

The Land of the Rising Sun...

complex, yet courteous and friendly people...

ancient temples...

...Japan

...with deeply engrained culture, history, and traditions

...culinary delights



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What's more, you will struggle to find better food anywhere else in the world. Who could fail to be impressed by the huge range of dishes on offer? Slices of sashimi served fresh from the sea, steaming winter stews, bento box picnics beneath the cherry blossom and exquisite kaiseki banquets – to name but a few of the culinary highlights.

With Japan hosting the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympics, the popularity of fascinating country is only set to grow further so now really is the time to discover Japan before the whole world descends on one of Asia's most unique destinations.



Hello!

Let us take you on a cultural adventure in the Far East, to the Land of the Rising Sun, Japan. Soon to host both the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and the 2020 Olympics, it is definitely in the spotlight!

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Closer to home, and with this Summer very much in mind we review the Cycladic islands of the central Aegean Sea. With so much variety from one island to the next why not consider a multi-centre "island-hopping" journey and mix the buzz of Mykonos with the laid-back vibes of Koufonissi.

We hope you enjoy reading about these destinations and do remember to give us a call to arrange your holidays and allow us to tell you more about our favourite destinations and the many special offers that we receive on a regular basis.

Best wishes

Bianca & Tracy



The Cyclades...

From the drama of Santorini's caldera...

whitewashed villages...



Santorini

...islands of the Aegean

...to the spectacular beaches of Koufonissi

...island hopping heaven



Koufonissi

The Eternal City

Rome is my favourite European capital *by Tracy*

...live "la dolce vita"



The Cyclades – literally 'the scattered islands' - in the central Aegean are most people's idea of how the Greek Islands should look. There are dazzling flat-roofed villages to explore, timeless harbours, excellent beaches, and tiny chapels everywhere. Each island has its own distinct history, customs and atmosphere, and each contrasts in landscape and terrain with its neighbour. The best known and busiest are Mykonos and Santorini, both of which have direct international flights. Santorini is world famous and seemingly always busy – every cruise-ship in the Aegean seems to call in at some stage. But this does not detract from the sheer spectacle of the place, its volcanic cliffs laced with white villages overlooking the caldera and islands below.



Mykonos

These are good jumping off points for nearby islands such as Naxos, Paros and Ios lying at the heart of the group. These islands have a perfect blend of whitewashed Greek charm and fabulous sandy beaches, making them a draw for Greek and foreign visitors alike. For lesser frequented islands look to the west - Andros, Sifnos, Milos, Folegandros,



Paxos

each with its own distinct attractions. These islands have a more laid back feel, although in high season do receive their fair share of visitors of course, and are best served via Athens.

But the most remote of all are known as 'the small Cyclades'. We suggest tiny Koufonissi (truly fabulous beaches!), Schoinoussa and not-so-small Amorgos. Historically difficult to reach - an overnight for the first and/or the last night is often necessary. The Small Cyclades also combine well with Naxos. Walking is always an attraction in Greece, and we'd recommend the excellent website www.cycladen.be for walking information and trails which cover the majority of the Cycladic islands.



Schoinoussa

Many people find a two- or three-island holiday appealing, due to the proximity of one island to the other and the contrasts between them. Due to the ferry routings, we suggest keeping to island groupings – we can help with this and put together the perfect itinerary to suit you, let us know if a Greek adventure is something you would love!



Amorgos

Rome is now my favourite city, so many fascinating things to see & do, easy to get round and great food, what is there not to like! I would recommend getting organised with an itinerary before you go including restaurant reservations (the good ones get booked up!) so you can maximise your time. We can help with all that from budget to luxury stays - what are you waiting for get in touch!

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