




SUMMER SPRING & AUTUMN

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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.