

Painting in the Greek Islands

With Craig Penny

Rhodes, Kastellorizo, Symi, Kalymnos & Kos
With optional day trip to Turkey.

(4th - 23rd October 2026)

Day 1/ RHODES (Sun. 4th) FREE DAY (....hotel overnight)

Please book Greek Domestic flight from Athens to Rhodes (flight time to be advised)
Our hotel is within walking distance of all the sites. The Old Town is a magical place to stroll with its medieval cobbled lanes, the Street of the Knights and the Palace of the Grand Masters. **Welcome sunset cocktails.**

Day 2/ KASTELLORIZO (Mon. 5th) (....hotel for 4 nights)

Depart Rhodes 7:30. Arrive Kastellorizo 10:30. We will be staying near the waterfront overlooking the colourful main village. The Turkish minaret perched at the edge of the bay with the lush mountains of Turkey as a backdrop provides a lovely composition for our late afternoon session. **Dinner included.**

Day 3/ KASTELLORIZO (Tues. 6th)

Karnayo: The view of the fortress crowning the village, with the shipyard tucked away at the end of the little bay, is inspirational for our morning session. Heading back into town, we pass meandering cobbled-stoned laneways, brightly painted wooden shutters and pots of scarlet geraniums. A wonderful subject for another painting.

Day 4/ KASTELLORIZO (Wed. 7th)

St George Island is the perfect location for our morning painting, followed by an optional lunch and a swim in this idyllic turquoise sea.

Day 5 / KASTELLORIZO (Thurs. 8th)

Mandraki: The lovely little harbour is lined with colourful fishing boats and tangled nets .With its' string of cafes perched right on the waters edge, it is the perfect spot
Afternoon review. Dinner included.



Day 6 /SYMI (Fri. 9th) FREE DAY(----hotel for 5 nights)

Optional morning excursion to the " Blue Grotto." **Depart Kastellorizio 13.30.**

Arrive Symi 19:30. Our hotel, right on the waterfront, is surrounded by superb vistas.

Day 7 / SYMI (Sat. 10th)

Yialos: This is 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. **Dinner included.**

Day 8/ SYMI (Sun. 11th)

Chora: The village square with its old traditional houses, stone walls covered in daisies, crumbling steps and shady pine trees is a wonderful spot for sketching.

Day 9/ SYMI (Mon. 12th)

Pedi: An idyllic fishing village set in a fertile valley with a cove with a lovely taverna.

Day 10/ SYMI (Tues .13th)

Yialos: The backstreets of Yialos with its cobbled laneways weaving amongst shops with brightly coloured awnings, is lively and fun to sketch! **Afternoon review.**
Dinner included.

Day 11/ KALYMNOS (Wed. 14th) FREE DAY (.....hotel for 6 nights)

Depart Symi 9.30am. Arrive Kalymnos 11.45am. Transfer to the picturesque village of Myrties, its jetty lined with fishing boats and one of the best sunsets in the Aegean.

Day 12/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 15th)

Myrties: The jetty with its' colourful boats is idyllic for our morning session.

Pothia: The main town strewn with cafes and fishing boats has lots of lovely, shady seaside spots in the late afternoon to capture this buzzing location. **Dinner included.**

Day 13/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 16th)

Arginontas: Driving along the 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.



Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Sat. 17th)

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. **Lunch included.**

Day 15 KALYMNOS (Sun. 18th)

Agias Pandeliminos Monastery nestled amongst pine trees is breathtaking. In the late afternoon, we cross the narrow strait to the tiny isle of **Telendos**, its waterfront lined with tavernas and bold yellow tangled fishing nets. **Dinner included**

Day 16/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 19th)

Emborios: Harrys taverna, set in the islands most beautiful garden with its pots of geraniums, olive and fig trees is a lovely spot. **Lunch included. Afternoon review.**

Day 17/ KOS (Tues. 20th) (.....Hotel for 3 nights) FREE DAY

Depart Kalymnos 7am. Arrive Kos 8am. Kos, (the birthplace of Hippocrates) is a blend of Greek and Roman ruins, medieval fortifications, Turkish minarets and florid Italian buildings.

Optional excursion to Turkey to visit the coastal town of Bodrum with its' exotic restaurants and colourful bazaar.

Day 18 /KOS (Wed. 21st)

Zia: A pretty mountain village overlooking the sea, surrounded by lush pine forests. **Optional Greek night** with live music and dancing.

Day 19/ KOS (Thurs. 22nd)

Kos Town: The ancient agora with its graceful rows of columns, is the perfect spot to capture the glory of ancient Greece. Heading into the main piazza, we will have the chance to sketch one of Kos's beautiful squares ... its cafes framed by umbrellas and autumn leaves. **Afternoon review accompanied by farewell drinks. Dinner included.**

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Fri. 23rd)

Please book flight from KOS to Athens. (Flight time to be advised.)

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