



Blue Moon Charter Options

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'Blue Moon' is fairly new to the Boatman boat charters. With a spacious salon layout **which sleeps six comfortably**, private head and shower, and a large open cockpit, it's no wonder why it was one of Sea Ray's most popular models during her production years. Great for family cruising with high cockpit gunwhales, safe for kids, comfortable seating, and a transom door leading to the large swim platform.



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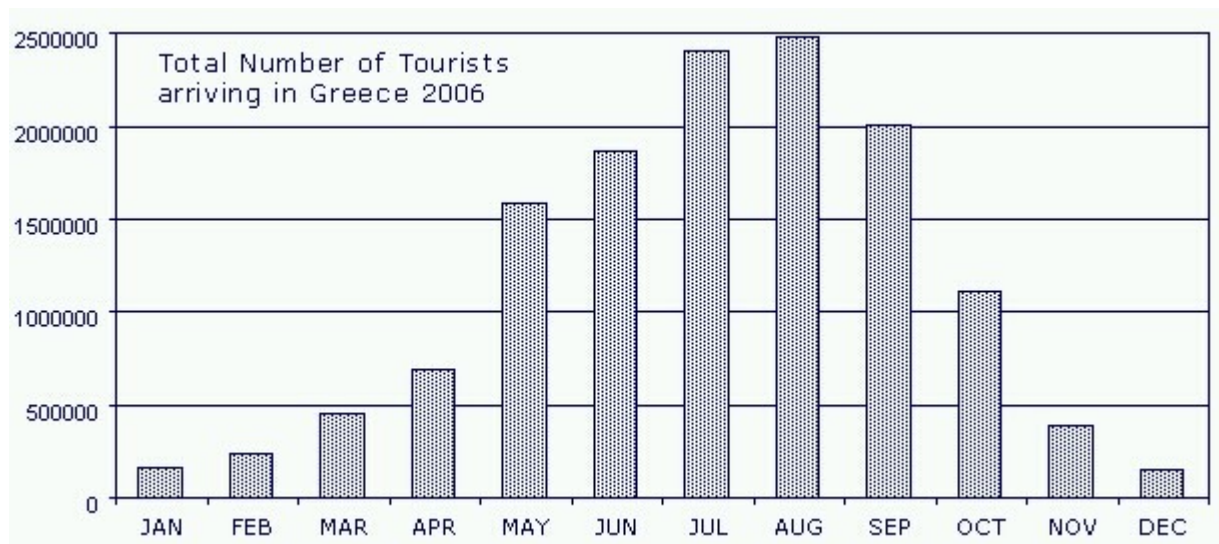
Choose your weeks:

Options	Number of weeks if 6000 Euro prepaid	Cost per week	Cost per day	Cost per person per day if 2	Cost per person per day if 4	Cost per person per day if 6
High Season May, June, July, August, September	12	500	71.43	35.72	17.86	11.91
Medium Season March, April, October	20	300	42.86	21.43	10.71	7.14
Low Season November, December, January, February	30	200	28.58	14.29	7.15	4.76

Combinations available

When to sail Greece

The yacht charter season in Greece starts early April and ends in November. The graph below deals with all tourists, not just the sailing tourists. Yet a graph for just yacht charters will no doubt spike even more in the sailing high season, which runs from the last week of July till the first week of September.



Sailing Greece in the high season

When sailing in the high season you should take into account the following:

- * The most crowded sailing areas will be Corfu, Lefkas and the Saronic.
- * You will also find a lot of non-sailing tourists on the popular islands of Mykonos, Ios, Santorini, Kos, Rhodes, Lesvos, etc.
- * In the Aegean Sea the strong Meltemi could not only be a nuisance but also a hazard for sailors.
- * Yacht charters will be about 10% more expensive.
- * You will have more choice of cabin charters, flotillas and charter flights.
- * All tavernas, museums, mineral baths, etc will be open.

Reasons to sail Greece in April, May and June

* An abundance of flowers & lush and green islands due to the spring rains of March. This particularly concerns the Cyclades and Dodecanese, which will gradually turn dry and barren during the high yacht charter season. Despite losing some of its freshness and most of the flowers, the Ionian and Northern Aegean islands will remain green and fertile throughout the whole sailing season.

* Cheap yacht charters: the high - and most expensive - season starts last week of July and ends after first week of September. Before May even cheaper.

* Fewer charter yachts; even when arriving late in the afternoon there will be ample space in ports and anchorages, yet most tavernas are already open.

* In the Ionian the Maistro already delivers steady reliable winds much like in the Aegean where there are no strong Meltemi winds yet.

* Orthodox Easter: The next Easter Sunday will be on April 27th, 2008, and is the biggest church holiday in Greece, traditionally celebrated with sumptuous amounts of wine and the roasting of a quite a lot of lambs. Ascension is 40 days after Easter and Pentecost is 50 days after Easter.

* As is shown in the graph below, daylight hours peak in 21 June - the summer solstice - with 14 hours and 48 minutes. On 21 September the day is 2 hours and 39 minutes shorter, yet even as early in the sailing season as 21 March the day is longer, albeit by just 5 minutes. The "spikes" correspond to daylight saving time.

Only one downside to the early season:

The water temperature will reach "pleasant swimmable" levels in May but early April the sea temperature is usually around 17° C/63° F, in my view a bit chilly but this rapidly improves to a very pleasant 23° C/74° F in the beginning of June.

All this considered, we have found the optimum to sail Greece to be around the last two weeks of May and the first two weeks of June.

Reasons to sail Greece in September and October

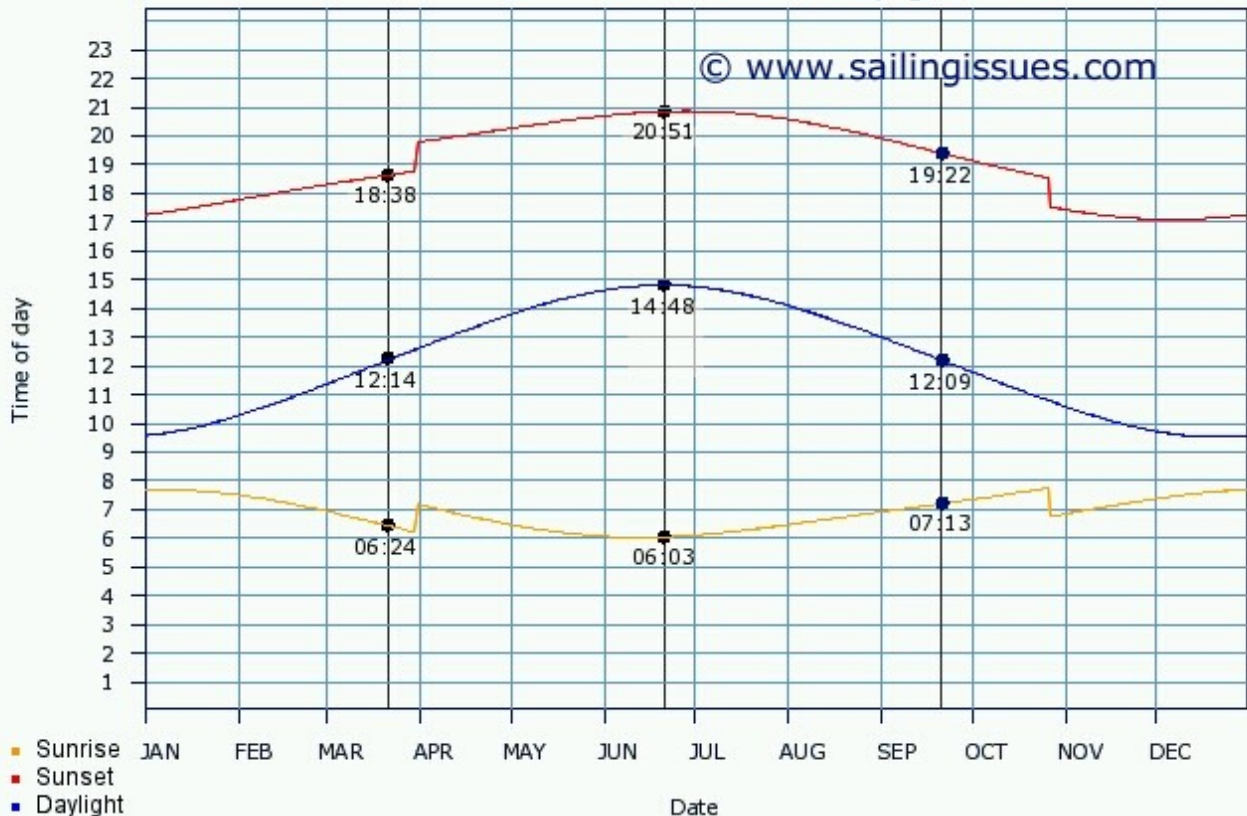
* Again fewer yachts and tourists: Especially in the popular areas of the Ionian Sea and around Athens the amount of tourists will drop dramatically after the first week(s) of September.

* Still steady winds in the Ionian (Maistro wind) and no Meltemi winds in the Aegean.

* Cheap yacht charters: the high - and most expensive - season ends after the first week of September. After the first week of October even cheaper.

* Sea water with tropical temperatures, ideal for snorkelling and diving: 29-31° C/84-88° F.

Sunrise, Sunset and Daylight for Athens, Greece



Again only one downside:

Typically the Cyclades can suffer from shortages of fresh water: except for Naxos none of the cycladic and dodecanese islands have perennial rivers and are therefore already rather barren, dry and rugged in the yacht charter high season. Also, for (charter) yachts it will be more difficult and expensive here to fill the water tanks. Yet, the northern Sporades and the Ionian islands stay green and fertile all year round, but are even more beautiful in springtime when covered in colourful flowers.

Climat change

After two extraordinary warm winters, likewise this winter was rather mild. This has four major influences on the yacht charter season:

- * The season will start earlier by as much as 2 weeks, now mid-March;
- * Already agreeable swimming temperatures in early May;
- * Less rain in late spring and summer: Cyclades will become even more dry;
- * A slight but significant increase of (meltemi) storms, heat waves and forest fires in the high season.

Also see the IPCC 4th Assessment Report on Greece.

Photogallery

