

Painting in the Greek Islands With Jane Blundell

Ikaria(5 nights) Samos(6 nights) Patmos(2 nights)) Kalymnos(6 nights) ,
With Optional Day Trip to Ephesus, Turkey

(14th Sept. - 3rd Oct. 2020)

Day 1/ IKARIA (Mon. 14th) FREE DAY

Please take the afternoon flight to Ikaria at 13:00 -(1pm) As our hotel is quite far from Ikaria Airport, there will only be one group pickup. I recommend a few days in Athens prior the tour. The Airport bus (X95) goes to the centre of Athens (Syntagma) With its' steep cliffs, deep ravines and forest-covered mountains, Ikaria is a magical island. Our hotel overlooking the windswept beach is a peaceful haven - the perfect place to chill out, unwind and paint for the next few days. **Welcome sunset cocktails**

Day 2/ IKARIA (Tues. 15th)

Armenitsa with it's little bay comprised of a handful of tavernas is back-dropped by majestic mountains .In the late afternoon, we will head to Nas, for a chance to capture the afternoon light followed by a breathtaking sunset .

Day 3/ IKARIA (Wed. 16th)

Evdhilos ,with its' picturesque circular harbor, is flanked by elegant neo-classical homes. There are also some wonderful seaside tavernas for lunch. After lunch, we will continue onto the tiny village of Akamatra, overlooking green valleys.

Day 4/ IKARIA (Thurs. 17th)

The blue-domed church of Analipsi guarding the little port is surrounded by bleached blonde rocks and fishing boats. (dinner included)

Day 5/ IKARIA (Fri. 18th)

Xristos Rahes is a lovely mountain village with shady cafes and colourful umbrellas and is perfect for our morning painting session (afternoon review)



Day 6 SAMOS/ (Sat. 19th) FREE DAY

Depart Ikaria 14:30 Arrive Samos 15:30 Transfer to our hotel with its panoramic vista overlooking the picturesque seaside village of Kokkari .(dinner included)

Day 7 /SAMOS (Sun.20th)

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 8/ SAMOS (Mon. 21st)

Manolates This peaceful mountain village overlooking vineyards and the sea is stunning with its beaked chimneys and terra -cotta roofs **(lunch included)**

Day 9/ SAMOS(Tues. 22nd)

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

Day 10/ SAMOS (Wed. 23rd) FREE DAY

Our hotel ,with it's lovely garden and hills dotted with olive trees is the perfect spot for a relaxing painting morning .**In the late afternoon, we visit Pythagorio**, with it's cobbled-stoned harbour filled with fishing boats ,yachts and shops! **(dinner included)**

Day 11/ SAMOS (Thurs. 24th) FREE DAY

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

Day 12/ PATMOS(Fri. 25th)

Depart Samos 8.30. Arrive Patmos 11:00. Our hotel in Patmos is right in the centre of town surrounded by all the fabulous shops, tavernas and beaches. **Skala.**The garden of our hotel with its vibrant bougainvillea is a superb afternoon painting spot.

Day 13/ PATMOS (Sat. 26th)

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 14/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 27th) FREE DAY

Early morning review of Patmos work.(9am)

Depart Patmos 11:00. Arrive Kalymnos 12:40 Our studios in the village of Myrties facing the sea, boasts one of the most spectacular sunsets in the Aegean !

Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 28th^h)

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 16 /KALYMNOS (Tues. 29th)

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 (Wed. 30th)

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

Day 19/ KALYMNOS (Fri. 2nd)

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

(lunch included) (afternoon review & farewell drinks)

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Sat. 3rd)

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.



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