



## TOPDECKER, meet Europe (TD)

TRIP VIBE = fun in the sun with refreshing swim stops, jaw-dropping scenery and time to hang with your crew. Ready for an unforgettable sailing adventure in Greece? Duh. Bronze under the Mediterranean sun. Grab floaties for refreshing swim stops. Get a taste of island life. Our legendary crew will navigate the sparkling seas, taking us to incred islands full of cute towns, tranquil waters and awesome atmospheres. PLUS: we've got included breakfasts and lunches prepped by our own on-board chef. AND an expert Topdeck rep who's giving all the deets on the REAL Saronic Greek Islands. Jump aboard!

### WORTH NOTING...

New trip alert! Book one of our first departures and you'll get a sweeet price.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Sail & Swim



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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 walk of Aegina with Trip Leader
- Orientation walk of Poros with Trip Leader
- Orientation walk of Ermioni with Trip Leader
- Orientation walk of Spetses with Trip Leader
- Orientation walk of Hydra with Trip Leader
- Orientation walk of Agistri with Trip Leader

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Athens  
Greece

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Athens  
Greece

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- Greece - EUR

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | ATHENS – AEGINA (GREECE)

Hope you've packed your best swimmers cos we're about to splash our way around the Saronic Greek Islands. Meet your new crew in Athens this arvo and jump aboard your home for the next 7 days. Get to know your shipmates on deck. They're gonna be your Topdeck fam by Day 3. No cap. First up, Aegina calls. Get all the island deets during an orientation walk with our in-the-know Trip Leader. After, a visit to the Temple of Apollo during your free time is a MUST. This place has been standing longer than the Parthenon in Athens. Awesome! Dinner's on you lot this eve. Go all out on a meze board or do as the locals do and hunt down some fish. It's fresh af. For dessert, get some of that famous Aegina pistachio butter. And later: bar hop between seafront tavernas. Yamas!



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Aegina with Trip Leader

## DAY 2 | AEGINA – POROS

Another day for some sailing fun in the summer sun! Poros is on the horizon. Charming port. Buzzing nightlife. Dreamy view... But first, let's grab each other's hands, and Take. The. LEAP into a swim spot some of the locals don't know about. That rush? Ain't nothing like it. Grab your towel, we gotta dry off for our orientation walk. Our Trip Leader's got the deets. Stroll to the clock tower. Soak up the fun vibes in Love Bay. Sunbathe on golden beaches. Then? You've got an optional cooking class to get stuck into. Fingers crossed you get to smash some plates at the end of it. Tonight: gather the gang and stomp to a taverna for some food, laughs and real good times. You might not have the Mamma Mia boots, but you've deffo got the Donna Sheridan spirit.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Poros with Trip Leader



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Greek cooking class: from €85

## DAY 3 | POROS – ERMIONI

Ahoyyy me mateys. We've got another day of glorious Greek adventures. Feelin' delicate from last night's ABBA sesh? A splash in the sea's gonna sort you right out. Greek food that slaps from our included lunch is gonna help too. Then, onwards to Ermioni! It's a little more boujee and we love to see it. Massive mansions. Seaside vibes. Cute villages. Get your bearings of this beaut island during an orientation walk with our Trip Leader. Then, you're free to do whatever you want. Wander the harbour. Dive into the water. Spend hours sharing stories and travel dreams with the gang over fresh fish and fried saganaki. Later: rock back up onto the boat to catch some zeds. We're outta here in the morning.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Ermioni with Trip Leader

## DAY 4 | ERMIONI – SPETSES

Stuff your bellies with brekky, we've got a swim stop to make. Splashing in the sea around Greece NEVER gets old. Trust us. Besides, you gotta put those floaties to good use. Right? Whilst you drip dry, we'll sail to Spetses. The Jewel of the Saronic Gulf. And boy, does this island SPARKLE. An orientation walk with our Trip Leader's gonna tick off the hot spots. Then, the rest is 100% up to you. Hungry for history? Visit Bouboulina Musuem – dedicated to the life of famous Greek heroine Laskarina Bouboulina. Up for partying? The bars here are next level. Wanna relaxxxx? Swing your legs over the side of the old harbour and take it all in.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Spetses with Trip Leader

## DAY 5 | SPETSES – HYDRA

This morning, dive, bomb or belly flop into the sea. Then: stuff your face with drool-worthy Greek goodness at lunch. After: onwards to the time machine. Cos when you step foot on the next Greek island, it's gonna feel like we've rolled back the clock. Cars? Zero. Zilch. None. Real island bliss. With a cosmopolitan vibe. An orientation walk's gonna take us through cobblestone alleyways, along the port and across the main town. Then you're free to do you. Float in the glittering waters with your new faves. Grab dinner in a boujee taverna. Catch sunset at a cliffside bar. This feeling rn? Better than any travel TikToks on your fyp. Facts.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Hydra with Trip Leader

## DAY 6 | HYDRA – AGISTRI

Waking up to chill in the sun-drenched Saronic Gulf is pure PARADISE. We'll stop for our obligatory swim spot (when in Greece). After lunch, we'll hit Agistri with all we've got. This place is B-E-A-U-T-I-F-U-L. Obvs we've said that about every stop so far, but it's Next. Level. Flawless beaches. Crystal waters. Lush greenery that rivals Te Fiti after Moana returns her heart. Get your bearings with an orientation of the island. Then, it's your day, your way. Jump straight back into the water with your shipmates. See who lives under the sea with some snorkelling (the boat's got everything you need to spot Nemo's European mates). Eat your way around the island. Or get your caffeine fix at the traditional coffee houses. Tonight, gather the gang for dinner and relax into the small hours with a cocktail (or two) in hand.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Orientation walk of Agistri with Trip Leader

## DAY 7 | AGISTRI – ATHENS

It's our last full day! Don't cry though, we've got the entire day to spend with the fam and give this adventure the send off it deserves. Our location: Athens. The birthplace of democracy. A museum of the ancient world. And a thriving city that Hits. Different. Go explore. Mingle with the locals. Scoff the awesome local eats. Need your fill of Greek mythology? An optional walking tour will tell all. Hit the Roman Agora, Temple of Zeus, Syntagma Square and mighty Acropolis Hill. Your tour guide could be a descendent of Athena herself with the amount of deets they're gonna share. Tonight: get the fam together for dinner. Allll the foodie places in this city are FULL of delish local eats you're gonna crave on that flight home.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Walking tour of Athens: from €70

## DAY 8 | ATHENS

Okay, nobody panic. It's the very last day. Not ready for it to be over? We've got our Delve Deep: Greek Islands trip departing today. Let's go get it!



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

# OTHER INFORMATION

## TOPDECK APP

Locked in your next adventure? It's time to download the Topdeck Travel app and get REAL excited! It's like that organised mate who keeps everything in check, leaving you to enjoy alllll the vibes completely hassle-free. Think: a fun trip countdown clock and full access to Your Topdeck Experience (including Local Lowdown Maps featuring awesome local recs for specific cities). Plus, your day-by-day itinerary at your fingertips. Nice!

Download the Topdeck app via the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



## 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

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader and Driver don't expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. Meaning? More dollar to spend on optional activities (and a souvenir for your nan).

# WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!).

Off to Japan? Your luggage must be no bigger than 160cm in total (height x width x length). So maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

Psst: this is a packing list for Topdeck trips in general. Obv you'd look silly splashing around the Greek islands in a snowsuit.

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 2 sweaters/jumpers
- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 warm jacket + 1 rainproof jacket
- Underwear and socks + swimwear
- Towel



- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- Adaptor plug
- Reusable water bottle
- Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**