

# Painting in the Greek Islands With Jane Blundell

Kalymnos, Nissiros, Tilos, Halki and Rhodes.  
( 3rd Oct. -22nd Oct.2024 )

## Day 1/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 3rd) FREE DAY.

Please book SKY EXPRESS flight to Kalymnos, where you will be met at Kalymnos Airport. We are staying in the picturesque fishing village of Myrties. **Welcome Drinks.**

## Day 2 / KALYMNOS (Fri. 4th).

**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 in the Aegean. The inlet is magical with its' fishing boats, goats and white washed churches. **Lunch included.**

## Day 3/ KALYMNOS (Sat 5th)

**Myrties.** The view of the tiny jetty with its' colourful boats is idyllic for our morning workshop, **In the late afternoon,** we cross the narrow strait to the tiny tranquil isle of Telendos, lined with tavernas and bold tangled fishing nets. **Dinner included.**

## Day 4/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 6th)

**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.

## Day 5/KALYMNOS (Mon. 7th)

**Visit to the Archaeological Museum** to sketch statues and antiquities followed by the **Monastery of Aghias Savas.** The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery, contrasting with the deep blues of the sky and sea is spectacular. **Dinner included.**

## Day 6/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 8th)

**Emborios.** Harrys taverna, set in the islands most beautiful garden with its pots of geraniums, roses, sprays of lavender, olive and fig trees will inspire us for our painting session. **Lunch included. Afternoon critique.**



**Day 7 / NISSIROS (Wed. 9th) FREE DAY**

Depart Kalymnos at 9.30. Arrive Nissiros at 12.35. Transfer to our hotel with its gorgeous vista overlooking the white-washed village and sea.

**Day 8 / NISSIROS( Thurs. 10th)**

**Mandraki.** 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 9/ NISSIROS (Fri. 11th)**

**Nikia.** This morning we visit the volcano and the spectacularly located mountain village - a dazzling splash of white against dramatic mountains.

**Day 10/ NISSIROS (Sat. 12th)**

**Mandraki:** The main square, with its little cafes and tavernas under the shade of the enormous tree, is a popular meeting place with the locals **Afternoon review**

**Day 11/ TILOS (Sun. 13th)**

Depart Nissiros 6.55am. Arrive Tilos 7:55am. Tilos, with its vistas of high cliffs overlooking valleys of cypresses, walnut and olive trees is totally unspoilt. Free morning to settle in and relax.

**Livadi.** The sweep of the protected bay between rugged headlands is striking in the late afternoon, with its red and yellow ochre rocks reflected into the turquoise sea. **Dinner included.**

**Day 12/ TILOS (Mon. 14th)**

**Livadi.** The hotel's rose garden is simply sublime for our morning workshop. **Mikro Horio**, the abandoned village situated on a rocky outcrop, is surrounded by olive groves and fabulous textures for our late afternoon painting session.

**Day 13/ TILOS (Tues. 15th)**

**Megalio Chorio.** The white-washed village with its narrow lanes, crowned by a medieval fortress, is a fabulous location. **Lunch included. Afternoon review.**



**Day 14/ HALKI (Wed. 16th) FREE DAY**

**Depart Tilos 13.25. Arrive Halki 14.05.** Halki, with its tiers of colourful houses surrounding a little horse -shoe shaped harbour, is an artist's dream !

**Day 15/ HALKI (Thurs. 17th)**

**Emborios :** The courtyard of one of our villas is the perfect spot for our first morning in beautiful Halki. **Dinner included.**

**Day 16 / HALKI (Fri. 18th)**

**Pondamos** with its taverna overlooking the bay with its blue- domed church is perfect.

**Day 17/ HALKI (Sat. 19th)**

**Emborios.** The picturesque harbour is lined with beautiful neo-classical homes & colourful fishing boats. The cafes along the waterfront are a popular meeting place for the locals and a great spot to capture the laid-back atmosphere.

**Day 18/ HALKI (Sun. 20th)**

**Emborios.** The meandering laneways are filled with colourful houses and pots of geraniums. **Afternoon review. Farewell Drinks.**

**Day 19/ RHODES (Mon. 21st) FREE DAY**

**Depart Halki 7am. Arrive Rhodes 9am** Our hotel is within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, tavernas, cafes and famous sites. **Rhodes Old Town** is a magical place for a morning stroll with its medieval cobbled narrow laneways. **Dinner included.**

**Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Tues. 22nd)**

**Please book AEGEAN 9.45am flight from Rhodes to Athens.** If you would like to extend your days in Rhodes, please let me know so I can inform the hotel.



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