

# Topdeck

## GREEK ISLAND CHASER



**TRIP CODE:**  
ESGHAA-9



## TOPDECKER, meet Australasia (TD)

Welcome to your unforgettable sailing adventure in Greece, where bronzing under the eternal Mediterranean sun need only be interrupted by swim stops and cocktail hour. On this island-chasing trip, we'll navigate sparkling seas, tree-covered islands and rocky coastlines, then head ashore to embrace island life. Ready to hit the water? Let's go!

### WORTH NOTING...

This itinerary is subject to change due to weather and mooring conditions

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Sailing



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# Thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

Ready for the time of your LIFE?

The countdown's on...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

**IMPORTANT:** please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

### INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Orientation tour of Aegina
- Orientation tour of Spetses
- Orientation tour of Poros
- Orientation tour of Agistri
- Guided tour of Athens

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | ATHENS, GREECE TO AEGINA

Break out the anchor tattoos and hoist the sails – today we're pointing our compass to the beautiful Aegina. First things first: get a lay of the land on a walking tour of the island and soak in the sights. Your mission today is to check out Perdika's seaside tavernas, channel your inner goddess at the Temple of Aphaea and Instagram some old-school ruins.



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation tour of Aegina

## DAY 2 | AEGINA TO ERMIONI

Today we leave Aegina behind and set course for Ermioni. We'll get some sightseeing checked off the list on an orientation tour of this cute town – and you'll soon find out why this place is ranked as Greece's most historical village. So, grab some gyros, pick a century and set your watch to island time. Included today: -Orientation tour of Ermioni



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch

## DAY 3 | ERMIONI TO SPETSES

Next up: Spetses. Get your explorer shoes on, as today we've got another tour in store. As we make our way around, we'll find out everything there is to know about the island's ties to the Revolution of the Greeks against the Ottoman Turks in 1821. There's also cool New Classical architecture to take a look at, so don't forget your camera.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation tour of Spetses

## DAY 4 | SPETSES TO HYDRA

Today it's off to Hydra – where wheeled vehicles are banned. Cue cobblestone alleyways and romantic vibes. It's not called the gem of the Aegean Sea for nothing.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch

## DAY 5 | HYDRA TO POROS

Poros is about as Greek as it gets, as far as photo ops go. Go old-school at the Temple of Poseidon or go swimming before another epic sunset session. There's also an orientation tour of the island to check off the list.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation tour of Poros

## DAY 6 | POROS TO AGISTRI

A new day can mean only one thing. A new island, of course! Join your fellow Topdeckers on an orientation tour of the Saronic Gulf's most picturesque island. Think: peaceful beaches, hidden bays and some of the bluest water you'll ever see. No filters needed today, that's for sure.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation tour of Agistri

## DAY 7 | AGISTRI TO ATHENS

Have a swim and grab some sun before we set sail to Athens and get cultural on an orientation tour of the city. You'll tick off sights like the Monastiraki Square, the Old Town, Hadrian's Library, the Roman and Athenian Agora, the Acropolis, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and loads more. Aaaaand breathe! If you've still got enough energy left, there's free time for shopping. This is your last night onboard, so make the most of it!



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Guided tour of Athens



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 3 course dinner with traditional Greek entertainment

## DAY 8 | ATHENS

Wave bye-bye to the Greek Islands - we'll be going our separate ways after breakfast.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## MEALS

Evening meals are not included, giving you plenty of free time to discover the local cuisine on offer in each destination. Due to this our guides have a range of recommendations for you and your new Topdeck family to try out in each city.

Keep in mind that some restaurants can be very busy during the peak season and getting space for a large group can be difficult, so menus and prices can vary. There's no pressure for you to dine at the restaurants suggested if you'd prefer to do your own thing, so be sure to ask your guide for other recommendations.

### DRINKS

Bringing food and drinks on board is not permitted. All drinks are sold on the boat at reasonable prices.

To avoid the hassle of having to worry about always needing cash to purchase drinks on board, we run a bar tab for every passenger. Your tabs are tallied up and made available to you each day so that it is never a surprise as to how much you have bought. All bar tabs are to be paid in cash on the second last day of your trip.

Please note: At Topdeck we always consider our customers' health and safety. We ask that you drink responsibly and bear in mind that in some countries, alcohol measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to.



# OTHER INFORMATION

## TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

Links:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/topdeck/id994727866>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FlexiTechSolutions.TopDeck&hl=en>



## YOUR SAFETY

### NIGHTS OUT

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, remember to avoid walking alone – particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking – and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

### DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana – even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip immediately. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

**REMEMBER:** if you are found in possession of drugs, not only do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!

- Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home too – so they're sure to know some tried- and- tested ways to beat the blues
- Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (fact!)

## TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

# RESPECT ON THE ROAD

## RESPECTING FELLOW TRAVELLERS

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow tripmates . The golden rules? Respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation, and treat others how you'd wish to be treated. Easy!

## HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome adventure AND a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your room towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets, and book tours and activities run by local guides
- Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

# INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

Head to our FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

PLEASE NOTE: some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

## TIPPING

Your Topdeck Sailing Rep will not expect a tip, and will not ask you for one.

However, tipping is standard in Croatian culture, and the five-month summer season is the only time of the year that your sailing crew can take to the water and make money. Therefore, if you're happy with the service the crew provides, feel free to contribute a small tip (around €10 tip for each of the local crew members) in order to show your appreciation for their hard work.

## WHAT TO BRING

The golden rule is to travel as light as you can, only bring what you really need and leave plenty of space for things you might want to buy. Your cabin will be far more pleasant without large suitcases taking up precious space!

The following is a suggested clothing list only:

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 1 sweaters/jumpers
- Swimming costume



- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 rainproof jacket
- Underwear and socks
- Towel (you will be provided with a towel for showering, but not for swimming)
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin, sea sickness tablets etc)
- Insect repellent
- Conversion plug

**PLEASE NOTE:** some religious sites (such as cathedrals and mosques) require clothing that covers the knees, chest and shoulders.

## FINANCES

## TRANSPORT

### TOILETS

While on board the boat, we request that you do not flush anything 'inorganic' down the toilet other than paper. It only takes one small unflushable item to block the system and create an unpleasant environment for everyone on board!

Unflushable items include, but are not limited to, the following: paper towels, baby wipes/wet wipes, cotton balls and feminine products. Long story short, if it's not toilet paper, then it shouldn't go down the toilet!

### BOAT SHOWERS

Every boat has hot water available, so you can rest assured that you'll be able to freshen up with a nice hot shower after spending your day swimming in the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic. Hot water supplies on board are limited, so please use it sparingly when washing and showering to ensure there's plenty to go around for everyone.

### POWER

Standard European two-prong plugs are used (CEE7/16).

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be electricity when the engine is running so this is the best time to charge your electronic devices! A generator may be available overnight but this is not guaranteed.



**THAT'S IT!**