

# SAILING THE SPORADES

A 4-Day Adventure Through Skopelos, Alonissos & Skiathos



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## WHAT TO EXPECT

Join us on a 4-day, 3-night sailing adventure through Greece's most iconic island group—the Sporades! Travel by sailboat to the breathtaking islands of Skopelos, Alonissos, and Skiathos, home to turquoise waters, charming old towns, and Mamma Mia movie magic.

Spend your day at sea and your nights docked at each island's port. And maybe even see a dolphin or two!

Each island is different: Alonissos is peaceful and artsy, Skiathos is busy and cosmopolitan while Skopelos is a mix of the two. Every student has a different favorite island!

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

#### Saturday

- Morning: Depart Thessaloniki and head to the port with typically one stop along the way (5 hour drive)
- Noon: Meet your captains, board the sailboats and learn boat rules
- Afternoon: Sail toward Skopelos with a swim stop or two along the way
- Evening: Dock and explore Skopelos town; return to the boat for the night

#### Sunday

- Morning: Get an early breakfast and depart
- Midday: Sail to Alonissos with at least one swim stop
- Evening: Dock at Patitiri, take bus to the Old Town, sunset views + charming strolls

#### Monday

- Morning: Sail to Skiathos, with swim stops along the way
- Evening: Explore the most cosmopolitan island—shopping, nightlife & outdoor cinema

#### Tuesday

- Morning: Pack up & return by boat to the mainland
- Afternoon: Meet our driver and return to Thessaloniki







## What to pack

Pack everything in a small backpack - no hard side luggage here!

- Light, breathable clothing
- a light jacket or hoodie for cooler evenings
- Swimsuits (you'll live in them)
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- A towel (quick-dry preferred)
- Dramamine or motion-sickness meds
- Power bank (outlets are limited)
- Water bottle
- Small backpack or tote for island exploring
- Cash (some shops don't take cards)
- Waterproof camera or waterproof phone case
- Swim shoes - you'll want to swim to shore to explore the rocky coast

## What you should know

### Water = Liquid Gold

- Showers are limited. Use water wisely—this isn't a hotel!
- Quick rinses only. Skip the long showers—opt for a salt water swim instead!

### Boat Plumbing Is Fragile

- Absolutely nothing but organic waste in the toilet. No baby wipes, no toilet paper, not even single-use contact lenses!
- Anything else goes in the bin next to the toilet. Yes, even that.

### Sleeping Quarters Are Cozy

- Cabins are tight; think "tiny home on water."
- Most beds are shared between classmates. Bring a sense of humor and some deodorant.

### Pack Your Boat Snacks

- Before departure, each boat will receive a small budget for lunch and snack essentials.
- Think: wraps, cold cuts, protein bars, fruit, water, iced coffee, etc.
- Lunch is usually on the boat, so shop smart

### You're Not a Passenger—You're a Crew Member

- You may be asked to help with tasks like tying ropes, cleaning up, or helping the captain.
- Be respectful of the crew's instructions—they keep us safe and afloat!

### Weather Rules the Schedule

- Sailing is 100% weather-dependent.
- Flexibility is essential: routes, timing, and swim stops may change.
- Trust your captain—they know what they're doing.

### This is "Camping at Sea"

- You're trading 5-star luxury for an authentic, off-the-grid adventure.
- Expect rustic comfort, bonding with your group, and unreal island sunsets.

## Is this trip right for you?

If you...

Love the sea

Can handle sharing space and roughing it a little

Want to explore less-touristy Greek islands

Crave adventure and don't panic when plans change...

Then **YES**—this is the trip for you.

If you're expecting...

Daily hot showers

Private rooms and hotel beds

A fixed itinerary with no surprises

Unlimited Wi-Fi...

Then this may not be your vibe—and that's okay!

