

Painting in the Greek Islands

With Jane Blundell

**Rhodes , Kastellorizo, Symi, Nissiros ,
Kos & Kalymnos**

(6th Oct. - 25th Oct, 2019)

Day 1/ RHODES (Sun. 6th) FREE DAY

From Athens, please connect with flight to Rhodes. From Rhodes Airport, please take a taxi to Hotel Agla situated in the centre of Rhodes Town within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, cafes and famous sites. (taxi cost will be reimbursed)

The Old Town is a magical place to stroll with its medieval cobbled lanes and incredible buildings connected by beautiful arches. **Welcome cocktails at 7.00pm.**

Day 2/ KASTELLORIZO (Mon .7th)

Depart Rhodes 7:00. Arrive Kastellorizo 10:30.

We will be staying near the waterfront- with panoramic vistas overlooking the village, the sea & the beautiful mountains of Turkey in the distance.

Megisti : The red Turkish minaret against the lush mountains of Turkey as a backdrop provides a striking composition for our afternoon painting session.

Day 3/ KASTELLORIZO (Tues. 8th)

Megisti: The backstreets are filled with meandering cobbled-stoned laneways, brightly painted wooden shutters and pots of scarlet geraniums.

Day 4/ KASTELLORIZO (Wed. 9th)

Mandraki : The view of the fortress crowning the village with the shipyard tucked away at the end of the little bay provided endless inspiration.

Day 5 / KASTELLORIZO (Thurs. 10th)

Megisti : The lovely little harbour is lined with colourful fishing boats and tangled nets .With its' cafes perched on the waters edge, it is the perfect spot . **(afternoon critique)**



Day 6 /SYMI (Fri. 11th) FREE DAY

Optional morning excursion to the “Blue Grotto “with its dazzling shades of blue.

Depart Kastellorizio at 14:00 Arrive Symi at 20:30. Our hotel, in the heart of the Old Town with its panoramic vistas , is surrounded by endless painting & sketching subjects.

Day 7/ SYMI (Sat. 12th)

Chora : Enjoy painting the incredible vista from our balconies overlooking terra-cotta roofs to the distant sea and mountains.

Day 8/ SYMI (Sun . 13th)

Pedi An idyllic fishing village set in a fertile valley with a small pebbly cove and lovely taverna.

Day 9/ SYMI (Mon. 14th)

Yialos : We will spend the morning painting one of the most stunning harbours in Greece with its tiers of sugar - almond houses. Yialos is a beautiful village of faded elegance. Around its' harbour stand ranks of tall, elegant mansions surrounded by hills dotted with needle pines. (afternoon critique)

Day 10/ NISSIROS (Tues. 15th) FREE DAY

Depart Symi 9:20. Arrive Kos 11:00. Kos (the birthplace of Hippocrates) is a blend of ancient sites, medieval fortifications , Turkish minarets florid Italian buildings and a wonderful enclosed market.

Depart Kos 14:30. Arrive Nissiros 15:30. We will be staying at Pensione Profyris with its' fabulous views of our white-washed village , the monastery and Kos across the cobalt sea.

Day 11/ NISSIROS(Wed. 16th)

Mandraki and the waterfront is filled with fish tavernas by the sea wall. The islands capital is a network of narrow lanes rising uphill from the esplanade, the stark whiteness of its houses forming a striking contrast to the dark volcanic earth.

Day 12/ NISSIROS (Thurs. 17th)

Nikia : This morning we head up the mountains to the spectacularly located mountain village - a dazzling splash of white against dramatic mountains.

Day 13/ NISSIROS (Fri. 18h)

Mandraki: The village square with its enormous shady tree and pretty cafes leads to a maize of twisting narrow alleys surrounded by cubic white-washed homes with brightly painted wooden shutters and balconies. (afternoon review)



Day 14/ KALYMNOS(Sat. 19th) FREE DAY

Depart Nissiros 7am. Arrive Kalymnos 9.30am. We are staying on the waterfront in the picturesque fishing village of **Myrties**, backdropped by dramatic mountains.

As today is a free day, why not head to Pothia, the main town, to stroll the backstreets with its' shops or visit the fabulous Archaeological Museum ,followed by lunch along the waterfront.

Day 15/KALYMNOS(Sun. 20th)

Telendos is steeped in time with a mere 50 inhabitants . We will spend the day painting a choice of crimson bougainvillea-filled alleys and boldly coloured fishing nets.

Day 16/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 21st)

Aghias Savas: The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery contrasted with the cobalt blue sky and sea, is truly spectacular

BBQ evening at Babis Bar

Day 17/ KALYMNOS (Tues.22nd)

Emborios.: A boat trip to a secluded cove to Harrys taverna,set in the islands most beautiful garden with its ceramic urns, splashes of vibrant bougainvillea and potted geraniums.

The garden taverna specialises in a variety of delicious hor'deuvres.

Day 18/ KALYMNOS (Wed. 23rd)

Vathy: Descending into this fertile valley with its' great groves of mandarins is an unforgettable sight as it also has one of the most beautiful natural harbours in the Aegean.

Facing the turquoise inlet with its fishing boats and white-washed churches is magical !

Day 19/ KALYMNOS (Thurs.24th)

Myrties: Perched on a wide bay overlooking the isle of Telendos, the tiny jetty with its colourful boats is an idyllic spot to paint. (afternoon critique) Farewell sunset cocktails.

Day 20 / DEPARTURE (Fri.25th)

Transfer to either Kalymnos or Kos Airport for flight to Athens.(Kos is only a 20.min ferry trip from Kalymnos with regular crossings.)



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