



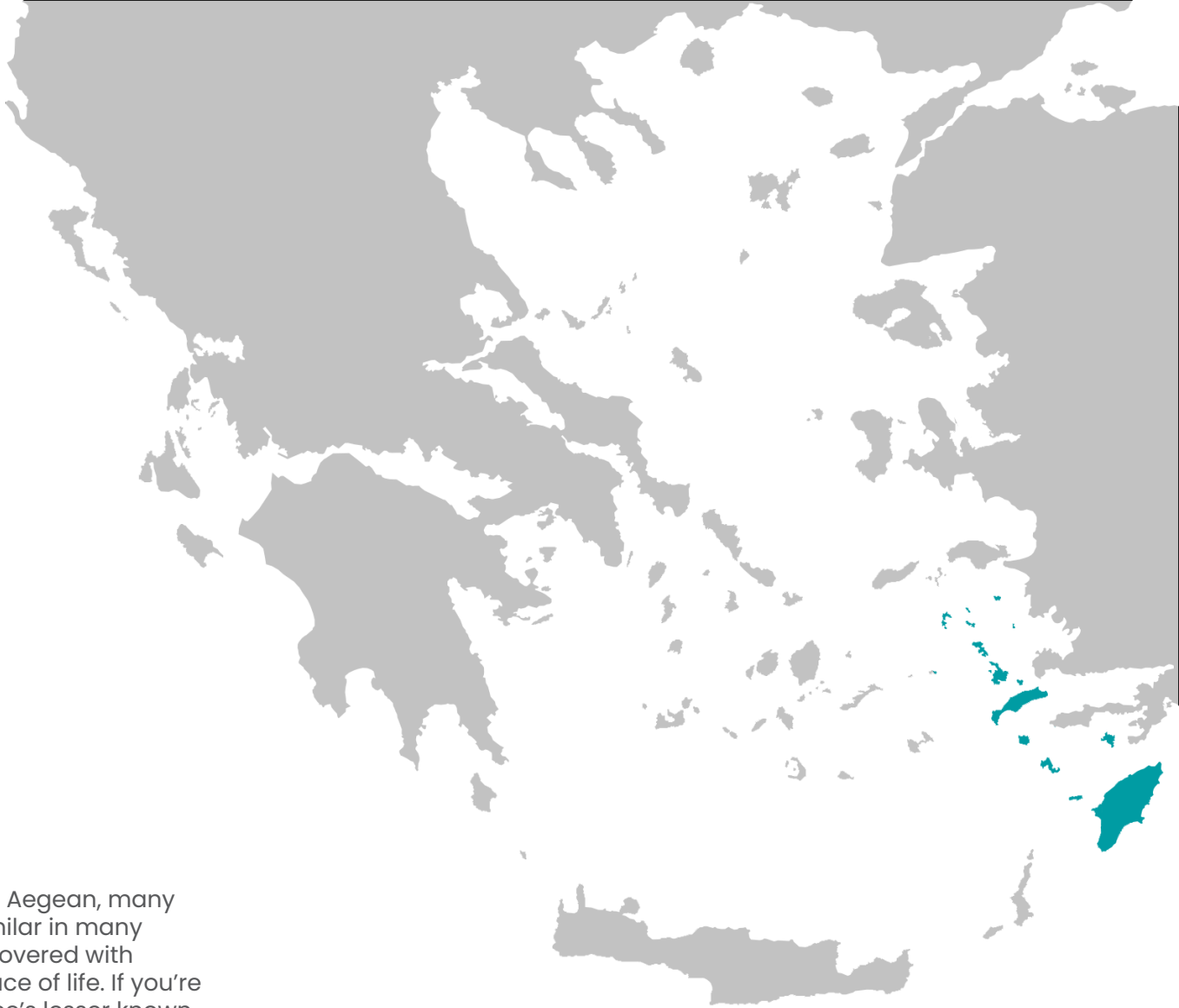
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## Dodecanese Islands

The Dodecanese are a group of islands in the South Eastern Aegean, many of them just a stones throw away from Turkey's Anatolia. Similar in many ways to the Cyclades further to the West – the islands are covered with white-washed villages albeit with a more quiet, peaceful pace of life. If you're looking to get away from it all and venture to some of Greece's lesser known gems then the Dodecanese might be an excellent choice of charter location.

Though the name means 'The twelve Islands' There are in-fact fifteen main islands in the group surrounded by 93 smaller islets. With the exception of the busier and well-known island hubs of Kos and Rhodes, most of the islands offer a glimpse back in time with traditional white and blue fishing villages, quiet picturesque ports and 12th Century Fortresses to explore.

The main islands in the group include; Patmos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Symi, Tilos & Rhodes.





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Symi - The small Greek island of Symi may be dwarfed by neighbouring Rhodes, but its low-key charm is exactly its appeal.

Symi sits just 4 miles off the Turkish coast and is only accessible by boat. Welcomed by helpful staff in its infamous neoclassical harbour, you'll be blown away by the pastel coloured buildings rising up on the surrounding hillsides. This delightful harbour is a perfect place to explore and unwind. Symi has a long history of sponge diving and you'll see the proud tradition is still heralded today; statues dotted around the port commemorate some of the greatest divers of the past. The sponges themselves are sold in numerous shops around the harbour and make for a perfect souvenir.

Visit the hidden bay that's home to the Panormitis monastery on the Southwest of the island. The expansive complex is quite something to behold and the surprisingly spacious anchorage characterised by a narrow 'hidden' entrance.

### 1 Wk Kos Return

Sat: Kos to Nissyros  
Sun: Nissyros to Tilos  
Mon: Tilos to Chalki  
Tues: Chalki to Lindos (Rhodes)  
Weds: Lindos to Rhodes  
Thurs: Mandraki to Symi  
Fri: Symi to Kos

