

# WINES OF GREECE 2024 - All inclusive cruise

- Aboard the 21-cabin M/Y Harmony G
- 8-day cruise, August 30-September 6 from Athens
- Hosted by Tim Clarke, Wine Ambassador



# AT A GLANCE



Wines of Greece cruise takes us to many of the Greek wine hotspots including Nemea, Santorini, and Tinos. Wine and the making of it is central to this voyage, but as we follow its trail we'll also discover the limestone crags and wild mountains of the Peloponnese, the breathtaking views of Santorini, and the quieter villages of the Cyclades and Eastern Aegean islands. We'll meet leading winemakers, taste at top wineries, and enjoy dinners paired with a specially chosen selection of wines - each exploring the superb native grape varieties of Greece's many diverse regions.

The wineries:

Estate Argyros – Gaia - Vakakis – Tsimbidis – Semeli – Miloterra – Kokotos – Volacus

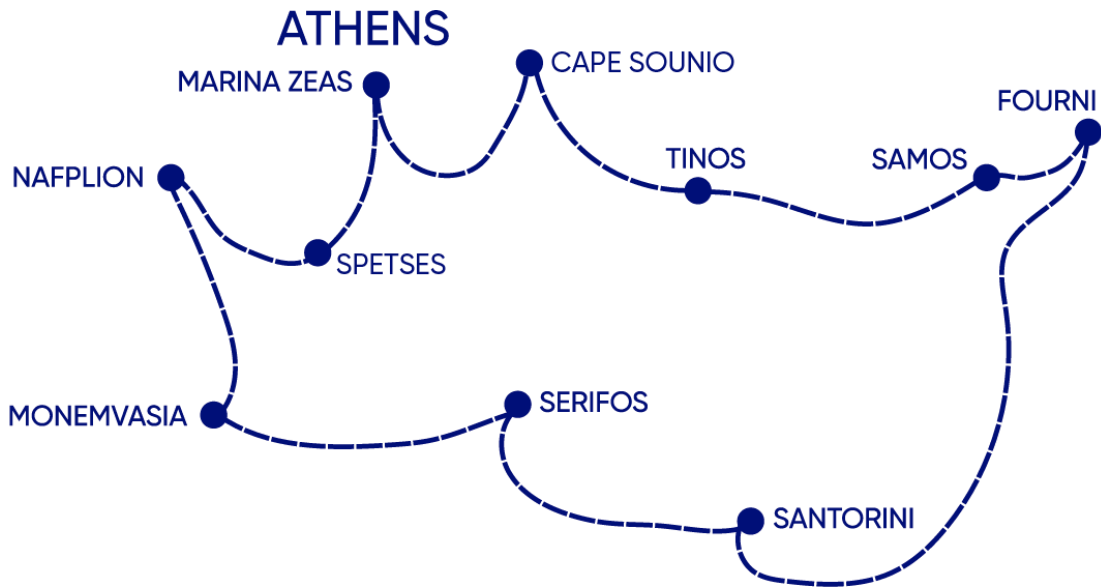


# YOUR WINE AMBASSADOR – TIM CLARKE



This carefully curated itinerary was designed by wine expert and wine tourism guru, Tim Clarke. Tim accompanies the cruise as our on-board wine guide and expert. With his wife Lynette Arblaster, he co-founded Arblaster & Clarke Wine Tours, which they ran together for nearly 30 years. He has also been engaged in winemaking himself, on the island of Samos. We're sure you'll find his enthusiasm for Greece and its wines infectious. We know we do. On this specialty cruise, expect Tim to cover the wine scene from the classical age through to the modern era, and to give you an exceptional insight into the country.





## DAY 1 - MARINA ZEAS, ATHENS TO SPETSES

❖ *Welcome drink, tasting Ionian Sea's wines*

Begin as you mean to go on with a welcome glass of sparkling wine while you meet your crew and fellow passengers. Evening sail to Spetses and dinner served with wines from the Ionian Sea. Overnight at Spetses.

## DAY 2 - NAFPLIO – NEMEA

❖ *Gaia winery, SEMELI winery lunch*

After a morning arrival into Nafplio, we'll visit the ancient site of Mycenae. Then on to Nemea - the leading red wine appellation in Southern Greece - to visit the pioneering, top-quality estate, Gaia. Our next visit is also our lunch stop; at Semeli where we'll taste their range of fine wines from Nemea and Mantinea. Enjoy some free time in Nafplio, one of the most attractive towns in mainland Greece, before we sail south along the coast of Arcadia, letting the anchor down for a swim stop as soon as possible. Dinner on board, paired with select wines from the Peloponnese.

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### DAY 3 - MONEMVASIA

❖ Monemvasia winery, Dinner with TSIMBIDIS FAMILY

Monemvasia's wealth came from its Malvasia (also known as Malmsey), so it's safe to say wine meant a lot to the mediaeval town. Visit the vineyards with Monemvasia Winery who are re-establishing the island's wine fame. Lunch ashore with freetime in the afternoon; exploration of the old town and taking a dip in the cooling waters are recommended. Tonight's dinner is on board where we welcome the Tsimbidis family of Monemvasia Winery to dine with us.

### DAY 4 - SERIFOS

❖ Chrysoloras Winery, wine tasting

This beautiful, out of the way island, was one a major wine producer. Two interesting estates are leading a revival here using the island's rare indigenous grape varieties. Serifos promises to be the next big thing in the Cyclades after Santorini and Tinos. Free time in the morning to explore the island or go for a swim. After lunch, we will visit the Chrysoloras Winery, in the northern part of the island. In the afternoon we will return to our boat for dinner. Late night departure to Santorini.

### DAY 5 - SANTORINI

❖ *Argyros winery, tasting some of Santorini's wines*

Santorini is rightfully known as one of the top spots for white wine in Greece, and has local grape varieties of extraordinary quality. We'll visit the top winery, Argyros, with century-old vines. Setting sail in the afternoon, we'll enjoy wines from the Santorini grapes as we cruise through the Cyclades to the Eastern Aegean islands.

### DAY 6 - SAMOS – FOURNI ISLES

❖ *Vakakis winery, Platanos winery lunch, Chios-Ikaria wines*

This morning we'll moor in the sleepy fishing village of Ormos before heading inland to visit the inspiring Vakakis winery. Then on to Platanos, its steep vineyard terraces seeded with White Muscat. Over an idyllic lunch we'll taste a range of Samian wines. Our afternoon sail takes us to the Fourni Isles, rarely visited by tourists and an ideal spot for swimming thanks to its largely untouched beaches. Dinner tonight is paired with wines from Chios and Ikaria, both prized wines in ancient times.

### DAY 7 - TINOS – KARYSTOS

❖ *Volacus winery, Andros lunch with Greek wines*

Tinos is a holy island, said to be home to more than 700 churches. It's also another wine hotspot, known for its Assyrtiko grape; one with extraordinary quality when grown in soils rich with volcanic ash, such as those on Tinos. In the morning we'll visit emerging star winery, Volacus, before we set sail and moor near Andros for lunch, swimming, and a tasting of Greek wines from international grape varieties. In the afternoon we make a short sail across to Karystos on Evvia island.



Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.

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## DAY 8 - ATHENS, 8AM

❖ *Wine tasting at Kokotos Estate*

Breakfast and disembarkation. For those not arranging their own onward transport this morning, we offer an optional tour of Athens including wine tasting and lunch at Kokotos Estate, followed by a transfer to Athens Airport.

The Optional Excursion on the final day arrives at Athens Airport in time for flights after 6pm

**NOTE:** In many cases the journeys between ports are reasonably short so the ship will be in harbour or at a mooring for part or much of the night, though there will be some sailing at night. Wine visits are subject to confirmation and subject to change in the event of regulations changing, or in the event of weather conditions disrupting the cruise itinerary. Details such as swim stops, will be entirely at the captain's discretion.



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## SAILING DATES

From Athens to Athens	August 30
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YOUR BOAT



# M/Y HARMONY G

## Mega Yacht

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Length:** 54 m

**Launched:** 2001 | Renovated: 2013

**Cabins:** 21

**Capacity:** 44 passengers

**Crew:** 16-18

The M/Y HARMONY G is a 54-meter/21-cabin elegant yacht that was launched in 2001 and renovated in 2012-2013. This sleek high-tech looking yacht complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members. Service will be attentive or unobtrusive according to your requirements and priority is always given to the safety and comfort of passengers.

Organized excursions are available for most ports of call and can be pre-booked or reserved 24 hours in advance.





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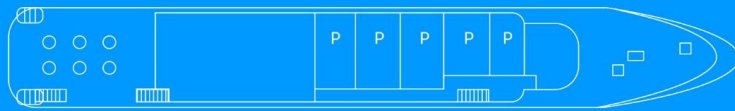
# M/Y HARMONY G

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**360°**  
SUN DECK



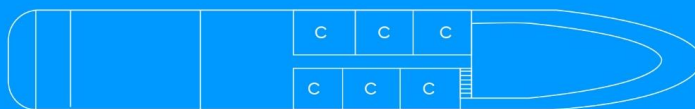
**INFINITY**  
UPPER DECK



**RIVIERA**  
MAIN DECK



**OCEANS**  
LOWER DECK



The M/Y HARMONY G is a modern elegant yacht with a sleek high-tech look very similar to the private yachts to be found in the famous ports of the world.

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### CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

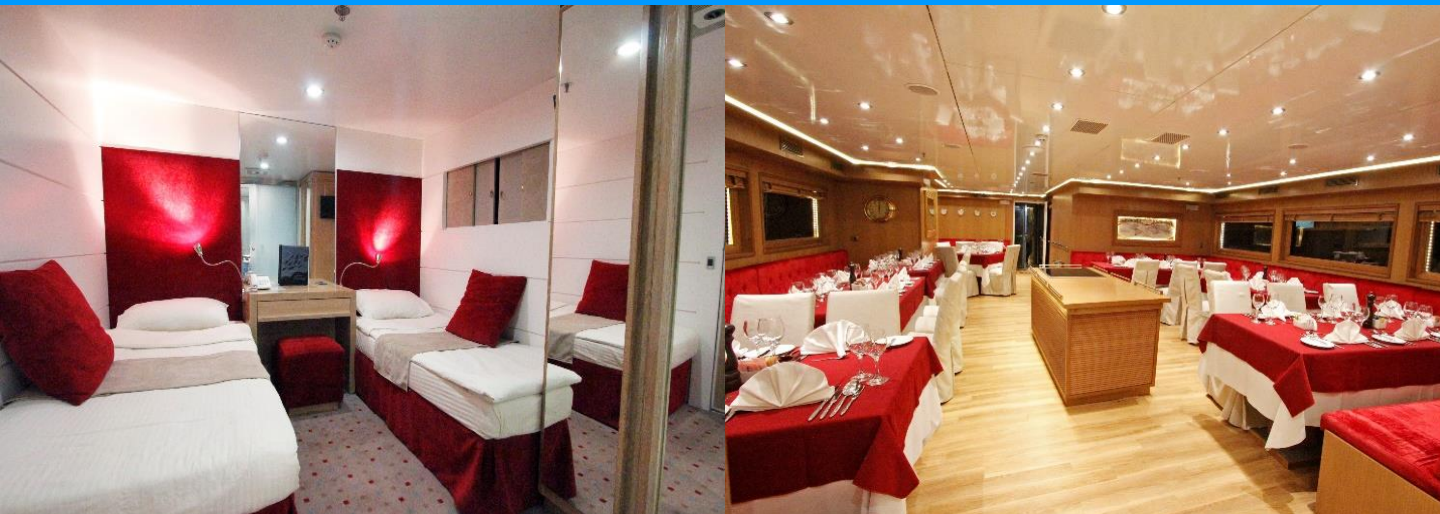
The 21 cabins of the M/Y HARMONY G are located on the Upper Deck (4 cabins), the Main Deck (11 cabins) and the Lower Deck (6 cabins). They are upscale, intimate and decorated with soft color furnishing. The cabins are equipped with twin or queen size beds, with two of the cabins being triples, and have large windows (two portholes on the Lower Deck). All cabins offer en suite bathrooms with shower, flat-screen TVs, CD/DVD players, music channels, mini fridges, hairdryers, individually controlled A/C and safe deposit boxes.

### LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the Bar Lounge and Dining Room at the Main Deck and meals are also served “al fresco” depending on the weather. The Captain will drop anchor at secluded bays and beautiful uninhabited islands where, weather permitting, guests enjoy swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. The Mega Yacht accommodates all guests at one single seating and provide a high standard of cuisine, always with some local flavor.

### **Main deck lounge & dining room**

The classy dining room is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. The spacious dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet which.



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### **Upper deck lounge area & dining room**

The interior lounge has relaxing couches and comfortable lounge chairs where you can have a drink and gaze out of the large windows at the breathtaking sceneries you are cruising into, read a book, watch television on the satellite TV or one of our documentaries on the next place you are visiting. Also located on the Upper Deck, the outdoor dining area provides beautiful views of the ports of call visited.

### **Sun deck**

The vessel features a Sun Deck with a sitting area to relax and enjoy unobstructed views and with ample Sun loungers' space to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery.



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**SAILING DATES & GROSS CRUISE FARES**



From Athens, Marina Zeas <b>Friday Sailing</b>	<b>August 30</b>
<b>M/Y HARMONY G CABIN CATEGORIES</b>	GROSS EURO RATES PER PERSON IN DBL/TWIN ALL INCLUSIVE CRUISE
<b>Cat C</b> Lower Deck, Twin or double beds	€ <b>4700</b>
<b>Cat B</b> Main Deck, Twin beds	€ <b>5250</b>
<b>Cat A</b> Main Deck, Twin beds	€ <b>5650</b>
<b>Cat P</b> Upper Deck, Twin or double beds	€ <b>6350</b>
<b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT</b>	<b>50%</b> in Category C & B <b>75%</b> in Category A & P
3 <sup>rd</sup> person discount in Cat C	<b>30%</b>
<i>"Children policy/Family offer as below*"</i>	
<b>Port Charges</b>	€ <b>360</b>



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## SAILING DATES & GROSS CRUISE FARES

### A/ What's INCLUDED:

- Accommodation in double or twin cabins with private SH/WC & air conditioning
- Tim Clarke as your Wine Guide and Expert Host on board
- Daily Wine & History Tours on shore
- 12 Meals paired with Wines handpicked from our Wine Ambassador
  - including 9 served dinners or buffet lunches on board paired with selected fine wines from the regions we are sailing in
  - including 3 lunches ashore at wine estates or local tavernas including wines, traditional Greek food and coach transfers
- Buffet breakfast each morning
- On board tastings as per the itinerary
- Special Activities on board: Welcome Sail-away Reception on Day 1 with sparkline wine, dinners with local wines and guests, and Captain's Dinner
- Use of snorkeling equipment (Masks, Fins and Snorkels), and Beach Towels
- Kayaks, Water Toys and Stand-Up Paddle Boards (subject to availability)

### **Not included:**

- Beverages (except those mentioned above)
- Shore excursions on the islands or other land arrangements
- Crew tips
- Passenger personal expenses
- Wi-Fi (available at charge)
- Optional excursion to Kokotos winery in Athens on Day 8

### **\* Children Policy**

Children discounts apply to children 5-17 years old, sharing a triple cabin with two paying adults. Port taxes are not discounted.

Children 5-10 years old: 50% discount on the gross per person twin cabin fares

Children 11-17 years old: 35% discount on the gross per person twin cabin fares

In case of more than one cabin, full adult rates apply.

### **\* FAMILY OFFER**

- SINGLE parent with 1 or max 2 children in same cabin: The parent pays Single cruise fare & children cruise for FREE
- COUPLE with 1 child sharing the same cabin:
  - No charge for the child up to 10 years old
  - 50% reduction for the child 11-17 years old
- COUPLE with 2 or 3 (regardless of age) children: Both cabins will be charged at Single rate (single adult rate)
- Children (5-17 years old) **having pre-booked** the Family offer:
  - 25% reduction on all optional excursion

**\*The offer needs to be requested at the time of reservation, it is subject to availability and occupancy levels. Port taxes are excluded.**

### **Conditions & Restrictions for the Family offers:**

- They apply for children 5-17 years old
- They are valid for new bookings only
- They are on request and on first come-first served basis
- "Special Family offer" to be mentioned at the time of booking so that the discounted rates will apply for the reservation. Otherwise, Full rates will apply
- No reduction offered on port taxes which are additional for all participants
- They cannot be combined with any existing or future early bird discounts or special offers including Club exclusive offers
- Standard payment and cancellation policies apply

### **B/ Conditions and restrictions**

#### PROOFREADING

Tour Operators featuring our Cruises in their Catalogue or Internet site by itinerary, vessel's description and images, will send VARIETY CRUISES a draft for error-checking of the contents prior publication as well as two brochure copies when printed, in order to secure correct information given to our clients and to keep our high customer satisfaction levels. Variety Cruises will not bare any responsibility for inaccurate information or misrepresentation of our vessels or cruise itineraries without having accepted a draft prior to the brochure going to print or internet page published.

#### PAYMENT

25% deposit is required 7 days from confirmation.

75% Balance of payment no less than 60 days prior to day of embarkation.

#### CANCELLATIONS

240 days to 120 days from embarkation: €120 / US\$140

Administration fee (per booking)\*

119 to 90 days from embarkation 15% of the cruise fare

89 to 60 days from embarkation 25% of the cruise fare

59 to 30 days from embarkation 50% of the cruise fare

29 to 00 days from embarkation 100% of the cruise fare

Cancellations must be confirmed by VARIETY CRUISES in writing in all cases.

**\*In case of cancellation the administration fee per booking will be converted to a future cruise credit redeemable on bookings made up to 12 months after cancellation, valid for any cruise and date of cruise.**

#### AMENDMENTS

There may be a charge for amendments of cruise date or decreasing pax number received less than 60 days prior to sailing. Amendments must be confirmed by VARIETY CRUISES in writing.

#### NOT INCLUDED IN CRUISE FARE

Such personal expenses as drinks (other than included in the rate), laundry, spa-where applicable-, boutique items and gratuities, (gratuities are optional but as a rule, satisfied clients are expected to give to the captain, at the end of the cruise, approximately Euro 13-15 per person per day for distribution among all crew members) medical expenses, port taxes, shore excursions (shore excursions are proposed and arranged on board by the tour leaders), use of the on board Wi-Fi (available at a charge), expenditures incurred ashore, and anything not mentioned in cruise program.

