

SYMI CRUISE
Touristic port
Catamaran "KING SARON"
Excursion duration 09:00 – 16:45

You will have a cruise to another Greek island of Dodecanese – Symi! During this fabulous boat trip on Aegean you will enjoy the beauty of the western coast of Rhodes and see its neighbor – Turkey coastal line. The first stop will be in Panormitis bay, where the Monastery with the Wonderworking Icon of Archangel Michael situates. After visiting the Monastery, we will depart by the same boat to the capital of the island. On the way you will see the most beautiful lagoon of the island – St. Georges Bay. By visiting the capital of Symi island you will fully feel the history of the island and its inhabitants.

CAPITAL SYMI

Together with our guide you will have a walk in the port part of Yalos, getting to know with its history and specificities of the architecture of this port town. Also, you will have a chance to get acquainted with the interesting citizenships of the island – which are very good at what they do. Originally, Symi inhabitants lived with what the sea gave to them. But after the Phoenician coming, shipbuilding becomes the main kind of occupation which gave a good income from the sales of the ships. It was considered that the ships manufactured in Symi were the most high-speed and safe ones. With acceptance of Christianity, one of the best artistic schools of icon painting was opened here. Besides of that, citizens of Symi are famous by their ability to deep dive holding their breath for a long period of time for sponge mining.

The island endured not only rise but fall. Today it lives in its habitual rhythm; the locals are occupied in mining of sponges which were admitted by world scientists as the best ones by their biological contains. In free time you can try the local delicacy – Symi shrimps in one of the restaurants of Yalos and have time to have a swim.

PANORMITIS MONASTERY

This monastery has a special place in life of the Greeks. Being the orthodox, they carefully keep their heritage but at the same time do not hide it from the people but opposite, give an opportunity for everyone to find Spiritual Joy, by touching the Wonderworking Icon of Archangel Michael which placed in Byzantine church built in 18 century. Our professional guide will tell you the story of creation of the Icon and the monastery existence already in early Christian period. On the monastery territory there are two museums: ethnographic and church. Numerous gifts brought from all over the world, letters addressed to Archangel Michael, monastery possessions – all these fully reveal special significance of the Saint. After 1 hour in the Monastery you come back to your boat and for the return to Rodos.

Symi Cruise (group excursion) – description	
Mythology / History	
Religion	
Culture/Traditions	
Gastronomy	
Nature/ scenery	
Active trip	
Souvenirs	
KING SARON	Excursion Program
08:30	Arrival to the port and embarkation
09:00	Boat departure
10:05 – 14:00	Symi. City walking tour. Lunch (optional)
14:00	Boat departure from Symi
14:40 – 15:40	Panormitis. Monastery of Archangel Michael
15:40	Boat departure from Panormitis
16:45	Arrival to Rhodes Touristic Port
What to take with you!	
Comfortable shoes, head covering, change of clothes, sun protection cream, photo camera, money for souvenirs (sponges, leather goods), drinks on the boat and during lunch.	
Additional service included	
Whispers, boat tickets	