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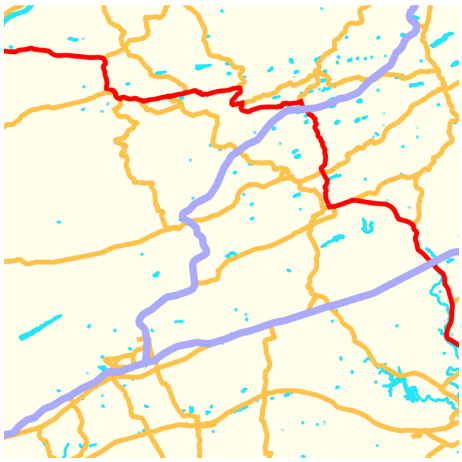


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# Cycladic Islands: Andros & Tinos - Greece

**8 days, PRICE FROM *€ 754***



Discover the Cycladic islands: a journey through the lesser-known islands of **Andros** and **Tinos**, where ancient trails, timeless villages, and the Aegean's deep blue create the perfect **hiking Cyclades** escape.

**Andros**, just two hours by ferry from Athens' port of Rafina, is one of the greenest and most fertile islands of the Cyclades. Its **stone-paved paths**, once used by donkeys, lead through **lush valleys, gardens, and sandy beaches**. Don't miss **Chora**, the island's elegant main town, with its neoclassical mansions and lively piazzas — a highlight for anyone exploring the **Cyclades hiking trails**.

**Tinos** offers a completely different atmosphere — sacred and serene. Known as the **"Lourdes of Greece"**, it welcomes thousands of pilgrims on August 15th to the holy church of **Panagia of Tinos**. Beyond its spiritual fame, the island hides **remote bays, quiet villages, and ancient dovecotes** scattered across the hills.

Stay in **Tinos Chora**, explore its **inner landscapes and coastal trails**, and end your trip with a dinner by the sea in one of its inviting fish taverns.

For a longer adventure, you can easily **combine this trip with a stay in Athens** or continue your journey by boat to **Naxos and Santorini**.

## Route

### Day 1 Arrival in Athens. Travel to Andros

After your arrival at **Athens** Airport, a private taxi will take you to the port of Rafina, where you'll board your **afternoon ferry to Andros**.
The crossing takes about two hours. Upon arrival at the port of Gavrio, you'll continue by local bus (approx. one hour) **to Chora, the island's charming capital**. .

If your flight arrives after 2:30 p.m., we recommend booking an extra night in Rafina or Athens before the trip begins. In that case, you can take the morning ferry to Andros the following day.

### Day 2 Chora-Apikia Loop Walk, 9 km

In the morning, take your time to **explore Andros Chora**, with its elegant shipowners' mansions and small museums. For centuries, Andros has been **home to great seafarers who left their mark on the island's art and architecture.**

In the afternoon, a short taxi ride takes you to **Apikia**, a **peaceful village tucked in a wide, green valley.** From here, follow old walled mule tracks as they wind down through olive groves and **past the mystical ruins of Bitsis Tower.**

Continue to the **beach of Gialia**, where you can stop for a **refreshing swim, before a final gentle ascent and descent leading back to your guesthouse on Nimborio Beach**.

*Distance:* 9 km (or 5 km)

*Elevation Gain:* +410/-380 m (or +90/-340 m)

**Day 3 Chora-Panachrantou Loop Walk, 18,5 km**

From Andros Chora, begin your ascent along a **beautiful stone-paved path** (**kalderimi**) **lined with tall cypresses and olive groves**. The dry-stone walls flanking the trail are built from slate in an almost artistic, traditional style, revealing the island's craftsmanship.

The route passes through the **charming villages of Lamira and Mesaria**, each with imposing churches and freshwater springs, before descending to an ancient Venetian bridge arching over the dry riverbed. Higher up, the Monastery of Panachrantos comes into view — dramatically clinging to the side of Mount Gerakonas.

A **steady climb brings you to the monastery itself**, where the panoramic views and the warm welcome of the monks make the effort worthwhile. After your visit, **descend through the green valley of the Livadia River, returning peacefully to Andros Chora**.

*Distance*: 18,5 km

*Elevation Gain:* +650/-650 m

**Day 4 Walk from Ormos Korthiou to Chora, 14 km**

Most of today's walk follows **kalderimia**, the beautifully preserved stone-paved mule tracks of Andros, mixed with scenic dirt roads. Along the way, **you'll enjoy wide views over the sea, Ormos Korthiou, and Andros Chora**.

Starting from Ormos Korthiou, the trail climbs gently along an ancient path bordered by orchards and the peaceful village of Kochilos. **Soon, the ruins of Paleokastro fortress appear on the horizon — an optional but rewarding detour offers breathtaking 360° views over southern Andros**.

From there, descend through the dramatic Dipotama Gorge toward Sineti, where a small café and folklore museum invite you to pause. Leaving the village, **one final climb leads to a long descent ending at Paraporti Beach**, on the eastern side of Andros Chora. Cross the town to reach the **calm waters of Nimborio Beach**, where your day ends by the sea.

*Distance:* 14 km

*Elevation Gain:* +530/-530 m

**Day 5 Walk from Tripotamos via Mountados to Chora, 6,7 km**

In the morning, take the **public bus to Gavrio** and **board the ferry to Tinos**. After check-in, you can reach **Tripotamos** by bus or taxi and start walking toward the picturesque village of Mountados.

**Surrounded by 28 small and large churches, Mountados is dominated by the Cathedral of Agios Ioannis**, built in 1849. From here, continue along the dam of Vaketa back to Chora. Take your time to wander Mountados' narrow cobbled lanes, its tiered alleys and quiet charm — a perfect place to slow down and soak in the island's atmosphere.

*Distance:* 6,7 km

*Elevation Gain:* +25/-335 m

**Day 6 Falatados Loop Walk, 15 km**

Today's walk takes you on a **wonderful loop** around **Mount Exombourgo**, through some of the most beautiful villages of Tinos. **The trail winds across valleys and terraced fields**, along narrow village alleys, and past countless churches and a monastery.

In the broad valley between Loutra and Kambos, you'll find some of the finest dovecotes on the island — **elegant stone towers that are among the most distinctive symbols of Tinos' rural charm.**

*Distance:* 15 km

*Elevation Gain:* +570/-570 m

**Day 7 Walk from Falatados to Chora, 8 km**

**This final walk on Tinos rewards you with beautiful views over Tinos Town and the southern coastline**. After a short transfer to Falatados, walk through **cultivated fields toward Mount Exombourgo**, where you can visit the remains of the Venetian fortress perched on its summit.

From here, **descend south along ancient mule tracks**, passing the ruins of **old windmills** before following a long kalderimi back to Tinos Town. The walk takes around three hours, **leaving you plenty of time to explore** the lively town center, dominated by the grand Church of Panagia, or simply relax on one of the nearby sandy beaches.

*Distance:* 8 km

*Elevation Gain:* +100/-470 m

**Day 8 Arrivederci Andros&Tinos!**

For your last day, you **can choose between two options** — please indicate your preference when booking:

- Return to Athens via the port of Piraeus, with the possibility to add one or more extra nights in the city.
- Continue your journey to Naxos, where you can join our Naxos–Santorini walking trip for the perfect island extension.

## Practical info

**How to Get There**
The nearest airport is **Athens International Airport**, well connected with direct flights from many European cities.

Your package includes a **transfer from Athens Airport to the port of Rafina** (about 30 minutes) and the **ferry ticket to Andros** (around 2 hours).

In low season, the last ferry departs around **17:30**, while in summer departures are often later. If your flight arrives after **14:30**, we recommend adding one extra night in Rafina or Athens before starting your trip.

**How to Depart**
At the end of your journey on **Tinos**, your package includes one of the following options:

- A **ferry ticket to Piraeus** (Athens' port), arriving around **20:00** after a 5-hour crossing.
- A **ferry ticket to Naxos**, if you've booked the **Naxos–Santorini extension**.

Between Tinos and Naxos, a **morning catamaran** usually operates; occasionally, it may be necessary to travel via **Paros** or **Syros** with a short stopover.

For your convenience, we can also arrange **private transfers** from Piraeus to Athens and **additional nights** in Athens before or after your trip.

## Included

### What is included

- 7 Nights in double room on B&B basis, 4 in Chora (Andros), 3 in Chora (Tinos)
- Ferry ticket Rafina-Andros, Andros-Tinos and Tinos-Piraeus OR Tinos-Naxos OR Tinos-Rafina
- Book 'Hiking on Andros'
- Luggage Transfer from hotel to hotel
- All transfers as described in the day by day program
- Maps and detailed description of the itinerary
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

### What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- Lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- Visits and entrance fees - tips
- Personal expense
- Possible sojourn taxes
- 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:

- Single room supplement
- Cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.