Greece: 10-Day Dodecanese Island Hopping - Kos, Kalymnos, Leros & Patmos

10 days / 9 nights | Kos, Greece



Discover four Dodecanese islands on an independent ten-day journey from Kos to Kalymnos, Leros and Patmos, before returning to Kos. Nine hotel nights with breakfast and four inter-island ferry tickets are arranged for you, leaving time for harbour towns, beaches, island history and an optional day trip to volcanic Nisyros.

YOUR JOURNEY

Start among the ancient sites and waterfront lanes of Kos, then follow the islands north by ferry. Kalymnos brings its sponge-diving heritage and dramatic coastline; Leros offers sheltered bays and villages with a quieter pace. On Patmos, whitewashed Chora and the island's religious landmarks add a different character to the journey.

Stay two nights on Kos, two on Kalymnos, two on Leros and one on Patmos, then return to Kos for the final two nights. Your hotels, breakfasts and four ferry crossings provide the framework. Sightseeing is self-guided, with admission fees, local transport and optional excursions paid separately unless specifically included in your confirmed booking.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 | Arrive on Kos

Arrive on Kos and make your way to your hotel. After check-in, the rest of the day is free: settle in, explore the neighbourhood or enjoy your first evening by the waterfront. Keep plans flexible around your flight arrival time.

Overnight: Kos -- Maritina Hotel or similar.

DAY 2 | Explore the history of Kos

After breakfast, spend the day exploring independently. Kos brings together ancient Greek and Roman remains, medieval fortifications and Ottoman-era landmarks. The Asklepieion, associated with the healing traditions of Hippocrates, is one suggested visit; the ancient Agora, Neratzia Castle and Antimachia Castle offer other possibilities. Choose the sights that suit your pace and check their opening arrangements locally.

Sightseeing, admission fees and local transport are arranged separately.

Overnight: Kos -- Maritina Hotel or similar.

DAY 3 | Kos to Kalymnos

After breakfast and check-out, make your way to the departure port for your included ferry crossing to Kalymnos. Check into your hotel on arrival, then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Explore the harbour, find a waterside cafe or take an easy stroll to get your bearings.

Ferry departure time and port are confirmed with your travel documents. Hotel-port transfers are not included unless added to your booking.

Overnight: Kalymnos -- Kalydna Island Hotel or similar.

DAY 4 | Kalymnos, at your own pace

Breakfast is included, followed by a free day on Kalymnos. Discover the island’s sponge-diving heritage, spend time around the harbour or explore its beaches and villages independently. The rocky coastline gives the island a character of its own; choose a relaxed beach day or a fuller day of sightseeing.

Any excursions, activities and local transport are optional and paid separately.

Overnight: Kalymnos -- Kalydna Island Hotel or similar.

DAY 5 | Kalymnos to Leros

After breakfast, check out and travel to the port for your included ferry to Leros. Settle into your hotel, then use the rest of the day to discover the area at an unhurried pace. A village stroll or an evening by the sea makes an easy introduction to the island.

The day’s timings depend on the confirmed ferry schedule.

Overnight: Leros -- Bianco Hotel or similar.

DAY 6 | Discover Leros

Enjoy breakfast and a full day to explore Leros independently. Historical monuments, coastal villages and sheltered beaches provide a choice of outings. Spend the day following your interests, with time for local food, a swim or a slower afternoon beside the water.

Visits and local transport are optional and paid separately.

Overnight: Leros -- Bianco Hotel or similar.

DAY 7 | Leros to Patmos

After breakfast and check-out, take your included ferry to Patmos and settle into your hotel. Spend the remaining time exploring independently. Patmos is known for its religious heritage and association with the Book of Revelation; Chora, the Monastery of St John and the Cave of the Apocalypse are suggested visits, depending on arrival time and opening hours.

Admission, guided visits and local transfers are not included. With one night on Patmos, plan around the confirmed sailing times.

Overnight: Patmos -- Skala Hotel or similar.

DAY 8 | Patmos to Kos

After breakfast, check out and return to Kos on your included ferry. Make your way to the hotel and settle in for the final two nights. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy a relaxed evening, revisit a favourite spot or explore another part of Kos town.

Overnight: Kos -- Maritina Hotel or similar.

DAY 9 | A free day on Kos or optional Nisyros

After breakfast, enjoy your final full day on Kos at your own pace. Relax by the sea, return to the island’s historical sights or choose an optional day trip to Nisyros, known for its volcanic landscape.

The Nisyros excursion and return ferry are not included. Ask BTOURS to confirm current availability, price and arrangements; the outing depends on seasonal sailings, weather and a suitable same-day return.

Overnight: Kos -- Maritina Hotel or similar.

DAY 10 | Depart from Kos

Enjoy breakfast and check out of your hotel. Make your way to Kos Airport for your onward journey, allowing time for the transfer and airport formalities. Airport transport is arranged independently unless it has been added to your confirmed booking.

ACCOMMODATION

Nine nights in 3-star hotels or similar, with breakfast each morning:

Kos -- 4 nights in total: 2 at the start and 2 at the end, at Maritina Hotel or similar.

Kalymnos -- 2 nights at Kalydna Island Hotel or similar.

Leros -- 2 nights at Bianco Hotel or similar.

Patmos -- 1 night at Skala Hotel or similar.

Named hotels are subject to availability. If a property is unavailable, a similar hotel will be proposed and any supplement advised before confirmation.

TRANSPORT

Four inter-island ferry tickets are included: Kos -> Kalymnos, Kalymnos -> Leros, Leros -> Patmos and Patmos -> Kos.

Departure times, ports and crossing details are confirmed for your travel dates. Ferry schedules vary by season and may change because of weather or operational conditions. Airport transfers, hotel-port transfers and transport around each island are not included unless separately added to your booking.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a private, self-guided island-hopping holiday; a tour guide is not included.

Ask BTOURS to confirm all four ferry connections before booking flights or other non-refundable arrangements.

Ferry timetables may change; adverse weather can delay or cancel sailings and require adjustments to the itinerary.

Sightseeing visits, entrance fees, local transport and optional activities are paid separately unless expressly included in your booking.

The optional Nisyros day trip is not included and depends on seasonal sailings, weather and availability.

Any applicable local accommodation or climate-resilience levy is payable directly to the hotel.

INCLUDED

- 4 hotel nights on Kos with breakfast
- 2 hotel nights on Kalymnos with breakfast
- 2 hotel nights on Leros with breakfast
- 1 hotel night on Patmos with breakfast
- Ferry ticket from Kos to Kalymnos
- Ferry ticket from Kalymnos to Leros
- Ferry ticket from Leros to Patmos
- Ferry ticket from Patmos to Kos
- Liability insurance as described by the supplier

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to and from Kos
- Tour guide, airport transfers and hotel-port transfers unless separately added
- Optional Nisyros excursion and its return ferry tickets
- Lunches, dinners and drinks
- Sightseeing admissions, optional activities and transport around the islands
- Personal expenses, travel insurance and locally payable hotel levies

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