



Make • Walk • Explore GREECE

A CREATIVE VOYAGE THROUGH THE GREEK ISLES

May 27 - June 3, 2022

We love walking each spring with our Rowan Tree Travel community. But we also know that as makers, we must have time to make. *We could squeeze in a little creative time in between hikes, right? Voila!* A trip that combines creativity AND walking. *And oh, let's have it in a really beautiful, romantic place.* Could there be a better destination than Greece? Join us for MAKE - WALK - EXPLORE in 2022. We'll travel through the Greek Isles on board the 100 foot motorsailer Aegeotissa, handcrafting while on the water and walking, swimming and exploring ashore. Susan Rock, our guest fiber artist, will be along to facilitate daily workshop sessions. Bring your sunscreen and walking poles ... and your favorite (hopefully tiny) drawing, embellishment and painting supplies. This trip will be, in the truest sense, what you make of it.

Tour Price

\$3350 not including airfare | \$850 single supplement

An **Optional Extension** for 2 nights in Athens (June 3-5) is available for an additional \$400/500.

Included in Tour Price

- Accommodations on the Aegeotissa (100 ft. yacht)
- An average of two meals per day. (Breakfast is provided each morning; prepare to purchase either dinner or lunch based on the day's scheduled activities.)
- All workshops
- Airport transfers, ferries and private mini-coach

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare • Soda and alcoholic drinks • Personal items • Gratuities • Souvenirs!

To Register

A Registration Form and \$670 deposit (20% of total price) are required to join the trip. Once you submit your online registration (which arrives in our system with a time stamp) we will tentatively hold a spot for you. Next, we will email an invoice to you for the deposit, payable online with a credit or debit card, which you will need to pay within 24hrs. Once payment is received your spot is secure.

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Make Walk Explore Greece *Snippet* Itinerary

Our home on the Sea during our magical Greek adventure will be the Aegeotissa: The lady of the Aegean Sea. A 100 foot yacht, the Aegeotissa cuts effortlessly through the glimmering surface of the cobalt Aegean waters. Our motorsailer abode offers the splendor of three sun decks, a bar and ten double cabins*. Chauffeured by our Lady of the Aegean Sea, we will visit the coasts, towns and villages of the Greek Isles. Below are some of the destinations of note that we will be exploring. When we are not swimming or walking in our picturesque surroundings, we will be crafting together with our guest artist, Susan Rock, an eclectic fiber artist with myriad multimedia talents and a fabulous personality to match.

Kea | Often skipped over on the way to the more popular islands, Kea maintains an authentic atmosphere, coupled with wonderful walking trails and interesting ruins. In the first of two visits to the island, we will head up into the hills and walk to The Lion of Kea, a huge statue carved out of granite in the 6th century BC. The walk has lovely views over the countryside and a taverna or two to quench your thirst in the picturesque town of Ioulida.

Milos | Most known for the bizarre limestone rock formations that line the Sarakiniko Coast, Milos has a lot to offer, including being the original home of the Venus de Milo. The Sarakiniko Coast was formed from lava, which as it met the sea cooled into white limestone, creating a multifaceted coastline with lots of places to swim and hike along it. This will be our first stop on the island where we can swim and explore before lunch. In the afternoon, we will have a guided walk through the mysterious Catacombs on the other side of Milos and up to the town of Plaka where we can find something to eat and watch the sun go down before being transported back to the boat.

* Cabins are compact and streamlined (like efficiencies), but we will spend most of our time out of our cabins as we will have the *entire boat to ourselves*.

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Santorini | Ah, Santorini – famed for its whitewashed cycladic architecture perched on the edge of an ancient caldera, it is definitely worth all of the fuss. When we arrive in Santorini, we will take a cable car to the top of the cliff, and walk along through the villages that line it from the main town of Fira to the north point of the caldera where the town of Oia, the sunset capital of the world, is perched. If you are feeling up for a longer walk, we can also visit a winery along the way. The next morning, you will have the option of having a relaxing morning in Fira, shopping and admiring the view, or an excursion to Akrotiri, the ruins of one of the towns that were buried thousands of years ago when the volcano exploded creating the caldera we see today.

Naxos | One of the more verdant islands in the Cyclades, Naxos has a thriving agricultural economy, which produces olive oil, citron, cheese, and... wool! Not the sort of wool we would want to knit with, mind, but suitable for weaving blankets. The mountain weaving villages predominantly produce cotton and silk fabrics for table runners and other homegoods, and many homes in these villages have a loom. We will also have a cooking class celebrating the local produce.

Tinos | An island of religious pilgrimage, Tinos has spectacular churches. One in particular is known for its healing spring, and you will see members of the crew heading up to the church to fill vials of its water to bring home to their families. Tinos is also famous for its dovecots – small towers with elaborate patterns of holes to house doves. As Tinos is a very arid island, the doves were historically a major source of food and fertilizer. Now, the dovecots primarily provide visual interest for walkers like us!

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Optional Extension: 2 nights in Athens June 3-5, 2022

2 nights in Athens including city center hotel, guided walking tour, transportation, museum admission (\$400)

Athens | Arriving back in Athens, we'll disembark from the Aegeotissa and head over to our hotel in the center of Old Town (the Plaka). On the way, we will stop at Treliz yarn studio for a demonstration of her dyeing techniques.

Shops, cafes, markets, and tavernas surround us. We'll take a food walking tour of the Plaka District to get orientated once we drop off our luggage, and then have the afternoon on your own to enjoy our lovely neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis. The next morning, you may choose to venture further afield - Visit the Acropolis before it gets warm, seek the cool of the Museum of Cycladic Art, or just visit our rooftop oasis to sketch, write, knit with a view of the Acropolis! In the afternoon, we will meet up to visit The National Botanic Gardens and the Benaki Museum before our day ends with a final dinner together atop Lycabettus Hill with Athens at our feet.

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Important Details to *keep in mind*

This trip needs at least **12** participants in order to proceed. Deposits will be refunded in the event that the tour does not operate due to lack of participants.

Travel Insurance

Rowan Tree Travel has purchased a Group Protection Plan on behalf of tour participants, providing medical insurance and limited "Trip Interruption" coverage once you have departed and are on the trip. Additional trip insurance to cover "Trip Cancellation" is available from our provider at a group rate. We will provide you with a website link at which you can review your additional trip insurance options. Note: The Group Protection Plan only applies to US citizens traveling from the US. If this stipulation does not apply to you, we can assist you in finding alternative options. Please enquire for details.

Arranging Your Flights

Once our tour is guaranteed with the minimum number of travelers we will notify all registrants so you can begin making travel arrangements. You may purchase your flight reservations on your own or work with our booking agent, Vivienne at Crystal Travel. She can assist in identifying the best itinerary for your needs, coordinating with other participants, and with ticket purchase, seat selection and upgrades. Contact her at (617) 327-2700 or vivienne@crystal-travel.com.

Our tours include transportation to and from the airport for group arrivals/departures. In order to meet us for those airport transfers, we will give everyone an arrival and departure window to facilitate all of our travelers arriving and departing in close proximity. Flight itineraries outside the provided arrival and departure windows will likely result in extra transportation costs and possibly missing scheduled tour activities, for this reason we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking reservations that accommodate our arrival and departure specifications. These time windows will be provide to travelers once the trip is guaranteed.

Please note the following:

Rowan Tree Travel reserves the right to alter any part of this itinerary in order to address weather conditions, unforeseen circumstance or to improve the participant experience.

Our trips are categorized as active, moderately active, or relaxed. We would describe this trip as **active**. Participants should be capable of walking distances as great as 6 mile.

Have questions? Please contact us at [**info@rowantreetravel.com**](mailto:info@rowantreetravel.com)

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