The Cyclades Islands
The name “Cyclades” translated means “circular islands”. According to Greek mythology, Poseidon, the God of the sea, furious at the Cyclades nymphs turned them into islands. This striking arrangement of islands provides one the best ways to explore Greece. Your private, luxury cruise gives you access to some of the most dramatic sights in all of Europe.

Your charter begins in Athens, where ground transportation will whisk you away to become acquainted with your yacht and crew. Once all guests have settled in, you can sit down to a meal from your world-class chef before setting sail for the Cyclades.

Cruise and play in the turquoise waters, enjoy sandy beaches or calm anchorages, and easy cruising distances. Each island possesses its own unique character and provides a variety of activities, adventures, and new experiences. Whether you are searching for natural beauty in Paros and Naxos, ancient history in Delos, or fine restaurants and exciting nightlife in Mykonos, there is something for everyone in the Cyclades.
Kea

This exquisite and picturesque island that is almost steps from Athens, which offers mellow getaways and pristine coastlines. Some of the more popular beaches include Pisses, Korissia, Koundouros, Otzia bay, and Poles bay – all of which are favorite spots of tourists and locals alike.

Loulis is a quaint village built on the remains of an ancient town that is another must see. The picture of the island that remains is of little valleys with vineyards and orchards between mountainous masses, leading to idyllic coves. One and two story houses with tiled roofs, stone-paved alleyways, chapels, windmills, and monasteries, the most important of which is the Kastriani Monastery.

Kithnos

It was on the small island of Kithnos, which is famous in antiquity for the excellence of its administration – according to Aristotle in his “Constitution of Kithnos,” that recent archaeological finds have provided evidence of the earliest presence of man in the Cyclades. The shores are heavily indented and the island has radioactive thermal springs that are located in the town of Loutra with great curative powers. The attractive churches that dot the island are graced with elegant wood engravings and fetaure icons painted by the 18th century Cycladian painter Skordilis. The port of the island, Merihas, is on the western side of the island and offers urban setting amenities. Hora or Messaria, the island’s capital is 8 km from Merihas and stands on a hillside plateau – offering views that will leave you brathless.
Santorini

One of the best-known islands of the Cyclades has a stunning standout element from its other gorgeous sister islands. Thanks to a volcano now dormant, Santorini’s geological morphology gives it a step above the rest of the Cyclades. Bright white domed houses clinging to the cliff sides of the caldera formed by the volcano’s explosion in 1500 B.C. have an incredible view of Kamenes. From the landing place, Skala, you can climb up to Fira, the capital of the isle, on foot or by donkey. But don’t panic if you’d like to avoid climbing the hundreds of steps to the top, there is a funicular railway that will do the heavy lifting for you. Some of the most spectacular beaches here include Monolithos, Kokkini Paralia, and Perissa – which can be found on Santorini. The beaches vary from shores comprised of dark pebbles to others that features striking black sand.

Sifnos

Grey trails line the rocks of Sifnos that compliment the white chapels that lie between them. Here, you’ll find the terrain alternates between vibrant greens landscape and dazzling white architecture. You can visit one of the many workshops where the famous Sifnian pottery is made and learn the art yourself. Sifnos boats 365 churches, chapels, and important monasteries scattered across the island – many of which are perched along dramatic, rocky cliffs. In ancient times, the island was famous for its wealth of precious metals, which was mainly supplied from vast selection of gold and silver mines. The old capital of Kastro, remains an example of medieval town planning. Vivid nightlife and numerous taverns serving local delicacies, among which “revithada: - roast chick peas - is the most characteristic, guarantee the best of memories.
**IOS (Nios)**

IOS – or NIOS, as the locals refer to it – has a quite the reputation for being a nonstop booze-fuelled party. If you like your holiday with a little “sun, sea and sex,” you’ll find everything you’re looking for here. But, outside of the party scene, IOS has so much more to offer those who explore the island past the bar. Here, you’ll find the whole isle is decorated with small scenic bays, countless chapels, vineyards, and olive trees; all set under the clear bright Cycladic sky. The sites of IOS include a Hellenistic tower of Plakotos and the remains of an ancient aqueduct at Agia Theodoti; traces of an ancient temple at Psathi and ruins of the Venetian castle at the spot known as Paleokastro. Come to IOS and see what you’re missing!

**Delos**

In folklore, the sacred island of Delos was the birthplace of the Greek gods Apollo and Artemis – making it one of the most important islands in Cyclades during the 9th century BC.

Today, while the island is uninhabited, it is still a vast archaeological site that draws hoards of visitors each year to stare in awe at the once political and religious center of the Aegean. Here, you can see where power in the 9th century gathered for over a thousand years. With its superb monuments, ancient temples remains, sanctuaries, a once grand market place, open-air theatre, and mosaics, Delos is not only a history buff’s dream, but also one of the must-see sites as in all of the Cyclades.
Welcome to the world famous, cosmopolitan center of the Cyclades, Mykonos. According to the claims of the local inhabitants, this island boosts over 700 churches, which are packed in over its rough terrain. The picturesque landscape is comprised of many low, rocky hills that slope down to enchanting golden sand beaches which spill into warm blue waters that’ll you’ll never want to leave.

The infamous windmills of Mykonos overlook the port in the town, providing a majestic view of the coast at dusk. On the other side of the town, known as Small Venice, you’ll find the area littered with you can find numerous houses built on the fringe of the sea, offering a dramatic view that will leave you breathless.

Throughout the island, you’ll see charming whitewashed, cube-shaped houses that come off as warm and welcoming as the crystal waters surrounding the island. In the narrow streets of the town, you’ll stumble upon chapels and quaint taverns, which hide among gorgeous folk art shops, as well as small stores selling jewelry and furs. Trends that will sweep the international scene are born in the intense nightlife of this modern resort.