

Painting in the Greek Islands With Chris Postle

Rhodes (1 night) Halki (5 nights) Tilos (4 nights)
Nissiros (3 nights) & Kalymnos (6 nights) with optional trip to Turkey.

(3rd - 22nd May 2019)

Day 1/ RHODES (Fri. 3rd) FREE DAY.

From Athens, connect with flight to Rhodes and take a taxi to Hotel Agla ,situated in Rhodes Town. (taxi costs will be reimbursed.) Our hotel is within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, tavernas, cafes and famous sites **Welcome cocktails in hotel foyer at 7pm. .**

Day 2 / HALKI (Sat. 4th) FREE DAY.

The Old Town is a magical place to stroll with its medieval cobbled lanes.

Depart hotel at 14.15 for transfer to port. Depart Rhodes 15:30. Arrive Halki 16:30..

Day 3/ HALKI (Sun. 5th)

Emborios .From our villas terrace, we are surrounded by inspirational vistas !

Day 4/ HALKI (Mon . 6th)

Emborios. The meandering laneways are filled with colourful houses and pots of geraniums.

Day 5/ HALKI(Tues. 7th)

Pondamos Bay with its taverna overlooking the beach and the blue- domed church is perfect.

Day 6/ HALKI (Wed. 8th)

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 of Halki ! **(afternoon critique)**

Day 7 / TILOS (Thurs.9th) FREE DAY

Depart Halki 10:30. Arrive Tilos 12:00 Tilos, with its vistas of high cliffs overlooking valleys of cypresses ,walnut and olive trees is totally unspoilt. Our hotel by the sea with its beds of spectacular roses offers wonderful views and great swimming !



Day 8 / TILOS(Fri. 10th)

Livadi. The sweep of the protected bay between rugged headlands is striking with its red and yellow ochre rocks reflected into the turquoise sea. **In the afternoon**, why not take a visit to **Mikro Horio**- the abandoned village on a rocky outcrop surrounded by olive groves.

An amazing place to sketch -full of fabulous textural elements !

Day 9/ TILOS(Sat.11th)

Megalio Chorio. The white-washed village with its narrow lanes, crowned by a medieval fortress is situated in the islands' interior.

Optional lunch at a family taverna under the vine overlooking the fertile valley.

Day 10/ TILOS (Sun 12th)

Pandelimos Monastery with its beautiful stone church, back-dropped by craggy mountains is truly atmospheric. Continuing onto **Agios Andonis**, we will stop for optional lunch and to paint by the seaside at this quiet little port. **Optional evening drinks by the sea.**

Day 11/ NISSIROS (Mon 13th)

Livadi. The hotels' rose garden is simply sublime! (**afternoon review 4.30pm**)

Depart Tilos 6.30pm. Arrive Nissiros 7:30pm. Transfer to our hotel surrounded by vistas.

Day 12/ NISSIROS(Tues.14th)

Mandraki and 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. **Optional evening drinks by the sea.**

Day 13/ NISSIROS(Wed.15th)

Nikia. This morning we head up the mountains to the spectacularly located mountain village - a dazzling splash of white against dramatic mountains. (**afternoon review 5pm**)

Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 16th) FREE DAY

Depart Nissiros 11.25am. Arrive Kalymnos 12.50pm

We are staying in the picturesque fishing village of **Myrties**, lined with fabulous tavernas.

Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 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 in the Aegean. The inlet is magical with its' fishing boats, goats and white-washed churches.

Optional lunch under a vine overlooking the beautiful inlet .



Day 16 /KALYMNOS(Sat. 18th)

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, in contrast the deep blues of the sky and sea is spectacular.

Optional Greek night with live music and dancing. A chance to dance like Zorba !!!

Day 17/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 19th)

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 yellow tangled fishing nets. A great place to stay on for dinner!

Day 18/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 20th)

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.

Optional meze lunch(a variety of vegetarian appetizers) in this exquisite garden setting.
(afternoon review 5pm with farewell cocktails followed by BBQ at Babis Bar.)

Day 19/ KALYMNOS(Tues.. 21st)) FREE DAY

Optional excursion to Turkey to visit the coastal town of Bodrum with its' exotic restaurants and colourful bazaar - a shoppers paradise !!

OR Kos (the birthplace of Hippocrates) is a blend of ancient sites, medieval fortifications , Turkish minarets and florid Italian buildings.

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Wed. 22nd) Transfer to Kalymnos or Kos Airport for flight to Athens.



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