

# Painting in the Greek Islands With Lyn Diefenbach

Rhodes (1 night) Halki (5 nights) Tilos (5 nights)  
& Kalymnos (8 nights) - With optional excursions to Turkey.

(4th - 23rd May 2018)

## Day 1/ RHODES ( Fri. 4th) FREE DAY.

From Athens, connect with flight to Rhodes and take a taxi to Hotel Agla ,situated in Rhodes Town. ( taxi costs will be reimbursed.) Our hotel is within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, tavernas, cafes and famous sites **Welcome sunset cocktails .**

## Day 2 / HALKI (Sat. 5th) FREE DAY.

**The Old Town** is a magical place to stroll with its medieval cobbled lanes and incredible buildings connected by beautiful arches. Passing through the Kastro Gardens you pass the impressive paved street of the Knights, the Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Palace of the Grand Masters and Hippocrates Square with its' artists. Depart Rhodes 14:30.. Arrive Halki 16:00.. Transfer to our villas with panoramic vistas !

## Day 3/ HALKI (Sun. 6th)

**Emborios .**From our villas terrace, we are surrounded by inspirational vistas !

## Day 4/ HALKI (Mon . 7th)

**Emborios.** The picturesque harbour is lined with beautiful neo-classical homes & colourful fishing boats. The cafes along the waterfront are a popular meeting place for the locals and a great spot to capture the laid-back atmosphere of Halki !

## Day 5/ HALKI(Tues. 8th )

**Pondamos Bay** with its taverna overlooking the beach and the blue- domed church perched on the hill , is a lovely afternoon painting spot



**Day 6/ HALKI (Wed. 9th)**

**Emborios.** The meandering laneways are filled with colourful houses and pots of geraniums.  
(afternoon critique ) Optional group dinner

**Day 7 / TILOS (Thurs. 10th ) FREE DAY**

**Depart Halki 10:30. Arrive Tilos 12:00** Tilos, with its vistas of high cliffs overlooking valleys of cypresses ,walnut and olive trees is totally unspoilt. Our hotel by the sea with its beds of spectacular roses offers wonderful views and great swimming !

**Day 8 / TILOS( Fri. 11th )**

**Livadi.** The sweep of the protected bay between rugged headlands is striking with its red and yellow ochre rocks reflected into the turquoise sea.

**Day 9/ TILOS( Sat. 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Megalio Chorio.** The white-washed village with its narrow lanes , crowned by a medieval fortress is situated in the islands' interior.

Optional lunch at a family taverna under the vine overlooking the fertile valley .

**Day 10/ TILOS ( Sun 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Agias Andonis.** Under the shade of the tamarisk trees , this tiny jetty with its colourful tangled nets and brightly painted fishing boats is a typical Greek scene !

Optional lunch at a taverna right on the watersedge - enjoy the super fresh catch of the day!

**Day 11/ TILOS ( Mon 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**Livadi.** The hotels garden is filled with beautiful fragrant roses - the perfect spot to sketch  
( afternoon critique )

**Day 12/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 15<sup>th</sup>) FREE DAY**

**Depart Tilos 11:00. Arrive Kalymnos 13:00.** We are staying in the picturesque white-washed fishing village of **Myrties**, backdropped by dramatic mountains facing the sea..

**Day 13/ KALYMNOS( Wed. 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**Myrties.** The view of the tiny jetty with its' colourful boats is idyllic .

**Day 14/ KALYMNOS ( Thurs. 17<sup>st</sup>)**

**Vathy.** Descending into this fertile valley with its' great groves of mandarins is an unforgettable sight as it also has one of the deepest and most beautiful natural harbours in the Aegean. The inlet is magical with its' fishing boats, goats and white-washed churches.

Optional lunch under a vine overlooking the beautiful inlet .



**Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 18th)**

**Arginontas.** Driving along the spectacular coastal road we pass wild thyme and oregano covered mountains leading to the deep inlet of Arginontas We set up in the olive grove to paint these ancient trees with their sinewy trunks and silver-flecked leaves. The family run taverna situated under a vine overlooking the beautiful inlet is the perfect lunch spot !  
**Optional Greek night with live music and dancing.**

**Day 16 /KALYMNOS( Sat. 19th )FREE DAY**

**Optional excursion to Turkey with its' exotic restaurants and colourful bazaar - !**

**Day 17/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 20th)**

**Emborios.** Harrys taverna, set in the islands most beautiful garden with its pots of geraniums, roses, sprays of lavender , olive and fig trees will inspire us for our painting session.  
**Optional meze lunch( a variety of vegetarian appetizers ) in this exquisite garden setting**

**Day 18/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 21st)**

**Aghias Savas.** The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery, contrasted with the deep blues of the sky and sea is a scene to capture  
**Evening BBQ at Babis Bar.**

**Day 19/ KALYMNOS( Tues.. 22nd )**

**Telendos.**Departing from the small jetty of Myrties, we cross the narrow strait to this tiny tranquil isle , its waterfront lined with tavernas and bold yellow tangled fishing nets.  
**( afternoon critique ) Farewell sunset cocktails**

**Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Wed. 23rd)**

**Transfer to Kalymnos Airport for flight to Athens.**



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