring my medication on board?

You can bring any medicine that is freely sold in Greek pharmacies and all other medical supplies that you have obtained with a prescription from your doctor. If your health depends on your taking your medication, you must bring with you enough supply for the duration of the cruise.

14. How many showers can I have per day?

Water supply is limited on every yacht due to the limited space. The actual cost of the water is not significant, but the time required for refills can be substantial and can interfere with the yacht's schedule. Your effort to control consumption of water (not necessarily the number of showers) will be appreciated by your fellow travellers. Your skipper can provide useful tips.

Questions and Answers (continued)

15. Will I experience sea-sickness?

Each individual responds differently to the unsteady motion that is inherent to sea travels. Please have a prior consultation with your doctor on suitable medication for you and bring it onboard, just in case.

16. Are there enough fins and snorkels on board, for guest use?

Yes, one pair of fins (his/her right size), mask and snorkel for every passenger. We would appreciate your letting us know your foot size well in advance

17. Are there enough sunbeds for all the passengers?

There are 5 sunbeds at the front deck and 4 sunbeds at the upper deck for a maximum total of 8 passengers, at any time.

18. Can I get sunburnt?

Depending on the cruise dates, the sun intensity varies. It is never insignificant. The reflections of sunrays on the sea surface, increase the amount of light energy that will reach your skin. We strongly advise that you bring with you, a good pair of sunglasses, a big hat with a cord that goes under the chin, appropriate sun cream for your skin colour, a long pair of light trousers and a light long-sleeved shirt.

19. Do I need shoes onboard?

If you do not wear shoes onboard, you risk to be injured. It is customary to have a pair of shoes for exclusive use on deck (use a different pair when disembarking), with white non-marking anti-slip soles

20. What if someone misbehaves during the trip?

In this unlikely event, international and local marine laws authorize the skipper to act upon such a case and exercise the rights vested to him by the applicable laws. If there is an illegal action, the Coastguard will also be notified for their immediate intervention, for law enforcement. It must be remembered that the skipper's authority onboard is absolute and not negotiable.

21. Can I leave the yacht and rejoin before the end of the trip?

Unfortunately, not. The yacht documents are legally required to include a passenger list depicting the people on board at any time, which is endorsed by the Coastguard before departure.

22. What if there is a flight delay/change and I miss the departure?

The departure of the yacht cannot wait, out of respect to the rest of the clients. You must inform us immediately and if you wish, we can help you to embark at one of the next ports of call, during the period of your cruise, at your expense (flight or ferry tickets, etc).

23. Is there Wi-Fi onboard?

We have stopped to offer Wi-Fi onboard due to the poor performance of the local providers, at various sea areas. Please arrange with your own provider for their roaming services.

24. Does the yacht travel by sails only?

The skipper will usually decide to set the sails when the wind speed and direction allow, for enjoyment (quiet, relaxed and romantic travel), for improving stability and for shade!

The yacht is equipped with two powerful (highest shipyard option) engines that are driving two very sophisticated propellers, which are used when there is no wind, for harbour manoeuvres and during adverse wind conditions.

