

Marinas - Moorings

Nowadays there are 19 marinas with 6,661 docking places in Greece, offering high quality services. Quite a few of these marinas have been awarded by the European Blue Flag programme.

In recent years, the Greek National Tourist Organisation and some of the 13 administrative regions of the country have started the implementation of a programme for the creation of an integrated network of anchoring and relevant services for boats along the Greek coasts; this programme is now nearing completion. New modern marinas, hotel ports and moorings for the safe docking of boats already operate or are in the process of starting their operation, in order to meet the needs of tourists coming to Greece by sea in the most satisfactory way and under the safest conditions. For analytical information regarding the marinas operating in Greece, [click here](#). Also see the marinas under construction.

Moorings

In addition to the docking places provided by public or private marinas, approximately 3,000 yachts can be accommodated in the Greek ports. Apart from the big commercial ports of Piraeus and Thessalonica, small and picturesque moorings have been created and equipped in many Greek ports. Piers and sea walls have been constructed, creating safe areas where yachts can dock, provided they pay the relevant port dues. Basic facilities and elementary services are provided in most of these ports for the docked boats. Such ports have been created in Mikrolímano of Piraeus, on the islands of Aegina, Poros, Hydra, Spetses, in Nafplio, Gythio, Pylos, on the islands of Zákynthos, Ithaca, Kefaloniá, Lefkada, Paxí, Ios, Mykonos, Patmos, Symi, Samos, Lesbos (Plomari), Chios and in other places.

-Port dues

Commercial ports are supervised by the port authorities of each region. Yachts using the ports of the country are obliged to pay port dues as specified by the regulations of the competent Ministry of Mercantile Marine. The docking dues are paid at the Port Authorities of each region to the Port Fund and are calculated on the basis of yacht category, the metres of the yacht's total length, the registered tons of total capacity and the duration of docking in the port.

-Supplies Fuel:

Diesel fuel is provided to yachts in many ports of the country, mainly by fuel trucks, with the care of the port authorities of each region (information VHF, channel 12). Most oil companies have established a well-organised coastal network of fuel stations on the islands and the continental coasts of the country, capable of handling refueling requirements of yachts in each area. Moreover, some of these companies have built special small tankers, capable of carrying not only fuel, but fuel trucks as well, thus creating floating installations for the servicing of yachts. In the larger ports of the country fuel is charged at current prices. In more remote areas, however, a small surcharge is added in order to cover the additional transportation cost.

Vessels are no longer entitled to transit fuel. All vessels, without exception, are obliged to use diesel fuel which has the natural yellow-white colour of oil (non coloured).

Gasoline: It is usually sold at gas stations and not at pumps near the pier.

Lubricants: Although all types of lubricants are sold in Greece, you may not find them on certain remote islands. For this reason, yachts on extended trips should have reserves of the lubricants they need.

Water: As far as the supply of potable water is concerned, at the marinas of the Greek National Tourist Organisation an additional charge of 80% is added to the urban consumption dues. Water is provided on the pier or is transported by road to the ports. It is recommended to check prices with the port authorities of the region. Due to water shortage on some islands during the summer, it may be difficult to replenish water supplies; therefore, skippers are advised to keep adequate water reserves on the boat.

Other supplies – provisions - equipment: As far as victuals, ice, gas and other goods are concerned, in most of the country's ports you can buy these from private enterprises or through the organised networks of the oil companies (Information via the port authorities/VHF Channel 12).

-Repairs In most Greek coastal areas and near the ports of the mainland and the bigger islands, all types of wide-scale repairs are carried out and all kinds of service are provided to the boats. Some medium or small-scale repairs may be possible in the smaller ports and on the more remote islands.

-Please note the following regulations in force according to Greek legislation:

1. Private yachts, either under the Greek flag or under foreign flag, ARE NOT ENTITLED to tax-free delivery of equipment and supplies, such as fuel, lubricants, victuals and other goods.
2. Professional tourist ships ARE ENTITLED to tax-free delivery of fuel only, through the procedure by which the special oil consumption tax is returned for the amount of fuel that can be proven to have been used for professional reasons. Same vessels are not entitled to tax-free delivery of food supplies and other goods.

Note: The relevant legislation, which was recently revised in order to harmonise Greek legislation with European community policy, may be subject to differentiations with regard to these issues.