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Itineraries in the Dodecanese

Kos to Kos - 7 days & 222 nm

Day 1 Sat 11 nm **Kos**, leaving kos marina for Pserimos anchorage (or Kalymos/Vathi port on Kalymnos).

Day 2 Sun 21 nm Leros, Leros Lakki or Ay marina.

Day 3 Mon 43 nm Cross towards **Astypalea**, long day sailing.

Day 4 Tue 38 nm Palon or Mandraki port on Nisyros (visit the

fumaroles) - another real crossing.

Day 5 Wed 18 nm **Tilos**, off the beaten track.

Day 6 Thu 35 nm **Symi**, visit Symi port as well as the anchorages

south of Pethi.

Day 7 Fri 56 nm **Kos**, explore town and castle.

A similar idea is to sail Kos - Leros - Astypalaia - Tilos - Symi - Nisyros - Kos (11, 21, 43, 53, 35, 38, 23 = 224 nm).







Kos to Kos - 7 days & 157 nm

23 nm

Day 1 Sat 15 nm Leaving Kos marina for Kalymnos/Vathi port on **Kalymnos** island (or Pserimos anchorage). Sun 16 nm **Leros** - Ayia Marina Day 2 Mon 19 nm Agathonisi - also known as Gaidaros (Donkey), Day 3 since seemingly shaped like one. Visit Agios Georgios port. Arki - Marathos (Marathi) islet and Augusta port Day 4 Tue 23 nm (13 nm) - and Patmos island - Skala port (a further 10 nm). Day 5 Wed 26 nm Telendos or Emborios on Kalymnos island - good stopover at Lakki Marina Past the west cape of **Kos** island to Palon or Day 6 Thu 35 nm Mandraki port on Nisyros, visit those mephitic fumaroles.

Kos, explore town and castle

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Day 7 Fri



Itineraries out of Kos or adjacent Bodrum, Turkey (here for clarity drawn only out of Kos)

Approximate distances in nautical miles.

The navy blue line is the Northern route, 2 weeks, usually sailed counter-clockwise.

2 typical short-cuts (navy blue dashed lines towards Amorgos)

- Leros (or Kalymnos) Levitha islet Amorgos
- Patmos Amorgos

The yellow 2 weeks route is a drastic short-cut: only up to Patmos and

instead of crossing to Amorgos or Astypalaia, south via Leros - Lakki, Nisyros, (Symi), Knidos and back to Kos/Bodrum.

Another navy blue dashed line indicates the extra loop to Didyma marina which allows you to visit the archaeological sites of Didyma, Priene and Miletus

The red line is the Southern route, 2 weeks, also possible to start at Rhodes or Marmaris, Turkey.

Kasos and Karpathos are worth the extra mileage but often substituted for either Amorgos or the Gökova Gulf.

The northern route is preferred 2 weeks itinerary and if too long best to skip Ikaria and Fournoi but include Amorgos and Astypalea.

Note that the open stretch of water between the Dodecanese and Amorgos/Astypalaia can get very windy. Also because of the long fetch the waves can be much higher here. See **stepping stones between Cyclades and Dodecanese**.

Second best is the southern route 2 week route or the yellow route.

Third is the Turquoise coastal route: both the Hirsarönü and Gökova Gulfs with Symi, Nisyros.

The night before returning to the Kos or Bodrum homeport:

- From the south: either Knidos or the Mersincik anchorage
- From the north: either Kalymnos port or Pserimos

The farther east – and between the Turkish promontories – the better the shelter (lowest winds/waves). Also much shorter distances between ports/anchorages within the Turkish Gulfs. Also means that there are lots of picturesque ports/ along the Turkish coasts not indicated on this map.

To include Amorgos and/or Astypalaia makes for an advanced itinerary!

1 week Kos or Bodrum:

- Hirsarönü Gulf plus Simi, Tilos, Nisyros shown by red lines and dashed lines)
- The Gökova Gulf plus Nisyros or Kalymnos

Rhodes to Rhodes - 14 days & 339 nm

Day 1 Sat 23 nm Leaving Rhodes for **Symi** - the three southernmost anchorages along the east coast and Simi port

Day 2 Sun 38 nm **Nisyros** - Palon (more shelter) & Mandraki ports, a visit to the caldera and try to anchor at the many

volcanic beaches. Day 3 Mon 31 nm **Kalymnos** - The main port of Pothia, with its Italianate style of architecture. Anchor at Telendos or much more secluded in Emborios. Lipsi (Leipsoi) - Churches of Panagia/Virgin Mary Day 4 Tue 34 nm and the nearest blue cupola **Ioannis** Theologos/John Evangelist. Anchorages at the northwest and south - lots of reefs! 11 nm Patmos - Rent bikes/scooters from Skala. Day 5 Wed **Arki** - Port Augusta and Marathos islet (Marathi) Day 6 Thu 10 nm Day 7 Fri 31 nm Samos - Marathakambos (27 nm) or Pythagorion (31 nm) ports, Pythagorio fortress and the **tunnel** of Eupalinos. Agathonisi (Gaidaros) - Ay. Georgiou port and the Day 8 17 nm Sat narrow anchorage 1.3 nm to the east. Day 9 Sun 19 nm Leros - Alindas bay and the Venetian castle, or the more peaceful and lush Pandeli bay further south. Pserimos - The small hamlet of Pserimos is Day 10 Mon 23 nm delightful after the tripperboats have returned elsewhere in the end of the afternoon. Day 11 Tue Kos - Kardamena has one of the best beaches in 11 nm Greece, yet only visit well after the season due to the overwhelming amount of tourists. Normally just visit Kos port and discover the wonderful town. Day 12 Wed 34 nm Tilos - Lidavia port Day 13 Thu 20 nm Chalki (Halki)- The main port Emborio, and the castle on the adjacent island of Alimia (Alimnia). Day 14 Fri Rhodes 37 nm

Kos to Kos - 14 days - Advanced & 362 nm

Day 1 Sat 15 nm Kalymnos Day 2 Sun 17 nm Leros Day 3 Mon 21 nm **Patmos** Day 4 Tue 22 nm Levitha Day 5 Wed 35 nm **Amorgos** Day 6 Thu -- nm **Amorgos** Day 7 Fri 49 nm **Astypalaia** Day 8 Sat 20 nm Ay Ioannis Day 9 Sun 56 nm Kasos Day 10 Mon Karpathos 24 nm Day 11 Tue 23 nm Chalki Day 12 Wed 19 nm Symi Day 13 Thu 38 nm **Nisyros** Day 14 Fri 23 nm Kos

Samos to Rhodes - 14 days & 257 nm

Day 1	Sat	15 nm	Samos Maratakambos
Day 2	Sun	22 nm	Ikaria
Day 3	Mon	34 nm	Agathonisi
Day 4	Tue	13 nm	Arki
Day 5	Wed	10 nm	Patmos

Day 6 Thu 21 nm Leros Day 7 Fri -- nm Leros Day 8 Sat 20 nm **Kalymnos** Day 9 Sun 18 nm Kos Day 10 Mon 23 nm **Nisyros** Day 11 Tue 18 nm **Tilos** Day 12 Wed 20 nm Chalki Day 13 Thu 19 nm Svmi Day 14 Fri Rhodes 24 nm

Further reading:

Sailing between the Dodecanese and Turkey. Greek chart terms and toponyms for **sailing in Greece**. The Wind roses for bareboat vacations in Greece. Luxury crewed vacht charters and gulet motorsailers.

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