

Painting in the Greek Islands With Jane Blundell

Samos(5 nights), Lipsi (5 nights), Patmos(3 nights), Kalymnos(6 nights)
With Optional Day Trip to Ephesus, Turkey

(9th Sept. - 28th Sept. 2022)

Day 1/ SAMOS (Fri.9th) FREE DAY

Depart Athens for Samos Airport. Please take afternoon flight.

You will be met at Samos Airport, from where we will cross to the other side of the island to the beautiful seaside village of Kokkari. **Welcome cocktails.**

Day 2/ SAMOS (Sat. 10th)

Kokkari This pretty village with its white-washed houses, pots of colourful geraniums and little tavernas on the water's edge is divine. **Dinner included.**

Day 3/ SAMOS (Sun. 11th)

Manolates This peaceful mountain village overlooking vineyards and the sea is an absolute delight with its beaked chimneys and terra -cotta roofs.

Day 4/ SAMOS (Mon. 12th)

Lemonakia: The little bay of Lemonakia, surrounded by pine trees is idyllic. **Late afternoon review. Dinner included.**

Day 5/ SAMOS (Tues. 13th) FREE DAY

Optional trip to Ephesus, Turkey. Ephesus is one of the most famous classical cities of the Mediterranean and one of the Seven Wonders of the World, dating back to 550 B.C

Day 6/LIPSI (Wed. 14th) FREE DAY

Pythagorio, with it's cobbled-stoned harbour lined with yachts and cafes,Pythagorio is a great spot to spend the morning, exploring the fortress and fabulous array of shops.

Depart Samos 14:00 Arrive Lipsi 19:00. We will be staying in lovely studios, overlooking a small cove and blue-domed churches nestled amongst rolling hills.



Day 7/ LIPSI (Thurs. 15th)

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. Evening at the local ouzeri - a ritual amongst the locals. **Dinner included**

Day 8/ LIPSI (Fri. 16th)

Plati Yialos. This stunning bay is surrounded by olive trees and wandering geese and is an idyllic location for our morning workshop. **Optional visit to award -winning winery.**

Day 9/ LIPSI (Sat. 17th)

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

Day 10/ LIPSI (Sun. 18th)

Optional boat trip to the tiny hidden gems of **Arki and Marathi**. These two lovely islands are inhabited by a handful of fishermen and families. On the way, we will pull up at secluded turquoise bays, where we will have the chance to swim off the boat.

Day 11/ PATMOS (Mon. 19th)

Depart Lipsi 10.00. Arrive Patmos 11:00. Our hotel is surrounded by shops & cafes. The late afternoon light illuminating the Old Town crowned by its monastery, is superb. **Dinner included**

Day 12/ PATMOS (Tues. 20th)

Chora: The world-wide fame of the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John attract pilgrims from all over the world. **Chora**, the Old Town, with its' labrynth of narrow meandering laneways criss-crossed by stone arches opening , is superb.

Day 13/ PATMOS (Wed. 21st)

Skala: The garden of our hotel with its vibrant bougainvillea is a pretty painting spot. **Late afternoon review.**

Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 22nd) FREE DAY

Depart Patmos 10:30. Arrive Kalymnos 13:00. Our studios in the white-washed village of **Myrties** are surrounded by mountains and sea with an unforgettable sunset.



Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 23rd)

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 16/ KALYMNOS (Sat. 24th)

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 17/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 25th)

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. **Group dinner with live music and dancing!**

DAY 18/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 26th)

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! **Evening BBQ at Babis Bar. Dinner included.**

Day 19/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 27th)

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. Late afternoon critique**

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Wed. 28th)

Transfer to Kalymnos or Kos Airport for morning flight.

Kalymnos is only a 20 minute ferry crossing from Kos with regular ferries.



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