

# Painting in the Greek Isles

With Vivi Palegeorge

(18th August - 4th September 2024)

*Astypalea, Kalymnos, Lipsi, Leros*

## DAY 1/ASTYPALEA (Sun. 18th) FREE DAY

Please book SKY EXPRESS. Depart Athens 15:10. Arrive Astypalea 16:10. You will be met at Astypalea Airport. This stunning whitewashed island, crowned by its majestic fortress, is the perfect location to begin our painting holiday! Surrounded by hills and orchards, we are just a short stroll to the beach. **Welcome drinks. Dinner included.**

## DAY 2 ASTYPALEA (Mon 19th)

**Chora:** The Old Town with its row of windmills provides a challenging composition.

## Day 3/ ASTYPALEA (Tues 20th)

**Livadi:** The bay of Livadi offers a stunning view of the cascading white-washed village of Chora, clustered around the island's fortress. In the late afternoon, we will head up to Chora, which is filled with narrow, winding cobbled lanes and white-washed homes with colourful wooden balconies & shutters. **Dinner included.**

## Day 4/ ASTYPALEA (Wed. 21st)

**Aghias Constantinos:** This beautiful bay lined with tamarisk trees is the perfect spot with its crystal-clear sea, stunning vista and wonderful café. **Afternoon review.**

## Day 5/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 22nd) FREE DAY

Depart Astypalea 10.30am. Arrive Kalymnos 13.45. The picturesque fishing village of Myrties is backdropped by dramatic mountains facing the sea.

## Day 6 / KALYMNOS (Fri. 23rd)

**Myrties.** Perched on a wide bay overlooking the isle of Telendos, the jetty with its colourful boats is an idyllic spot to paint. In the late afternoon, we head off to the tiny isles of Telendos. White-washed lanes draped with crimson bougainvillea, tangled fishing nets and colourful wooden boats. **Dinner included.**



**Day 7/ KALYMNOS (Sat. 24th)**

**Vathy.** The fjord is an unforgettable sight as it is one of the deepest and most beautiful natural harbours in the Aegean. The day will be spent at this turquoise bay, surrounded by mandarin groves, rugged mountains, white-washed churches and goats.  
**Lunch included.**

**Day 8/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 25th.)**

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

**Day 9/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 26th)**

**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 sinewy trunks and silver-flecked leaves.  
**Afternoon review.**

**Day 10/ LIPSI (Tues. 27th) FREE DAY**

**Leave Kalymnos 12:30. Arrive Lipsi 14:00** We will be staying in lovely studios, overlooking a small cove with blue-domed churches nestled amongst rolling hills.  
**Evening at the local ouzeri** , a ritual among the locals !! A wonderful spot to sit back with a glass of Ouzo while the owner brings out dish after dish of Greek appetizers!  
**Dinner included.**

**Day 11/ LIPSI (Wed.28th)**

**Plati Yialos.** Today we head off to the emerald - green inlet with its single taverna surrounded by olive trees and wandering geese.  
**Optional evening wine and cheese tasting** at award -winning winery.

**Day 12/ LIPSI (Thurs. 29th)**

Enjoy capturing the vista of the turquoise bay with its blue-domed churches.  
**The main village,** with its colourful boats and church, is perfect in the afternoon light.



**Day 13/ LIPSI (Fri. 30th)**

**Katsadia** Small farms and orchards grace the countryside dotted with blue-domed churches leading to the protected cove of Katsadia, sheltered by bamboo reeds.  
**Afternoon review.**

**Day 14/ LIPSI (Sat. 31st) FREE DAY**

**Optional boat trip** to Arki and small inlets where we pull up at secluded turquoise coves surrounded by bleached ochre rocks for a swim before stopping at Arki for lunch.

**Day 15/ LEROS (Sun. 1st)**

**Depart Lipsi 9am. Arrive Leros 10am.** Our hotel, with its panoramic vista of the distant fortress, is surrounded by hills dotted with almond trees. In the late afternoon, we will set up under the tamarisk trees with a view of the distant village, clustered around the islands' medieval fortress. **Dinner included.**

**Day 16/ LEROS (Mon. 2nd)**

**Pandeli:** This morning, we visit the windmills and the fortress for a panoramic vista before heading on to a fishing village with lively tavernas strewn along a pebbly beach.

**Day 17/ LEROS (Tues. 3rd)**

**Agia Marina.** This white-washed village with its fishing harbour lined with colourful wooden boats and tangled nets is an artist's dream.  
**Afternoon review accompanied by farewell drinks and group dinner.**

**Day 18/ DEPARTURE (Wed. 4th)**

Transfer to Leros Airport. Aegean Airlines departs Leros at 8.50. Arrives Athens 9.50.



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