

Painting in the Greek Islands

With Regina Hona

Naxos, Amorgos, Astypalea, Kalymnos & Telendos

(23rd August - 11th September 2023)

Day 1/ NAXOS (Wed. 23rd) FREE DAY.

Flight to Athens to connect to Greek Domestic flight to Naxos (flight time to be advised) with its stunning villages, undulating hills, archaeological sites and windswept coastline. **Welcome sunset cocktails.**

Day 2/ NAXOS (Thurs. 24th).

The Old Town of Naxos is filled with narrow meandering cobbled lanes, criss-crossed by stone arches and wonderful shops. **Dinner included.**

Day 3/ NAXOS (Fri. 25th)

Full-day island sketching tour visiting beautiful mountain villages, ancient kouros statues, medieval churches, temples, and a pottery studio.

Day 4/ AMORGOS (Sat. 26th) FREE DAY

Depart Naxos 12:20. Arrive Amorgos 14:30.

Transfer to our studios situated in the unspoilt whitewashed mountain village of Langada with its stunning vista overlooking mountains and sea. **Dinner included**

Day 5/ AMORGOS (Sun. 27th)

The hotel's terrace, shaded by a grapevine, looks out to a panoramic vista of the bay, distant islands and undulating hills dotted with blue-domed churches.

Day 6/ AMORGOS (Mon. 28th)

Langada is filled with beautiful old stone walls and rocky outcrops covered in wildflowers. rosemary, lavender and cacti. **Dinner included**



Day 7 / AMORGOS (Tues. 29th)

Chora: Morning visit to the monastery, dramatically perched on the edge of the cliffside. We continue onto Chora, with its maze of meandering, white-washed laneways lined with colourful doors and shutters - an iconic Greek island scene!

Day 8/ AMORGOS (Wed.30th)

Langada: The rural path from our village leads to rugged mountains dotted with prickly-pear, fig trees, vineyards and olive groves overlooking distant whitewashed villages and blue-domed churches. The path is a donkey trail so have your cameras ready for some superb shots. **Afternoon review.**

Day 9/ ASTYPALEA (Thurs. 31st) FREE DAY

Depart Amorgos 14:45. Arrive Astypalea 16:25am. We are situated in a valley with orchards and olive groves, just a short stroll to the beach. **Dinner included**

Day 10/ ASTYPALEA (Fri. 1st)

Livadi: The bay of Livadi offers a stunning view of the cascading white-washed village of Chora clustered around the islands' majestic fortress.

Day 11/ ASTYPALEA (Sat. 2nd)

Chora: The village of Chora, perched above the harbour is filled with narrow, winding cobbled lanes and white-washed homes with colourful wooden balconies & shutters. **Dinner included.**

Day 12/ ASTYPALEA (Sun. 3rd)

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

Day 13/ ASTYPALEA (Mon. 4th)

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

Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 5th) FREE DAY

Depart Astypalea 10:30. Arrive Kalymnos 13:00. We will be staying in the picturesque village of *Myrties*, surrounded by dramatic rugged mountains and sea.



Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Wed. 6th)

Vathy: Crossing the island, 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 day will be spent under the grapevine painting this beautiful turquoise bay. **Lunch included.**

Day 16 / KALYMNOS (Thurs. 7th)

Myrties: Perched on a wide bay overlooking the isle of Telendos, the tiny jetty with its colourful boats is an idyllic spot to paint.

In the late afternoon, we will cross the narrow strait to the picture-postcard isle of Telendos, steeped in time with a mere 50 inhabitants. With its little tavernas right on the waters edge, it is a magical location to linger on for dinner!

Day 17/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 8th)

Emborios. Harrys taverna is set in the islands most beautiful garden with its splashes of vibrant bougainvillea, potted geraniums, olive trees and sprays of lavender.

Lunch included

Day 18 / KALYMNOS (Sat. 9th)

Arginontas: Driving along the spectacular coastal road, we pass wild thyme and oregano covered mountains leading to the deep inlet of Arginontas. The olive grove is full of spectacular ancient olive trees with sinewy trunks and silver-flecked leaves.

DAY 19/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 10th)

Pothia. The **Archaeological Musuem** is a must with its rich display of antiquities-fabulous for sketching. We will continue on to **Aghias Savas**. The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery contrasted with the blue of the sky and sea is a scene to capture! **Afternoon critique followed by Greek night. Dinner included**

Day 20/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 11th)

Transfer to Kalymnos or Kos Airport for flight to Athens.



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