

# WINES OF GREECE 2023 - All inclusive cruise

- Aboard the 21-cabin M/Y Harmony G
- 8-day cruise, September 01-08 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

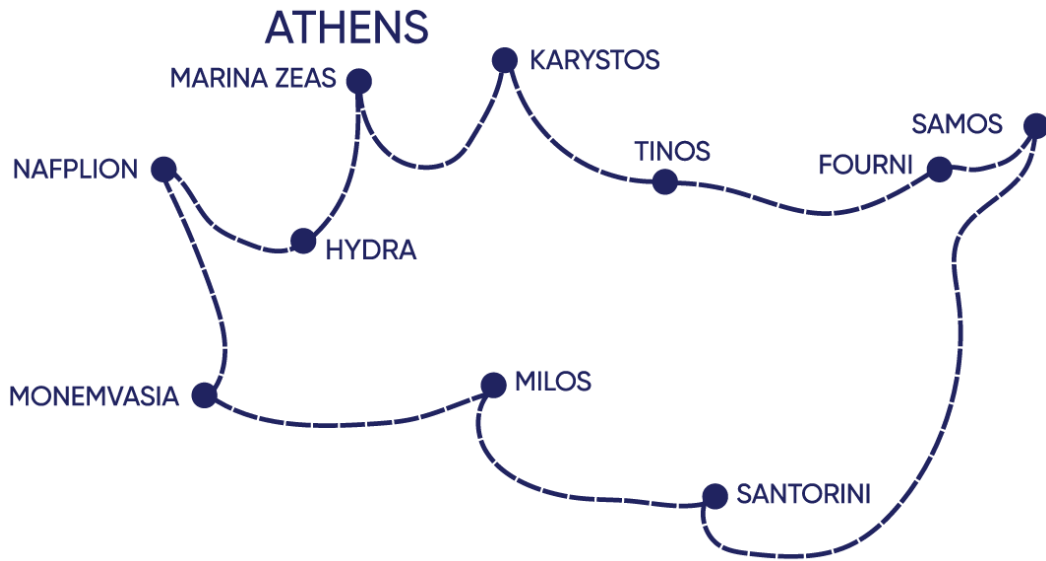


# YOUR WINE AMBASSADOR – TIM CLARKE



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 HYDRA

❖ *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 Hydra and dinner served with wines from the Ionian Sea. Overnight at Hydra.

## 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 - MILOS

❖ *Swim stop, Imery winery, Crete's best wines*

Swimming at the beaches of Milos is almost unbeatable. Almost, but not quite: dropping anchor at sea nearby and diving deck to water wins every time. Spend your morning this way before drying off to explore the island, enjoying locally produced food and wines in a village taverna. Learn about the island's grape history, and about the recent Imerys investment in its vineyards. At this evening's dinner your wine host, Tim Clarke, presents some of the best wines from nearby Crete.

### 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.



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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	Sept. 01
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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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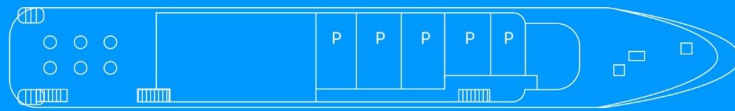
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**360°**  
SUN DECK



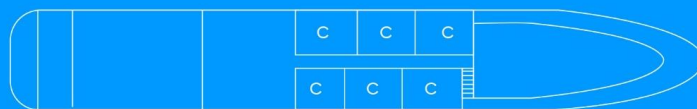
**INFINITY**  
UPPER DECK



**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

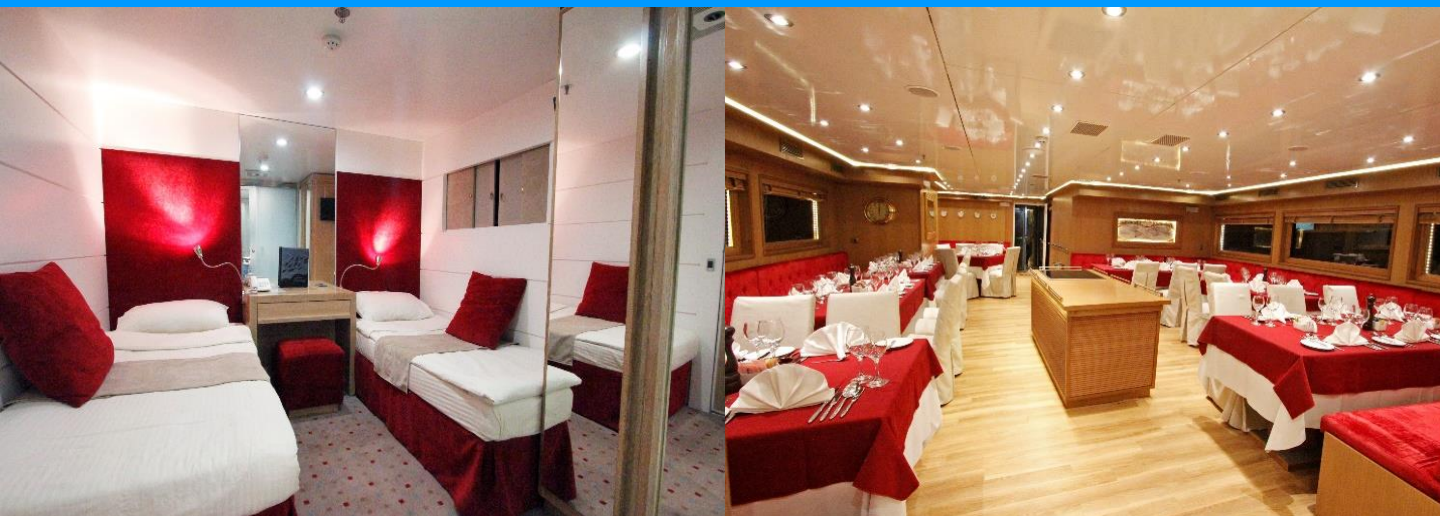
The 21 cabins of the M/Y HARMONY G are located on the Upper Deck (4 cabins), the Main Deck (11 cabins) and the Lower Deck (6 cabins). They are upscale, intimate and decorated with soft color furnishing. The cabins are equipped with twin or queen size beds, with two of the cabins being triples, and have 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.



