

Painting in the Greek Islands With Jane Blundell

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

(1st -20th Oct. 2021)

Day 1/ SAMOS (Fri. 1st) FREE DAY

Please take domestic flight to Samos (flight time to be advised) As our hotel is quite far from Samos Airport, there will only be one group pickup.

Our hotel, with its panoramic vista overlooking the picturesque seaside village of Kokkari, is surrounded by turquoise sea and forest-covered mountains. Samos is truly a magical island. Welcome sunset cocktails (dinner included)

Day 2/ SAMOS (Sat. 2nd)

Kokkari This pretty village with its white-washed houses and pots of colourful geraniums is stunning! The waterfront is lined with tavernas right on the waters' edge.

Day 3/ SAMOS (Sun. 3rd)

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

Day 4/ SAMOS (Mon. 4th)

Lemonakia: The little bay of Lemonakia, surrounded by pine trees is idyllic. (afternoon review)

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

Optional excursion to Ephesus, Turkey. This day trip to Ephesus visits one of the most incredibly preserved classical cities of the Mediterranean and one of the Seven Wonders of the World, dating back to 550 B.C. An unforgettable excursion!



Day 6 PATMOS/ (Wed. 6th) FREE DAY

After breakfast, we head to Pythagorio. With it's cobbled-stoned harbour filled with fishing boats, yachts and shops, you have the morning at your leisure.

Depart Samos 14.00. Arrive Patmos 17:00. Our hotel in Patmos is right in the centre of town surrounded by all the fabulous shops, tavernas and beaches. **(dinner included)**

Day 7 /PATMOS (Thurs. 7th)

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' labyrinth of narrow meandering laneways criss-crossed by stone arches opening ,is stunning !

Day 8/ PATMOS (Fri. 8th)

Skala.The garden of our hotel with its vibrant bougainvillea is a superb painting spot.

Day 9/ LEROS (Sat. 9th)

Leave Patmos 11.00. Arrive Leros 12:00. Our fishing village is surrounded by colourful wooden boats and little tavernas by the sea. In the late afternoon, we will walk down to the little harbour for an afternoon workshop. **(dinner included)**

Day 10/ LEROS (Sun. 10th)

Platanos: With its tier of colourful neo-classical mansions draped in bougainvillea and crowned by the islands majestic medieval fortress, Platanos is truly scenic.

Day 14/ LEROS (Mon. 11th)

Agia Marina. This white- washed village with its fishing harbour strewn with rows of tangled fishing nets is an artist's dream **(lunch included)**

Day 11/ LEROS (Tues. 12th)

Alinda This morning we head up to the castle, where you will have time to wander and take photos. Continuing onto the peaceful bay of Agia Marina with its pretty villages set amongst almond trees, we reach Alinda , with its distant view of the fortress.

Day 12/ LEROS (Wed. 13th)

Pandeli: The sheltered fishing village of Pandeli, surrounded by windmills is an iconic Greek island scene. **(afternoon review)**



Day 13/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 14th) FREE DAY

Depart Leros 9:00. Arrive Kalymnos 10:00. Our studios in the village of Myrties facing the sea, boasts one of the most spectacular sunsets in the Aegean.

Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 15th)

Myrties. Perched on a wide bay overlooking the isle of Telendos, the tiny jetty with its colourful boats is an idyllic spot for our morning session.

In the late afternoon, we head over to **Telendos.** With its tangled fishing nets, bright wooden boats & seaside tavernas, it is lovely spot to paint and linger on for dinner

Day 16 /KALYMNOS (Sat. 16th)

Vathy. 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. **(lunch included)**

Day 17/KALYMNOS (Sun. 17th)

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 sketch these ancient trees with their sinewy trunks and silver-flecked leaves. Poppy's taverna overlooking the inlet is divine. **(lunch included)**

DAY 18/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 18th)

Archaeological Museum: A chance to sketch some beautiful antiquities and ancient statues followed by a visit to the island's beloved monastery.

Aghias Savas: The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery contrasted with the cobalt blue sky and sea, is truly spectacular. **(dinner included)**

Day 19/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 19th)

Emborios. A boat trip to Harrys taverna, set in the islands most beautiful garden with its ceramic urns, colourful geraniums, olive trees and sprays of lavender.

(lunch included) (afternoon review & farewell drinks)

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Wed. 20th)

Depart Kalymnos or Kos Airport for flight to Athens. Kos is only a 20 minute ferry transfer from Kalymnos with ferries running from 5am till 10pm Transfers to the airports will be arranged according to your flight schedule.



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