

Painting in the Greek Islands With Craig Penny

Rhodes, Kastellorizo , Symi, Nissiros, Kalymnos.

(3rd May - 22nd May 2020)

Day 1/ RHODES (Sun 3rd) FREE DAY(.....hotel overnight)

Please book Greek Domestic flight from Athens to Rhodes.

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 including the impressive paved Street of the Knights, the Archaeological Museum & the Palace of the Grand Masters Welcome sunset cocktails.

Day 2/ KASTELLORIZO (Mon . 4th) (.....hotel for 4 nights)

Depart Rhodes 7:00. Arrive Kastellorizo 10:30.

We will be staying near the waterfront with panoramic vistas overlooking the colourful main village and the Aegean with it's beautiful mountains of Turkey in the distance. The lovely little harbour is lined with colourful fishing boats and tangled nets .With its' string of cafes perched right on the waters edge, it is the perfect spot for our afternoon session ! (Dinner included)

Day 3/ KASTELLORIZO (Tues. 5th)

Mandraki : The backstreets are filled with meandering cobbled-stoned laneways, brightly painted wooden shutters and pots of scarlet geraniums.

Day 4/ KASTELLORIZO (Wed. 6th)

Karnayo : The view of the fortress crowning the village with the shipyard tucked away at the end of the little bay is inspirational for our morning session . The magnificent crumbling church dominating the Old Town in the village square is stunning in the afternoon light.

Day 5 / KASTELLORIZO (Thurs.7th)

Mandraki : The Turkish minaret perched at the edge of the bay with the lush mountains of Turkey as a backdrop provides a lovely composition . (afternoon critique)



Day 6/ SYMI (Fri. 8th) FREE DAY(.....hotel for 4 nights)

Optional morning excursion to the " Blue Grotto "

Depart Kastellorizio at 14:00 Arrive Symi at 18:00. Our hotel, in the heart of the Old Town with its panoramic vistas, is surrounded by endless painting & sketching subjects !

Day 7 / SYMI (Sat. 9th)

Chora: The village square with its old traditional houses, stone walls covered in daisies, crumbling steps and shady pine trees is a wonderful spot for our sketching session !

Day 8/ SYMI (Sun. 10th)

Pedi :An idyllic fishing village set in a fertile valley with a small pebbly cove and lovely taverna.

Day 9/ SYMI (Mon. 11th)

Yialos : We will spend the morning sketching one of the most stunning harbours in Greece with its tiers of sugar - almond houses. Yialos is a beautiful village of faded elegance. Around its' harbour stand ranks of tall, elegant mansions surrounded by hills dotted with needle pines. (afternoon critique) **Dinner at Georges Taverna** for some authentic home-cooking

Day 10/ NISSIROS (Tues .12th) FREE DAY(.....hotel for 4 nights)

Depart Symi 9:30 . Arrive Nissiros 12:00. Our hotel near the village square has fabulous views over lemon trees to white-washed houses ,the monastery and cobalt sea. **(dinner included)**

Day 11/ NISSIROS(Wed. 13th)

Mandraki 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 12/ NISSIROS (Thurs. 14th)

Nikia: This morning we head up the mountains to the spectacularly located mountain village - a dazzling splash of white against dramatic mountains.(lunch included)

Day 13/ NISSIROS (Fri. 15th)

Mandraki : The village square with its enormous shady tree and pretty cafes leads to a maze of twisting narrow alleys surrounded by cubic white-washed homes with brightly painted wooden shutters and balconies. **(afternoon critique)**



Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Sat. 16th) FREE DAY(.....hotel for 6 nights)

Depart Nissiros 7.30am. Arrive Kalymnos 11.00am

We are staying by the sea in the picturesque village of Myrties, its jetty lined with fishing boats, overlooking the stunning isles of Telendos. **Early evening wine and cheese tasting.**

Day 15 /KALYMNOS(Sun.17th)

Myrties :The view of the tiny jetty with its' colourful boats is idyllic for our morning session. **In the late afternoon**, we cross the narrow strait to the tiny tranquil isle of Telendos , it's waterfront lined with tavernas and bold yellow tangled fishing nets. It's a fabulous place to stay on for dinner and sail back to Myrties under a canopy of stars !

Day 16/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 18th)

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. The family run taverna situated under a vine overlooking the beautiful inlet is the perfect lunch spot **(lunch included)** **Evening BBQ at Babis Bar.**

Day 17/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 19th)

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 18/ KALYMNOS(Wed. 20th)

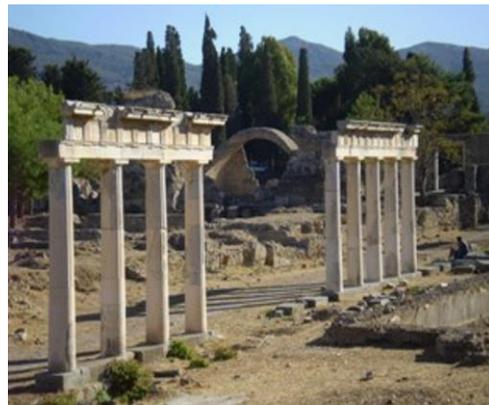
Aghias Savas :The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery, contrasted with the deep blues of the sky and sea is a scene to capture. **Optional evening with live music and dancing.**

Day 19 /KALYMNOS (Thurs.21st)

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) Final late afternoon critique and farewell drinks.**

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Fri. 22nd)

Flight from Kalymnos or Kos to Athens.There are regular daily ferries from Kalymnos to Kos (only 20 minutes) If flying from Kos, please book flights after 9am (if possible)



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