

Greece - Rhodes Island Cycle Tour (2025)
Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



During this cycling trip you'll cross Rhodes for 8 days and get to know this surprisingly green Greek island and its varied landscape. Relaxed and welcoming: the Greek way! There's a lot to see by bicycle, including Lindos: a medieval town, crowned with a castle and a temple. In the southerly villages you will enjoy a frappe on a terrace under a big fichus. You will cycle alongside blossoming agaves to the Seven Springs and onwards to the castle at Monolithos. You will also make an excursion to the magnificent capital with its historical city centre and knight's castle. On top of it all, the climate on Rhodes is good throughout the whole year and the sights of the Mediterranean Sea are amazing.



### **Itinerary Day to Day**

#### Day 1: Arrival Rhodos airport + transfer to Kalavarda

You will fly to Rhodes. You will be picked up from the airport and brought to your hotel. Kalavarda has been our cycling village on Rhodes for fourteen years now. You will stay in a hotel just 900 meters from the sea. If you arrive in the morning, you can already do a little warm-up cycle trip, or visit the beach. Alternatively, go to Kameiros (3 kilometers from your hotel) to see the ruins of an ancient city.

## Day 2: Kalavarda roundtrip 20-39 km

Before you start the tour, you have a free day to go on a daytrip. You will do a round trip following the coast, which is completely uninhabited and unspoilt. You can do a trip of around 20 km, to see Chalki and the surrounding islands. Or you could carry on until you reach the fishing harbour of Kameiros Skala (33 km). If you want to extend the trip further, you could visit the castle ruins of Kritinia, making a trip of 38km in total. If you didn't do it yesterday, you can visit the ruins of ancient Kameiros 1 km



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# Day 3: Kalavárda – Émbonas 24 km

From Kalavárda you cycle into a green valley. A first climb of 2 kilometers brings you to the nice village of Sálakos. This village lies at the foot of the Profítis Ilias mountain range, with a nice and shady village square – perfect for a relaxing break. The tour continues going up and down frequently but never long or steep. In Émbonas, today's stage town, don't miss to explore the local wine cooperatives to taste the wines which belong to the best ones of Rhodes and Greece. Today there is also an alternative route through Kámiros Skála (small fishing port) and Kritinía (castle ruin and nice village). This alternative is longer and steeper.



#### Day 4: Émbonas – Apolakkiá 31 km

First you'll have Attaviros on your left, the highest mountain of Rhodes. Enjoy the distant view of the open sea with Chalki and other small islands. Siána, the next village, is well known for its honey specialties. After Siána the trip will mainly go downhill. But in Monólithos you have to manage a small climb to have a breathtaking panoramic view over the castle. Today's target is the small village of Apolakkiá where — among the locals — you can observe the daily life on the village square from the terrace of your hotel.

### Day 5: Apolakkiá – Lárdos 52 km

Although this stage is the longest of the whole tour, it is mostly flat and without significant gradients. You cycle in the extreme south of Rhodes through unspoiled villages like Kattavía and Lachaniá. Enjoy the peace for a lunch break in the shade of a plane tree. In Kiotári you will cycle direct on the east side coast towards Lárdos which is situated at a beautiful bay.



## Day 6: Lárdos – Archángellos 35 km

First stop today will be in Líndos, a medieval town with a big castle built on the ruins of an ancient acropolis. Take a walk to the castle and discover the Doric columns of the ancient sanctuary. The white houses of Líndos contrast with the clear blue bays on both sides of the town. Crossing several river basins you'll reach the region of Másari and Malóna. Enjoy your coffee or lunch in one of the villages with nice views over the orange and lemon tree areas. Through a beautiful green valley you will climb to Archángellos, the second biggest town on the island, dominated by the ruins of a castle.

# Day 7: Archángellos – Kalavárda 43 km

A nice and quiet road goes downhill to Kolimbía, the last village on the eastern coast. When you're not afraid of a short but steep climb, you can visit the Eptá Píges (Seven Springs) surrounded by peacocks. At Agios Nektários you're invited into the church of the old monastery. A short climb brings you to the village of Eleoúsa, a former Italian garrison base, and to Foundoúkli, a Byzantine chapel with very old frescoes. Steep downhill the small road leads to Dimiliá and through a green valley you approach the western coast and Kalavárda. Having finished your tour, the beach of Kalavárda invites you for a swim.



#### Day 8: Kalavarda, departure

If you are departing later in the day, you can hold on to your rental bicycle a little longer and make another little trip, or visit a beach. You will be taken to the airport for your return flight.



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#### **Route**



## **Technical Characteristics:**

**Tour Profile:** Moderate. Daily distances to 75 km per day over hilly terrain and low mountain range with occasional steep and longer gradients. Sometimes a short stage with a little more climbing.

Distance: 215 km

Travel Season: Daily departures April 13- July 6 and August 21- October 26

Season 1 April 13-May 25 and Se3ptemeber 26-October 26

Season 2 May 26-June 26 and September 11-25

Season 3 June 27- July 6 and August 21-September 10



### Price per Person: all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Double Occupancy season 1	€ 778
Double Occupancy season 2	€ 825
Double Occupancy season 3	€ 850
Single Occupancy season 1	€ 895
Single Occupancy season 2	€ 985
Single Occupancy season 3	€ 1055
Solo Traveler surcharge	€240
Bike Rental Hybrid Bike	€ 50
Bike Rental E-Bike (Trek hybrid with electric motor)	€ 90
Dutch Guarantee Fund	€5

### **Accommodation:**

3\* hotels.

# **Included:**

- Transfers from and to Rhodes airport, excluding bicycle
- 7 nights in Hotel Vouras based on 2 person room with bath and toilet
- 7 x breakfast and 3x dinners
- Luggage transports
- Route descriptions
- Help/service line and local co-worker (English speaking)

# **Not Included:**

- Bicycle rental
- 4 x dinners, lunches and consumptions
- Surcharge for transfer of private bicycle on Rhodes from airport to hotel € 35,-
- Travel and cancellation insurances
- Excursions (entrance fee for museums/gardens/parks)



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