



**DREAM YACHT  
WORLDWIDE**

# Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



**THE MEDITERRANEAN | ATHENS**



## BASE CONTACTS

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If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

### BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Base Manager: Giannis Vasileiadis

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### CUSTOMER SERVICE:

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## BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers     | <input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool          | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi                  |  |

## BASE INFORMATION

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### LICENSE

Sailing license required:  No  Yes

### PAYMENT

The base can accept:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Cash

### EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation time is at 5pm and will take 15-30 minutes.



## **YACHT BRIEFING**

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

## **STOP OVERS**

For all DYW charters starting and/or ending in Athens, the first and last night at the marina is free of charge. Consumptions (electricity & water) are not included

## **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is at 9am. We ask that you return to the base at least two hours before sunset, the evening before your final charter day.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

## **BAGGAGE**

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: +30 6948235179
- Marina emergency telephone number: +30 2109880000
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: 108
- VHF marina channel: 71
- VHF emergency channel: 16



## HOW TO GET THERE?

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### ACCESS BY PLANE

Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos (AIA): The airport is 30km from the base, which is a one-hour journey by car/shuttle. The airport services most of the known air carriers from many international destinations. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

### TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need an organized transfer from the airport, please contact your aftersales team. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

### ACCESS BY ROAD

Drive from Attiki Odos/A62, Leof. Koropiou Baris and Leof. Posidonos to Alimos.

### ACCESS BY BUS

An express public bus (X96) departs every 20-30 minutes from the airport costing around €6 euro/per person. The bus stop is located at the marina entrance.

Information subject to change without notice.

## PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:  Yes  No

Link to [Online provisioning](#)

### LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Balaskas  
39 Afroditis St.  
Paleo Faliro  
17561

Day	Time
Monday -Sunday	8am – 9pm



Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

## FUEL AND WATER

Water is conveniently located at Pier No 3. There is no fuel station at the marina and refueling is done by fuel truck at the pier.

## HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **Scale Suites**  
- 7 Eptanissou , Alimos 174 55
- **Tropical Hotel**  
- 74 Posidonos Ave., Alimos 174 55
- **Galaxy Hotel**  
- 39 Posidonos Ave. & Kalamakiou , Alimos 174 55

## RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **Burnovala**
- **Deniz Meze**
- **Enamel**

## AREA GUIDE

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### LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

Our base in Alimos, just south of Athens, is situated perfectly for sailing the serene Saronic Gulf. Sailing here is ideal for those seeking smooth, calm waters or a relaxed family vacation. The Saronic is suited for sailors who have just started sailing or have less experience.

An Athens sailing charter offers up a vacation as diverse as your sailing crew and there is something for everyone. Experience impressive historical ancient ruins to open-air markets, secluded Greek islands to vibrant nightlife and delicious food. You'll also enjoy warm hospitality and the famed Greek cuisine.

It goes without saying that the beaches, swimming and snorkeling in the crystal blue-green waters can't be missed on an Athens sailing charter. Love Bay on Poros and Marathon beach on



Aegina are just two of our many favorite spots. The team at our base will be more than happy to recommend local highlights.

To sail in Athens, you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper.

### TOP THINGS TO DO IN ATHENS:

1. **See the view from the Temple of Poseidon:** Head to Sounion and walk among the giant gleaming white columns that date back to 444 BC and enjoy expansive views over the distant Greek islands. As one of the top things to do in Athens, it can get busy, so a visit here is best first thing in the morning, or at sunset.
2. **Lunch and sunbathing at Love Bay:** This scenic little bay on Poros offers a day of relaxation with sun loungers, divine views and refreshments on tap. Stop for a snack and stay for a delightful swim.
3. **Horseback riding in Hydra:** With no cars permitted on the island, it's the perfect activity for touring the best of the island's scenery. There are a few different outfitters offering horseback riding.
4. **Cafe hop in Poros:** Spend a day in Poros, meander along the quaint streets, enjoy a few cafes while you people-watch and take in the stunning scenery in every direction.
5. **Ancient Greek Theatre of Epidavros:** One of our top things to do is spending some time touring this ancient amphitheater, famed for its classic Greek construction and astounding acoustics. This UNESCO-listed monument is even still used for concerts today, now that is a feat of sound engineering!

**CURRENCY:** Euro (EUR)

**VOLTAGE:** 220V

**DIALING CODE:** ((+30) 210 - 211 – 212 & 213

### INTERNET

You'll find free Wi-Fi in many town squares and shopping malls, restaurants and cafes, but you may find that speeds vary.



Cell phones with sim cards from European Union countries (except Switzerland) operate without roaming fees. For other countries, please contact your provider. Local sim cards are available for sale at telecommunication shops.

## ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

## REGULATIONS

The regulations in Athens vary depending on weather conditions. Scuba diving is allowed only with instructor and after seeking permission from the port authorities. Fishing requires a special license. Make sure you're aware of the regulations ahead of your Athens yacht charter.

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## BEWARE OF POSIDONIA SEAGRASS MEADOWS!

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You are going to be sailing in areas where there are Posidonia seagrass meadows. We urge you to be extremely vigilant. These meadows form crucial underwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean, but they are fragile and threatened by a number of human activities, in particular anchoring of recreational craft.

### An underwater plant of the Mediterranean

Posidonia (*Posidonia oceanica*) is a unique marine plant that's endemic to the Mediterranean Sea. It is not a seaweed but a true flowering plant, with roots, stems, leaves and flowers. You'll recognise it by its long, green, ribbon-shaped leaves. Posidonia grows in meadows, forming vast underwater prairies. It reproduces mainly by rhizomes and sometimes by seeds.

Posidonia meadows are found in the shallow coastal waters of the Mediterranean, from a depth of 1 to around 40 metres, in clear, well-lit waters. These meadows are particularly abundant in sheltered bays where conditions of temperature, salinity and light are ideal for their growth.

Practically the whole of the Mediterranean coastline is involved here: the shores of France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, and more.

### **An essential ecological role**

Posidonia seagrass meadows provide a habitat and a source of food for a multitude of marine species, including fish, molluscs and crustaceans. They are also ideal spawning grounds and nurseries for young fish.

Like real underwater forests, seagrass beds act as carbon sinks, helping to combat climate change: they can store up to 300 tonnes of carbon per hectare. That's 3 to 5 times more than tropical forests, and this, over hundreds of thousands of hectares. And not to mention their contribution to the production of oxygen, the protection of coasts by attenuating the impact of waves, the preservation of beaches where it accumulates in banks, etc. The loss of these meadows would have serious ecological and economic consequences for the Mediterranean.

### **A protected species under threat**

Despite their importance, Posidonia meadows are extremely fragile and are threatened by a number of human activities. Boat anchoring, pollution, coastal urbanisation, trawling and climate change are all factors that contribute to their degradation. Seagrass beds are particularly sensitive to anchoring by boats: anchors can uproot these plants and create almost irreparable 'scars' in Posidonia meadows, as Posidonia rhizomes grow very slowly (a rate of just 1 cm per year).

The presence of these meadows dates back between 60 and 100 million years, when terrestrial flowering plants, which resembled the rushes plant family of today, returned to the marine environment where their distant ancestors came from. Don't be the one to destroy this extraordinary heritage in a matter of minutes.

**Please note:** Posidonia has been a protected species throughout the Mediterranean since 1995 and is classed as a habitat of European interest. Ensure you are aware of the regulations in force!

As a boater, you have a key role to play in protecting Posidonia meadows.

Here are a few measures you can take to minimise your impact:

1. Before setting off, consult the maps that indicate the presence of Posidonia meadows. There are several free apps that can help you, such as Nav&Co or Donia. Download them.
2. Don't anchor in Posidonia meadows: opt for sandy bottoms or consider picking up a mooring buoy whenever possible.
3. Respect protected areas: some regions have marine protected areas where anchoring and other activities are regulated to protect the seagrass meadows.
4. In all cases, adapt your anchoring technique: to avoid scraping the seabed, you must take care to bring your anchor back up in line with the boat, even if you are on sand.
5. Avoid generating any pollution at sea.
6. Share with others: not all boaters are aware of the importance of Posidonia seagrass meadows. And set an example!

By adopting these practices, you'll be helping to preserve Posidonia seagrass meadows and the health of Mediterranean marine ecosystems. Protecting these underwater treasures is an essential and shared responsibility for future generations.



## SAILING CONDITIONS

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### SAILING AREA

The sailing conditions for Athens yacht charters are normally relatively calm and popular with families and novice sailors.

Visit Sounion, an anchorage at the southern tip of the Attica peninsula where the ancient ruins of the Temple of Poseidon dominates high above the sea, while the temple of Athena sits nearby. See other fascinating ruins during your Athens yacht charter, including the site of Kolona on Aegina, as well as the Temple of Aphaia, one of the oldest Greek Doric temples.

Take your time as you approach Poros. You won't soon forget the view of this beautiful town with red-tile roof and a wharf lined with little taxi boats. The streets are small and winding and delightful cafes are everywhere you look, just perfect for a day of meandering.

Other popular anchorages include car-free Hydra, where walking and donkeys are the primary means of transportation, and Epidavros, where you can visit an ancient open-air theatre and try the seafood at a traditional Greek taverna.

The reef of Aghios Cosmas, SE of the entrance of Alimos Marina, is difficult to spot at night although there is a light on it. Stay clear of the Meringia rocks, 4.5 miles SE of Alimos Marina in the direction of Cape Sounio. Use the moorings on the floating pontoon and the head of Pier 3, as no anchors are allowed.

### WEATHER



The best time to visit Athens and the Saronic Islands is summer with great temperatures averaging 86°F in July and August and plenty of sunshine hours.

The Saronic Gulf and its islands have great weather conditions year-round with mild winters and dry summers. In spring, between March and May, and fall, between September and October, the weather is still sunny and warm with very little rain. The area has a long sailing season.

## TEMPERATURE

Climate in Athens:

- Summer High: The July high is around 91°F
- Winter Low: The January low is 45°F

## WIND SYSTEMS

Enjoy sheltered sailing in the Saronic and Argolic Gulfs with typically N to NNE winds averaging Force 3 to 4. In the summer you'll find SE winds in the Argolic Gulf averaging Force 3 to 5.

During spring and autumn, the winds are normally weaker and blow from the south. In the Saronic Gulf, you do not usually get the meltemi wind (the strong wind that found in other parts of Greece) due to the sheltered position.

## LOCAL FORECAST

You can find Athens weather forecasts on the [Meteo website](#).