



# Greece: A Knitting Odyssey

*with Sisu Designs*

May 25 - June 4, 2023

Join us for a floating knitting retreat in the Ionian Islands of Greece! We will enjoy the adventure of life aboard The Aegeotissa II - a 12 cabin boat which looks like a pirate ship! With 7 days to enjoy 5 spectacular locations in the Ionian Sea, you will have plenty of time to swim, nap, knit, nap, eat and explore! Fabulous food is served for both breakfast and lunch on board the boat as well as in the many tavernas you will have to choose from in port. Our normal days will be spent motoring to a new location in the mornings after breakfast, a swim stop at an enticing and remote beach while lunch is prepared, and then a short journey to port where you can disembark and explore. We will have a visit with ladies from a textile association on Kefalonia who are preserving the textile traditions of the island, and a farm visit to learn how to cook the traditional meat or vegetable pie of the area and perhaps to learn how to dance? Of course we will have an easy knit-along shawl project designed by local designer, Maria Zilaku with Treliz! Yarn and a chance to pick out your own skein from her bold and colorful collection while we are in Athens.

## **Tour Price**

Single Accommodation: \$4700 (USD) per person, one person per room | \*Flex Accommodation: \$4560 (USD) per person | Shared Accommodation: \$3450 per person, two people per room

*\* Flex Accommodations will include a Single Accommodation cabin on the boat, and a Shared Accommodation in Athens for 3 nights.*

## **Included in Tour Price**

Accommodations in Greece | 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 entrance fees and workshops | Transportation during the tour in a private mini-coach

## **Not Included in Tour Price**

Airfare | Soda and alcoholic drinks | Personal items | Gratuities | Yarn!

## **To Register**

A Registration Form and a non-refundable \$500 deposit 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/debit card or bank transfer. You will need to make that payment within 24 hours. Once payment is received, your spot on the tour is secure.

Click [HERE](#) to fill out your registration form.



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### *Snippet Itinerary:*

#### **Thursday, May 25 | ATHENS**

**Welcome to Greece!** Welcome to Athens! We will have a low key day today. Just checking into our hotel in the Plaka District of Athens, attending a trunk show meet & greet with Lise Condis of Treliz! and Maria Zilaku so that we can ooh and ahhh over beautiful yarns and designs. We will select our own skeins for our knitalong shawl which Maria is designing just for us! Then, wander through the busy Plaka in search of good eats, or eat at the rooftop bar atop our hotel with views of the Acropolis before retiring to bed!

#### **Friday, May 26 | ATHENS TO LEFKADA**

It's a long journey we have today - traveling from one side of Greece to the other! But there is no airport near our embarkation point, so drive we must. We will take some comfort stops during our 4 1/2 hour drive, but will arrive on the island of Lefkada ready to embark on our adventure! Cabins will be assigned, a brief orientation of life on the boat, and then - Anchors Away! Beautiful beaches await!

#### **Saturday, May 27 - Sunday, May 28 | KEFALONIA**

One of our first island stops will be the island of Kefalonia. This is a large and mountainous island, and one that has preserved its textile traditions. We will visit with the local Textile Association to learn about those traditions, as well as attend a cooking class at a local farm. We may even learn to dance!



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## Greece with Sisu Designs *Snippet Itinerary cont'd.*

### **Monday, May 29 - Thursday, June 1 | PAXOS - CORFU - SYVOTA - PALAIROS**

We will motor as the wind and tides take us (even our engine needs to adapt to the sea!). Our stops will include the sleepy little island of Paxos, the bustling port of Old Town Corfu, and the mainland ports of Syvota and Palairos. At some locations we will have walking tours organized, or excursions to a local museum, and others you can simply explore on your own with expert local guidance from the crew. We will fall into the gentle routine of eat, knit, swim, eat, nap, explore, knit, repeat.

### **Friday, June 2 | CORINTH - ATHENS**

Here we go with that epic drive again! But this time we will take our time and stop at Ancient Corinth for a chance to explore the ruins and the state of the art museum they have there, as well as have a leisurely lunch. We will arrive in Athens in time to check into the hotel and seek out another fabulous dinner. Those who wish to may want to explore the state of the art Acropolis museum which is open until 10 pm nearby.

### **Saturday, June 3 | ATHENS**

With your batteries recharged, it's time to take on the city of Athens! We'll walk up to the Acropolis in the morning and have a guided tour, then take a break before we head over to the Benaki Museum for lunch and their fabulous collection of textiles. Rest again, or do a bit of shopping, and then we'll meet for dinner with a view of the Acropolis as a grand finale to our adventure!

### **Sunday, June 4 | HOMEWARD BOUND**

June 4 - Airport transfer and we bid you farewell!



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### **Important Note for Traveling on the Aegeotissa with RTT&F:**

Accommodation on the Aegeotissa requires going up and down ship ladders (very steep stairs), walking across a gang plank to get on and off the boat, and being able to keep your balance while we are underway. This is a 100 ft yacht, not a cruise ship, so you will feel the movement of the boat. Rowan Tree Travel does not take responsibility for injuries caused by mobility issues. **If you are unsure of whether you will be able to get around on the boat, please contact Heather at (603) 738-2009.** Electricity for CPAP machines cannot be guaranteed depending on the port we are in and the number of people needing access.



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## Important Details to *keep in mind*

**This trip needs at least 10 participants in order to proceed (i.e. the trip is "guaranteed").**

### **Travel Insurance**

Rowan Tree Travel highly recommends purchasing travel insurance. You may purchase through our recommended provider **Arch RoamRight** by clicking **here** or through your own provider.

### **Arranging Your Flights**

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

In order to gather easily for the tour, we provide an arrival and departure "window" at a major transportation hub - typically an international airport at your destination country. Flights scheduled outside the provided windows may result in additional transportation costs and missed tour activities. For this reason, we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking travel that accommodates our specifications.

### **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 a **Retreat**. If you'd like to review our trip activity levels, take a look [here](#).

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

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