

Saronic Gulf Islands, Greece

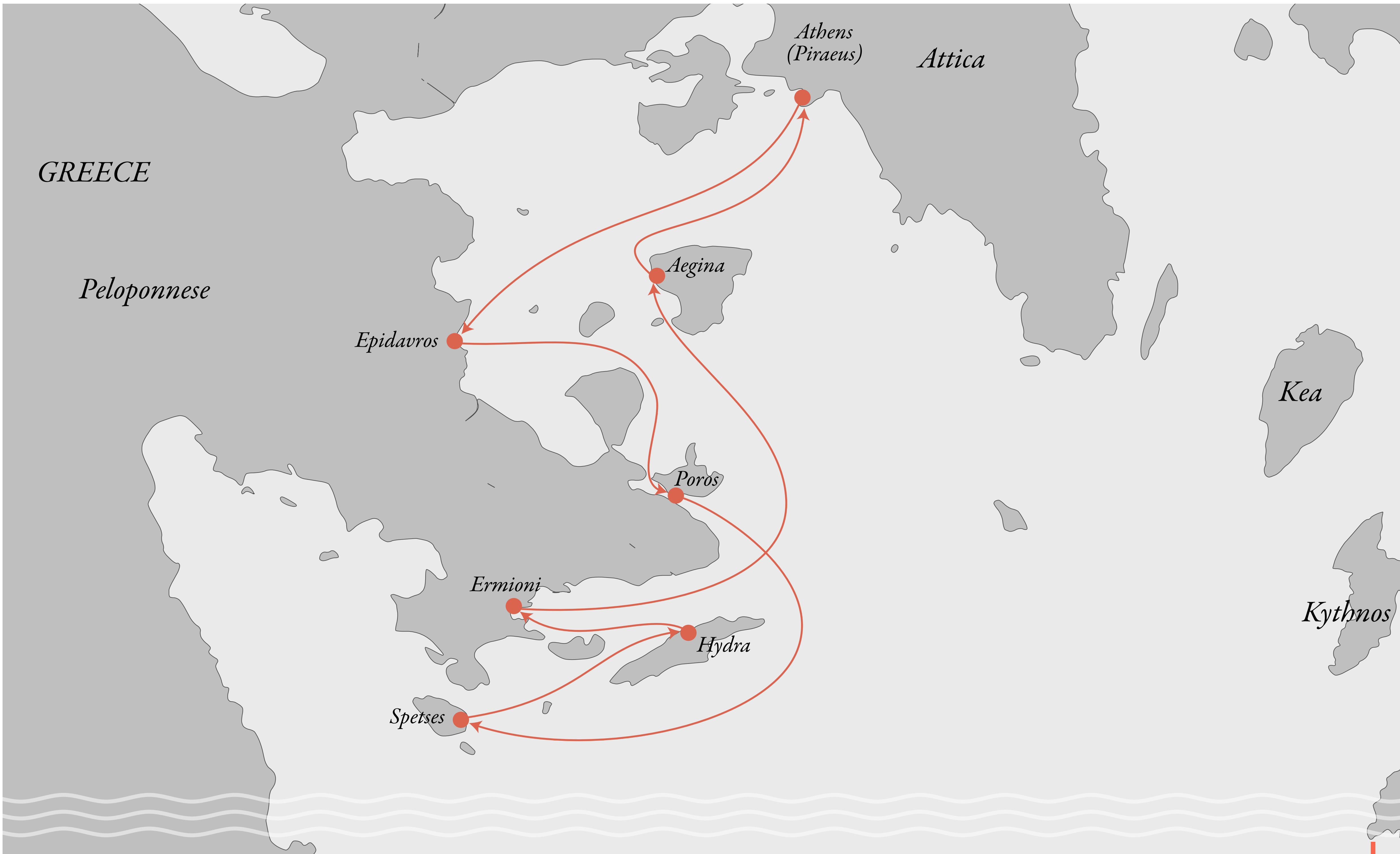
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Epidavros

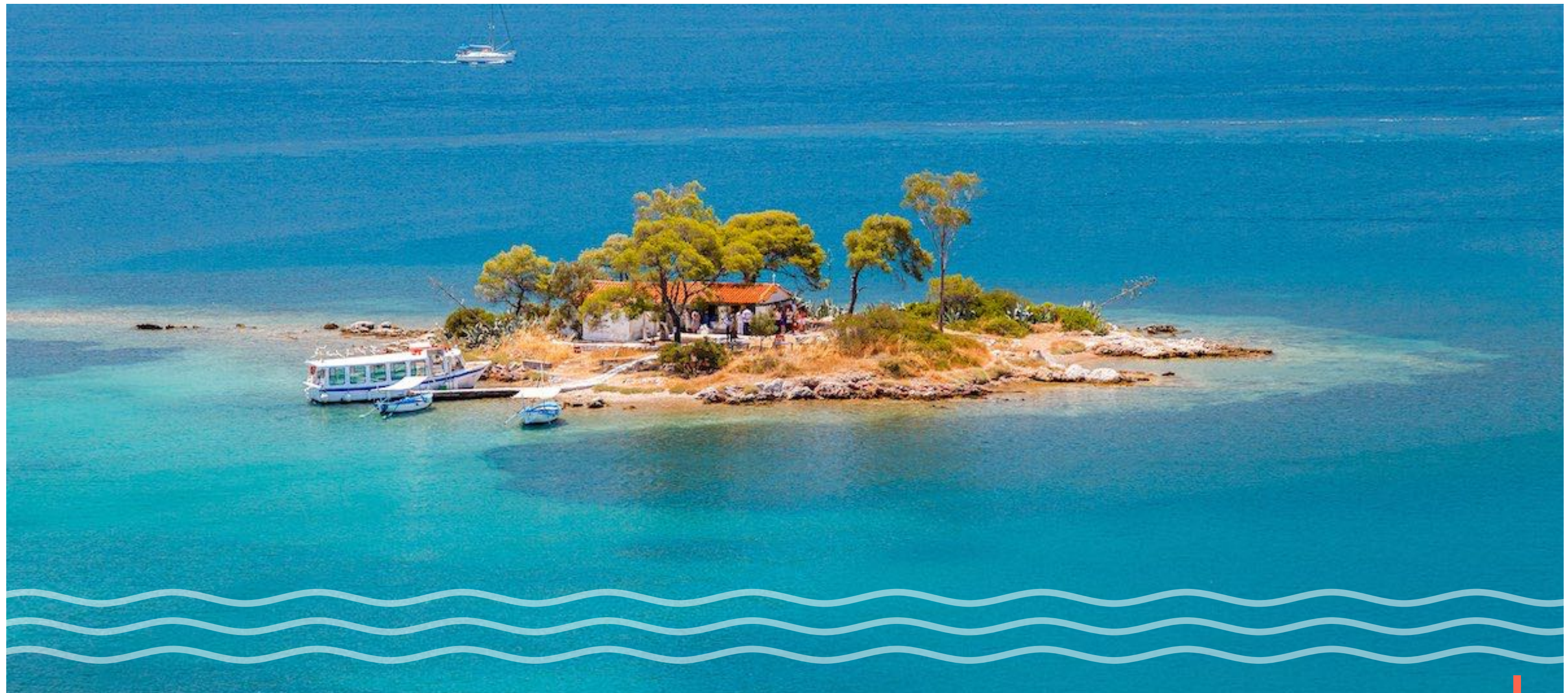
Epidavros is home to a unique 4 century BC ancient amphitheatre. It is a large, remarkably well preserved construction, capable of accommodating 14.000 people, known for its fabulous acoustics. Sitting on the top tier on one end, you can talk to someone opposite from you without having to raise your voice. Eerie sensation. Quality of sound coming from the stage is on a par with the best modern venues, where they use sophisticated equipment.

Other highlights include Sanctuary of Asclepius and the ancient Sunken City, starting metres away from the beach. You don't really need diving gear to explore it, a snorkel and mask would do.

Poros

Poros is in the south-west of the Saronic Gulf. It is not one, but rather a pair of islands connected by a bridge: larger Kalavria, carpeted with verdant forests, and smaller, craggy Sphairia, with a bustling picturesque town rising amphitheatrically from the harbour.

Opposite from Poros, just 10 minutes away by sea, you reach the Peloponnese coast with its famous lemon grove. If you are travelling in May, be prepared to smell the enticing aroma of lemon blossoms as you sail along the coast in your luxury yacht.





Spetse

Spetses is a quaint little island propitiously located near the entrance into the Argolic Gulf. In spring and summer pine forests, wild rosemary, oleander blossoms and sea breeze give Spetses its distinct, 'spicy' smell, which, according to the legend, was the reason the island received its name – Spetses, or spices – from the Venetians.

When your luxury yacht brings you into Spetses, you first approach Dapia, the new harbour in the heart of Spetses town. Narrow cobbled lanes, lovely pebble mosaics, distinctive architecture, fantastic views of Peloponnese all add up to the alluring charm of this hospitable island. The old harbour is the place to go to for authentic fish taverns and Greek restaurants.



Hydra

Hydra is an exclusive island, a favourite holiday destination for Athens bohemians. Writers and artists come over here in winter to avoid high season tourist crowds.

Hydra has a charming medieval Old Town, with narrow marble-paved streets and many atmospheric sidewalk cafes and restaurants along the harbour. Local residents are very serious about preserving the unique Greek island ambience here, and one of the ways to achieve it is a ban to use motor vehicles on the island. Hiring a comfy donkey-drawn carriage to get around feels like you have travelled back via time machine.

Hydra is also famous for its gold and silver jewellery.





Ermioni

Ermioni is a small, quiet and charming Greek town with the population slightly over 3,000 people on the coast of Peloponnese peninsula, facing the island of Hydra.

Absence of sandy beaches has saved this fabulous destination from a tourist influx, but around Ermioni there are swimming spots of unrivalled beauty for you to enjoy in blissful privacy during your luxury cruise. In the evening you'll find plenty of upbeat venues for a bit of fun and partying in town.

Aegina

Aegina, the biggest of the islands found in the Saronic Gulf, is a favourite with Athenians for many reasons. Firstly, it is very close – the voyage from the port of Piraeus to Aegina is a mere 40 minutes, and it is a very pleasant crossing. Secondly, Aegina, with its pistachio groves and pine woods, is strikingly beautiful.

Aegina has always been a vibrant, busy port, and, at one point, even the capital of Greece. Today it is the place to go to for the authentic Greek island experience.

Main drawcards include the V century Temple of Aphaia, Agios Nektarios Monastery and Byzantine Paleohora ruins.



Return to Athens



Athens

Athens is one of the oldest cities in the world, the capital of Greece and the cradle of democracy. The city was built around Acropolis and Lycabettus hills dominating the flatland. According to the legend, it was Athena who threw two rocks from the sky, to help protect the city from enemies.

Walking around the centre of this megapolis, with so many historic buildings and ancient monuments, it is easy to go back in time to the golden age of Greece, when Pericles built Parthenon, the finest specimen of Greek architecture.

Athens is particularly beautiful at night: trendy clubs, fine restaurants and great events make this city an ideal upscale entertainment venue.







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