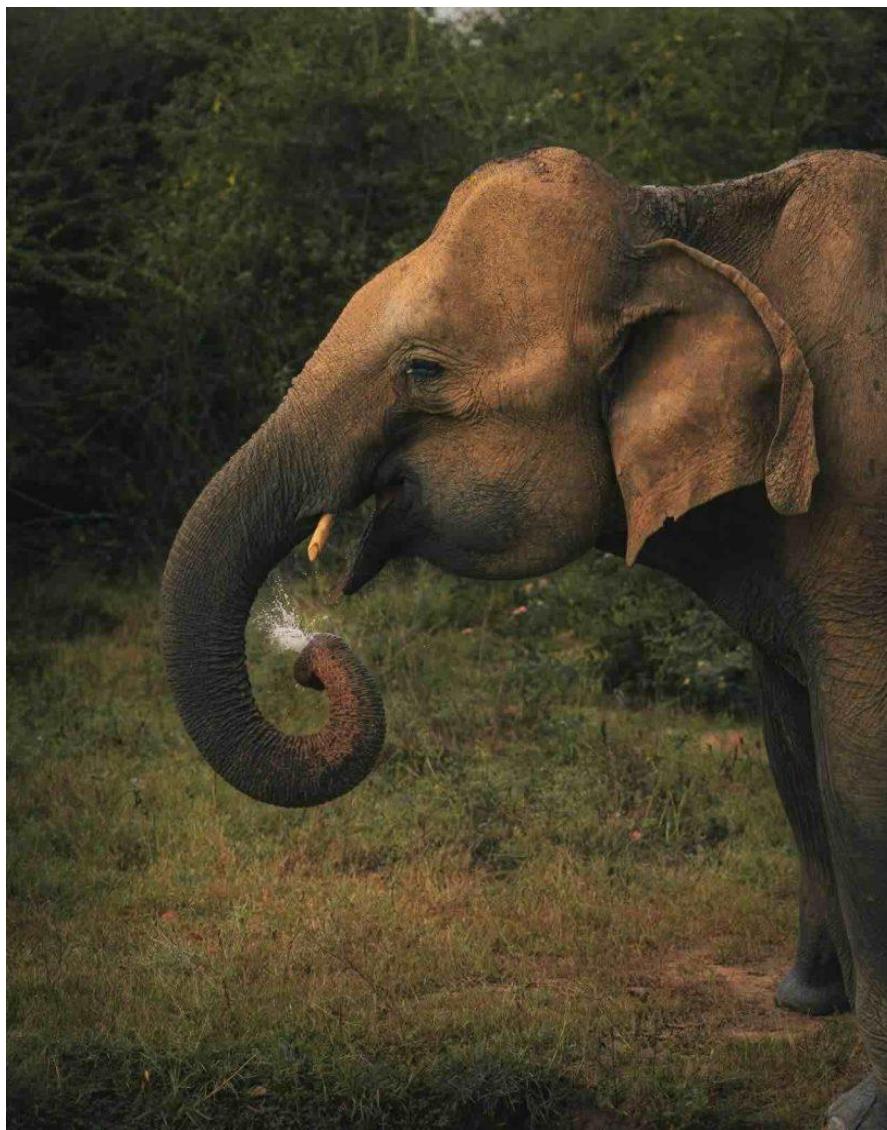


Trip 1: Langkawi, Malaysia → Galle, Sri Lanka

DATES: FEBRUARY 16-27

This passage delivers classic trade wind sailing at its best, riding the northeast monsoon across the eastern Indian Ocean. Consistent northeasterly winds, manageable seas, and predictable weather create fast, comfortable passage making with minimal motoring. It's an ideal introduction to Bluewater sailing—efficient, confidence-building, and deeply rewarding—ending on the culturally rich shores of Sri Lanka.



Trip 2: Galle, Sri Lanka → Djibouti (via Maldives, possibly Socotra)

DATES: MARCH 2-31

Continuing west, the voyage crosses the heart of the Indian Ocean as the northeast trades ease through March but generally remain present. A stop at Uligan in the Maldives provides a welcome mid-ocean pause—clear water, quiet anchorages, and time to reset before the longer offshore legs. If conditions allow, a rare stop at Socotra offers the chance to see the island's legendary dragon blood trees before reaching Djibouti, a safe and stable landfall with secure ports and a major international airport—ideal for crew changes and onward travel after a major ocean crossing.



Trip 3: Djibouti → Rhodes, Greece (via Suakin and the Suez Canal)

DATES: APRIL 5-27

This is a challenging passage, involving headwinds and stretches of motor sailing. The first leg to Suakin is often aided by southerly winds funneled up the strait, providing smoother, downwind sailing. Many cruisers stop at Suakin for its safe anchorage, historic Ottoman-era port, and quiet coastal scenery - a convenient and rewarding pause before heading north toward the Suez. Beyond Suakin, it's a matter of working upwind toward the Suez. According to Jimmy Cornell, author of the classic *World Cruising Routes*, April is the best month for this passage. The Suez Canal transit itself involves formalities with an agent and authorities, followed by a daylight convoy passage under pilot guidance with an overnight stop near Ismailia before continuing northward. The final leg from Port Said to Rhodes typically takes three days.



Greece routes

Trip 4: Rhodes → Aegina: Cyclades Islands Passage

DATES: MAY 2-12

Sail from Rhodes to Aegina through the Cyclades islands, with a mix of quiet anchorages and potential nights in port. Daily passages of 15–40 nautical miles provide hands-on experience with anchoring, docking, and sail handling. Northerly winds offer ideal beam and reach sailing as the summer Meltemi begins. Flexible route options let you adjust stops or passage lengths to suit the weather and cultural interests. Finish in Aegina, just a short ferry from Athens airport.



Trip 5: Volos → Pythagoreio, Samos: Sporades Islands Passage

DATES: JUNE 1-11

Sail from Volos to Samos through the Sporades islands, with a mix of quiet anchorages and potential port stops. Daily passages of 15–40 nautical miles provide hands-on experience with anchoring, docking, and sail handling, with the option for an overnight passage. Northerly winds offer ideal beam and reaching conditions, and flexible route options allow passage lengths and stopping points to be adjusted based on weather and sea conditions. The Sporades islands are special for their lush greenery, unspoiled landscapes, traditional fishing ports and scenic beaches, offering a more relaxed sailing experience compared to the busier tourism of the Cyclades islands. The voyage finishes in Pythagoreio on the island of Samos, a historic harbor town with a sheltered port, excellent facilities and a rich maritime heritage. The town is conveniently located near Samos International Airport and offers easy connections by bus or taxi to other parts of the island.



Trip 6: Pythagoreio, Samos → Aegina, Greece: Cyclades Islands Passage

DATES: JUNE 15-26



Sail from Pythagoreio on Samos island to Aegina, Greece, through the Cyclades islands, with a mix of tranquil anchorages and potential port stops. Daily passages of 15–40 nautical miles provide opportunities for anchoring, exposure to docking, and sail handling. During the summer, the strong northerly winds Known as the Meltemi can create opportunities for more spirited and exhilarating sailing. Flexible routing allows you to choose stops based on weather, cultural highlights and passenger interests. The islands along the route are known for scenic beaches, traditional harbors, and culturally rich villages, offering plenty of opportunities to explore local life along the way. Finish in Aegina, Greece, with easy ferry connections to Athens and plenty of local culture, seaside cafés and historic sites to enjoy.