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ONE DAY THAT SUMMER

## Delos, Greece, 1966

One of the world's first supermodels, JEAN SHRIMPTON, recalls a picture-perfect trip with photographer Richard Avedon and shares why the beauty of the Greek islands still draws her back today

Photography by Richard Avedon. As told to Delilah Klomou

I'd never seen anywhere more beautiful than Greece. The photographer Richard Avedon cast me alongside Jeanloup Sieff for this American *Vogue* story called *The Shrimp At Sea*. A good play on my nickname! We set sail for the Cyclades islands from Athens, aboard the world's largest and most glamorous yacht, the *Creole*, then owned by Stavros Niarchos. It was an eight-day trip, which felt more like a holiday than work: mornings were spent exploring and shooting whichever island we docked at, followed by a swim in deserted coves and long lunches.

The most unchanged of all the Greek islands is Delos; it's an archeological site with classical ruins dating back to 900BC and an avenue of lion statues dedicated to Apollo. On our trip, we visited many more beautiful sites, including the Heraion of Samos and the Caryatids at the Acropolis in Athens. Avedon photographed Jeanloup and me mainly in Santorini and Mykonos – part of the Cyclades, which are beyond picture-perfect, with their whitewashed villages reflecting light to make everything feel like it's lit by a 90W bulb, even in October when we shot the story.

For me, the enduring appeal of Greece is the diversity of the islands. My favorite, after the Cyclades, is Corfu, which is surprisingly green – in fact, it seems as if every inch of the island is covered with trees. Even when your eye becomes accustomed to the landscape, you cannot stop reeling at the sheer number of olive trees, planted by the Venetians centuries ago. I go back to Corfu at least three or four times a year, and always make the pilgrimage to my favorite Kalami Beach Taverna ([kalamibeach.com](http://kalamibeach.com)) overlooking the islet-speckled straits towards Albania.

### PORTER's guide to Greek island-hopping

**CHARTER** Aristotle Onassis's legendary yacht, *Christina O*, a floating Naxos where Hollywood stars and European royalty swept down the onyx and silver staircase to swim in a marble pool that at the touch of a button rose to become a dance floor. Now, this iconic charter, which sleeps 34, is available through Cecil Wright, who will create a Cyclades itinerary taking in Paros, Hydra, Syros and Mykonos. [cecilwright.com](http://cecilwright.com)

**STAY** at Katikies Santorini – this elegant grande dame hotel is the kind of place you have to go once in your life. Cantilevered across the Oia hillside, the chic minimal design and myriad of infinity pools overlooking the epic Caldera have earned it the accolade of being the Santorini hotel with the most wedding proposals. While over in Mykonos, the Cycladic island hotel group is set to raise the glamor stakes with the opening of the new Katikies Mykonos, right on the Agios Ioannis beach, at the end of June. [katikies.com](http://katikies.com)

**BE INSPIRED** by Luc Besson's cult classic, *The Big Blue*, a cinematic ode to Amorgos. The eastern-most island of the Cyclades is still little visited. Explore it on foot with Paths of Greece, a new initiative which is developing networks of hiking trails all over Greece. On Amorgos, the hiking trails are simply known as blue paths because it's possible to see the sea wherever you turn, via ruined Greek temples, crusader castles and monasteries. [paths4greece.gr](http://paths4greece.gr)

**EXPLORE** the ruins of Butrint in Albania, one of the most unspoiled archaeological sites in the Mediterranean, only a short trip from Corfu Town via the Albanian port of Sarande. Here, you can kayak past Cold War submarine tunnels, swim by abandoned forts and hike through deserted wooded paths that lead to clearings filled with ancient buildings like a Byzantine basilica and Greco-Roman amphitheater.

**DON'T MISS** the new Rodin and the Art of Ancient Greece exhibition at the British Museum. Look out for iconic masterpieces like *The Thinker* and *The Kiss*, which were inspired by the sculptor's first visit to the British Museum in 1881, where he was captivated by the beauty of the Parthenon sculptures and Elgin Marbles (still on display in Room 18). [britishmuseum.org](http://britishmuseum.org)

**NEED-TO-KNOW** Five Star Greece can organize private boat charters as well as villa rentals across all of the Greek islands ([fivestargreece.com](http://fivestargreece.com)). Or Hellenic Seaways ([hellenicseaways.gr](http://hellenicseaways.gr)) provides a ferry service all year across the Greek Islands, from the Cyclades to the Sporades, Ionian and Saronic Islands.



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