



Trekking the Cyclades April 04-16, 2006

Tinos is in the heart of the Cyclades, the most beautiful part of the Aegean. Its proximity to other islands in the Cyclades will allow us to interchange a day of village trekking with a day of visiting neighbouring islands such as Mykonos, Delos, Syros or Andros, all within a 15 to 60 minute ferry ride.

Day 0: April 04th: Arrival at Athens airport, bus to the port of Rafina, where we will spend the night.

Days 1: Tinos. We set sail to Tinos by ferry. We'll start with some refreshing strolls around the harbour of Tinos, one of the oldest inhabited places on the Aegean. We'll visit its famous musea, and the Church of the *Megalohari*, the most holy of churches throughout Greece, credited for many miracles. Evening will take us to the old section of *Pallada* for a welcoming dinner.

Days 2: Tinos. We begin our treks in *Kardiani*, the most spectacular and greenest village of the island, perched high in the hills overlooking the Aegean. We will walk down the mountain to *Ormos* (Bay) of *Giannaki* for a swim and lunch at a local taverna.

Day 3: Mykonos. We take a ferry ride to the picturesque island of *Mykonos*, home of the jetsetters.

Day 4: Tinos. We start in *Pyrgos*, the only village not visible from the sea and the only one that has never been captured by any invader. From *Pyrgos* we'll walk down to the *Bay of Panormos* for lunch, and then hike back to *Pyrgos* for our bus.

Day 5: Syros. We will spend all day on the island of Syros, the first capital of Greece after the War of Independence from the Ottomans in 1821. Visit the upper city, a walk of 1,200 steps...that should take care of our work out for the day!

Day 6: Tinos. From the village of *Falatathos* we will hike to *Livada*, a magical gorge at the most eastern part of Tinos. We will have lunch on the beach—and then back to *Falatathos* to explore the historical village. Our special dinner will include local delicacies and *raki*, the world famous ouzo of *Falatathos*!

Day 7: Andros. We visit Andros, the island of the shipping magnates, with the best French painting collection east of Paris at the *Goulandris* Museum, lovely villas, and a beautiful port city.

Day 8: Tinos. We trek to the tiny village of *Volax*, an otherworldly landscape that was created by a meteorite thousands of years ago and home now to a handful of basket makers.

Day 9: Tinos. Our hike begins at the village of *Dio Choria* (Two Villages). From there we walk down to the beach of *Pahia Ammo* (Fat Sand Beach), where we will have lunch.

Day 10: Tinos. A day of relaxation, shopping in *Hóra* (local handicrafts and foods) and a going away dinner in *Steni*, famous for its *loutza* and excellent *potamissio* (white) wine.

Days 11-12: Departure by ferry to overnight in Rafina, then to the Athens International airport the following morning. We return home...to savour our memories.

Price: Can. \$2,895/person, double occupancy. **Includes:** All accommodation and breakfasts; all ground transportation including airport transfers; ferry transportation between islands, three special dinners. Airfare not included.

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