

WINTER SUN WALKING COASTS & ISLANDS

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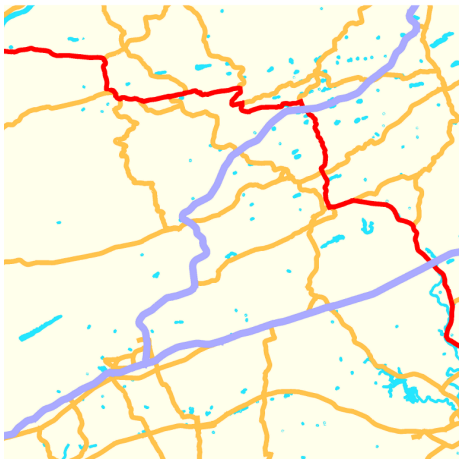
Aegina Short Break - Greece

Aegina Holidays: 4 Days Walking on a Greek Island Near Athens

4 days, PRICE FROM *€ 342*



Discover Aegina holidays with a 4-day self-guided walking short break just an hour by ferry from Athens.

Follow quiet island trails between fishing villages, olive groves, monasteries, ancient sites and sea views across the Saronic Gulf.

This charming island in combines crystal-clear sea views, ancient history and a relaxed pace of life that makes it perfect for a short walking escape. Explore quiet footpaths linking fishing villages, olive groves, monasteries and archaeological sites, while enjoying panoramic views across the surrounding islands and the mountains of the Peloponnese.

Easy to combine with a stay in Athens, Aegina offers an authentic taste of Greece beyond the usual island-hopping routes.

Route

Day 1 Arrival in Aegina

Upon arrival in Athens, make your way to the port of Piraeus and take the ferry to Aegina. Once on the island, your luggage will be collected at the port and transferred directly to your accommodation, allowing you to start your holiday unburdened. From the harbour, it is a short walk to your hotel in Aegina Town, where you can settle in and begin exploring the island at your own pace.

Desde el puerto, solo tendrás que dar un agradable paseo hasta tu hotel, donde podrás instalarte y empezar a descubrir el encanto de la isla a tu propio ritmo. Pasea por el animado paseo marítimo, disfruta del ambiente de las tabernas tradicionales y déjate conquistar por la auténtica hospitalidad griega desde el primer momento.

Day 2 From Perdika to Marathonas beach, 9,5 km

Today's walk begins in the picturesque fishing village of Perdika, which can be reached by local bus or taxi. From here, the route climbs inland along old paths lined with chapels, traditional threshing floors and the remains of historic windmills.

Passing through the village of Sfendouri, you continue ascending across a striking limestone landscape that almost resembles a lunar scenery. Along the way, magnificent views open up over the islands of Agistri, Moni and Methana, with the mountains of the Peloponnese visible in the distance. If you wish, you can make a detour to the summit of Mount Ellanio (also known as Profitis Elias), at 532 metres the highest point on Aegina.

The small church at the top makes a perfect spot for a picnic while enjoying the panoramic views. The route then descends through open countryside towards the Eleonas, a plain dotted with ancient olive trees, some of which are more than 500 years old. The walk ends at the beach of Marathonas. Depending on the season, a local bus may be available for the return journey; otherwise, a short taxi ride will take you back to town.

Distance: 9,5 km

Altitude +475 / -495 m

Day 3 From Agios Nektarios to Agia Marina, 9 km

Today's walk is one of the highlights of the trip, taking you across the heart of Aegina from the Monastery of Agios Nektarios to the seaside village of Agia Marina.

Reach the starting point by local bus or taxi and take some time to visit the impressive monastery, dedicated to Saint Nektarios, one of Greece's most beloved modern saints. Thousands of pilgrims visit each year, drawn by his reputation as a miracle worker. A short walk leads to the hilltop settlement of Paleochora, once the island's medieval capital. Today, its narrow paths are dotted with the remains of 38 Byzantine churches, some beautifully preserved and others slowly reclaimed by time.

From here, the route follows a scenic ridge past the ruins of old windmills before reaching a beautiful viewpoint. The trail then descends through abandoned olive groves towards Mesargos and continues along quiet rural roads and dirt tracks through the island's countryside. Soon, one of Aegina's most remarkable landmarks comes into view: the Temple of Aphaia.

Perched high above the sea, this exceptionally well-preserved ancient sanctuary is considered one of the finest examples of Classical Greek architecture. After visiting the temple, a gentle descent along a wide track leads to the coastal village of Agia Marina. From here, you can return to Aegina Town by local bus or taxi.

Distance: 9 km

Altitude: +215 / -370 m

Day 4 Arrivederci, Aegina!

After breakfast, take the ferry back to Piraeus. The crossing offers one last opportunity to enjoy the views of the Saronic Gulf before returning to the mainland. Your arrangements end upon arrival in Piraeus.

El viaje concluye a tu llegada al Pireo, desde donde podrás continuar tu estancia en Atenas o emprender el regreso a casa con el recuerdo de unos días inolvidables entre senderos, historia y mar.

Practical info



Closest airport: Athens

To reach Aegina, take a ferry from the port of Piraeus. The journey takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes by ferry or 45 minutes by hydrofoil. Hydrofoil tickets can be booked at an additional cost.

We generally recommend travelling by ferry, as the crossing is part of the experience itself. Ferries offer outdoor decks where you can enjoy the sea views, as well as cafés serving drinks and snacks on board. Hydrofoils are faster but offer indoor seating only, and passengers must remain seated throughout the journey. They can also be less comfortable in windy conditions.

For your return journey, you may choose any ferry or hydrofoil service from Aegina back to Piraeus.

From Piraeus, you can reach Athens International Airport directly using the X96 Airport Express Bus, or travel to the centre of Athens via Metro Line 1.

Further information is available at: www.oasa.gr

Included

What is included

- 3 nights accommodation on B&B basis in Aegina
- Transfer Athens airport to port of Piraeus and from Aegina port to Aegina hotel on day 1; Transfer Aegina hotel to Aegina port on day 4
- Ferry ticket Piraeus-Aegina and Aegina-Piraeus
- 24-hour telephone assistance, just a phone call away
- Access to Travel app .

What is not included

- Flights, public transportation, ferry tickets
- Travel insurance
- Admissions and entrance fees of any kind.
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses such as meals, drinks, phone calls, extra transfers etc.
- Accommodation tax will be charged per room per night. This is payable on the spot upon arrival by the traveller (EUR 2 for 1-2* Hotels, EUR 5 for 3* Hotels, EUR 7 for 4* Hotels, EUR 15 for 5* Hotels)
- Everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

Optional Services
These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Transfer from Piraeus to Athens
- Transfer from Piraeus to Athens airport
- Additional night/s at any of the accommodations along the way or any other destination in Greece