

# Painting in the Greek Islands With Craig Penny

Kalymnos (6 nights) Tilos (4 nights) Nissiros (3 nights)  
Halki (5 nights) Rhodes (1 night).

( 29<sup>th</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

## Day 1/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 29<sup>th</sup>)FREE DAY.

From Athens, connect with flight to Kalymnos or Kos. (Kos is only a 20 min. ferry transfer to Kalymnos with regular crossings.) We are staying in the picturesque fishing village of **Myrties**, lined with fabulous tavernas. **Welcome cocktails At Babis Bar at 6pm.**

## Day 2 / KALYMNOS (Sat. 30<sup>th</sup>)

**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 3/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 1st)

**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 lunch** at Poppy's little taverna by the sea.

## Day 4/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 2nd)

**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.

**BBQ evening at Babis Bar**

## Day 5/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 3rd)

**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.

**Group lunch** under a vine overlooking the beautiful turquoise inlet.



**Day 6/ KALYMNOS (Wed. 4th)**

**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.

**Group lunch** in this exquisite garden setting. **(afternoon review)**

**Day 7 / TILOS (Thurs.5th) FREE DAY**

**Depart Kalymnos at 13:30. Arrive Tilos 15:40** 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 garden of spectacular roses offers wonderful views and great swimming. **Group dinner.**

**Day 8 / TILOS( Fri. 6th )**

**Livadi.** The hotels' rose garden is simply sublime! **In the afternoon,** we will head off 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.7th)**

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

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

**Day 10/ TILOS (Sun. 8th)**

**Pandeliminos 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 9th)**

**Livadi.** The sweep of the protected bay between rugged headlands is striking with its red and yellow ochre rocks reflected into the turquoise sea. **(afternoon review 4.00 pm)**

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

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

**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.11th)**

**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/ HALKI (Thurs. 12th<sup>t</sup>) FREE DAY**

Depart Nissiros 14:00. Arrive Halki 16:00.

We will be staying on the waterfront surrounded by colourful fishing boats and lots of little tavernas- a stunning location with panoramic vistas.

**Day 15/ HALKI (Fri. 13th)**

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

Afternoon panoramic bus trip across the island to the monastery of St. John.

**Day 16 /HALKI (Sat. 14th)**

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

**Day 17/ HALKI (Sun. 15th<sup>h</sup>)**

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

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

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) Group dinner

**Day 19/ RHODES ( Tues. 17th)**

Depart Halki 7:00am. Arrive Rhodes 8:30am.

Our hotel is situated in the centre of Rhodes Town within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, tavernas, cafes and famous sites. **The Old Town** is a magical place to stroll with its medieval cobbled lanes and incredible buildings connected by beautiful arches. Entering the Kastro Gardens you pass the impressive paved street of the Knights, the Archaeological Museum, the Palace of the Grand Masters and the famous Hippocrates Square.

**Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Wed. 18th)**

Transfer to Rhodes Airport for flight to Athens. Please book the flight which connects to your international flight and I will arrange transfer accordingly.

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