

## **Gayle Yerge-Cole**

My daughter Sarah and I started kayaking in 1996. She was 11 years old and we kayaked with Orca whales along the San Juan Islands. We have continued kayaking together, paddling with the whales in the St. Lawrence Seaway, whales off the coast of Maine, gators in the Everglades, and all 5 of the Great Lakes. We have been members of a women's kayaking group, the Kayak Konnection since 1998.

Sarah and I have always talked about wanting to travel to Greece to visit the ancient structures. We made this trip together last year and took some time out for kayaking in the Aegean Sea with Rod Feldman, an outfitter on the Greek island of Milos. It was a kayaker's paradise of deserted sandy beaches, coves, clear, turquoise water, and hundreds of caves. Milos is a non touristy island and a great place to experience true Greek culture. For kayaking, the island offers volcanic rock formations, caves formed from dissolved ash, hot springs on practically every beach, and the brightest and clearest water we have ever seen. After kayaking each day, we were able to explore the history of the island. Milos has an ancient theatre and catacombs and is the original home of the Venus de Milos. We want to share this adventure with others.