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# **ETE Insider Information on Greece**

## **FERRY SCHEDULES WITHIN GREECE**

We recommend a very informative website which consolidates all ferry schedules into one place - [www.openseas.gr](http://www.openseas.gr). For English view [www.openseas.gr/OPENSEAS/index\\_en.vm](http://www.openseas.gr/OPENSEAS/index_en.vm).

You can visit the websites of the actual ferry companies which sail from Athens (port of Piraeus or port of Rafina) to Mykonos, Santorini and Crete, and between the islands and other parts of Greece. Flying Cat is highly recommended.

Hellenic Seaways – [www.hsw.gr](http://www.hsw.gr) (Flying Cat)  
Aegean Speed Lines – [www.aegeanspeedlines.gr](http://www.aegeanspeedlines.gr)  
Agoudimos Lines – [www.agoudimos-lines.gr](http://www.agoudimos-lines.gr)  
Alpha Ferries – [www.alphaferries.gr](http://www.alphaferries.gr)  
Blue Star Ferries – [www.bluestarferries.com](http://www.bluestarferries.com)  
Cycladic Fast Ferries – [www.fastferries.com.gr](http://www.fastferries.com.gr)  
G.A. Ferries – [www.gaferries.gr](http://www.gaferries.gr)

\*\*Please note: Greek ferry companies do not release their official final schedules until approximately 6-8 weeks prior to sailing date. Because these schedules are not finalized until this time, it is highly recommended you recheck final itineraries closer to the actual sailing date.\*\*

## **DOMESTIC AIR OPTIONS WITHIN GREECE**

Air options within Greece increased during the 2010 season.

A new carrier in the mix is Athens Airways, [www.athensairways.com](http://www.athensairways.com). This carrier is promoted as being business class, with their 50 seat CRJ aircraft having all leather seats! For example, during a 20 minute flight from Mykonos to Athens, passengers were served a drink, a small sandwich and a box of nuts!!! The national carrier, Olympic Air, has been privatized and they are trying desperately to change their image.

Probably the best and most reliable of the Greek carriers is Aegean Airways [www.aegeanair.com](http://www.aegeanair.com), who recently started a new cooperation with Lufthansa (Star Alliance). All of these websites have links to translate their sites into English.

[www.skyexpress.gr](http://www.skyexpress.gr) Sky Express destinations from Heraklion, Crete include Rhodes, Kos, Mytilini, Samos, Kalamata, Mykonos, Santorini and Icaria, Patrai, Thessaloniki, Alexandroupoli and Tirana.

The national carrier, Olympic Air, has been privatized. They are planning all new aircraft as well as all new staff. Their website is [www.olympicair.com](http://www.olympicair.com).