

The Doric Aegean and Crete

from/to Kos
Sept 10th–Oct 1st

Starting from Kos Town, the workshop/summer school leads to archaeological and historical sites of the southern Aegean, Crete and Rhodes and back to Kos. It takes place as a sailing excursion with a modern yacht and focuses on the maritime conditions, influences and connections from the late Minoan to the early Byzantine period, i.e. the ancient historical development of this region in its maritime context.

The event is directed at advanced students, doctoral students as well as postdocs in all fields of classical antiquity. Various topics of individual areas and places are discussed and lectures given on topics such as ancient seafaring, navigation, astronomy, meteorology, sea routes, etc. Participants are expected to give a presentation on one of the journey's topics (e.g. listed below). Previous knowledge of sailing – although beneficial – is not required. On board, participation as well as teamwork is expected. Accommodation is on board the yacht.

Topics and places e.g.: Cretan Palaces and their Harbours – The Ship Fresco of Akrotiri and the *Minoan* of Chania – Minoan *Thalassocracy* – The Minoan Eruption of Thera – The Uluburun Shipwreck – The so-called *Sea Peoples* – Doric Migration in the Aegean – Early Phoenicians in the Aegean – Zeus and Europa – Thera and the Foundation of Cyrene – Early Polis and Sanctuary of Lindos – Routes to Naucratis – Spartan Aegean – Off the Beaten Track: Astypalaia – City Foundation and Trade Routes: Rhodes, Knidos, Kos – The Siege of Rhodes – The Rhodian Fleet – Cretan Piracy – The Antikythera Mechanism – Establishing a Roman Province: the Case of Crete – The Imperial Fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean – Goths and Herulians in the Aegean – Early Islamic Raids in the Aegean – Controlling the Sea: Fortresses of the Knights of St John in Kos and Rhodes



Languages: German/English – Costs: 1.400 € p.P. (excl. board cash)

Please note: Travel by sailing yacht offers a wide range of experiences and insights into the maritime world. It does not offer the comfort of a cruise trip and means living under simple conditions in a confined space. Participation can therefore mean getting out of one's comfort zone – mentally and physically. The final route will depend on current wind conditions. Participation costs are the pro-rata yacht charter. The number of participants is limited by the size of the yacht.