

Sketching in the Greek Islands

With Leonie Norton

Rhodes, Kastellorizo, Symi, Kos & Kalymnos
With optional trip to Turkey.

(1st - 20th October 2023)

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

Please book Greek Domestic flight from Athens to Rhodes and take a taxi to our Rhodes hotel (to be announced) where we will meet at 7pm.

Your taxi cost will be reimbursed. Our hotel is within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, tavernas, cafes and sites. The Old Town is a magical place to stroll with its medieval cobbled lanes including the impressive, paved Street of the Knights and the Palace of the Grand Masters. If you would like extra days in Rhodes, please let me know and I'll extend your booking. Welcome sunset cocktails.

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

Depart Rhodes 7:00. Arrive Kastellorizo 10:30. We will be staying near the waterfront with stunning vistas overlooking the colourful main village and the Aegean with its beautiful mountains of Turkey in the distance. The Turkish minaret perched at the edge of the bay with the lush mountains of Turkey as a backdrop provides a lovely composition for our late afternoon session. **Dinner included.**

Day 3/ KASTELLORIZO (Tues. 3rd)

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 crumbling church dominating the Old Town in the village square is stunning in the afternoon.

Day 4/ KASTELLORIZO (Wed. 4th)

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

Optional afternoon trip to Kas, Turkey.



Day 5 / KASTELLORIZO (Thurs. 5th)

Mandraki: 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 Afternoon review. Dinner included.

Day 6 /SYMI (Fri. 6th) FREE DAY(----hotel for 5 nights)

Optional morning excursion to the " Blue Grotto." **Depart Kastellorizio 14:00.**
Arrive Symi 18:00. Our hotel is surrounded by superb vistas.

Day 7 / SYMI (Sat. 7th)

Yialos: This is 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. **Dinner included with live music.**

Day 8/ SYMI (Sun. 8th)

Chora: Sketching from Chora, we have a panoramic vista over terra-cotta roofs to the little horse-shoe shaped harbour below us, dotted with fishing boats.

Day 9/ SYMI (Mon. 9th)

Boat trip to a secluded bay with a little taverna where we will spend the day sketching followed by lunch and a swim.**Lunch included**

Day 10/ SYMI (Tues .10th)

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

Day 11/ KOS (Wed. 11th) (.....hotel for 3 nights)

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!
Afternoon review. Depart Symi 19:45. Arrive Kos 21:50

Day 12/ KOS (Thurs. 12th) FREE DAY

Kos (the birthplace of Hippocrates) is a blend of Greek and Roman ruins, medieval fortifications, Turkish minarets and florid Italian buildings. Day at leisure to explore the fortress, the Ancient Agora, the Archaeological Museum and the wonderful shops.



Day 13/ KOS (Fri. 13th)

Askeplion: The ancient site of Hippocrates therapeutic sanctuary with its graceful rows of columns and temples, is the perfect spot to capture the glory of ancient Greece. We will continue to Zia for lunch and the chance to capture this pretty mountain village overlooking the sea, surrounded by pine forests. **Dinner included.**

Day 11/ KALYMNOS (Sat. 14th) FREE DAY (.....hotel for 6 nights)

Depart Kos 11:30. Arrive Kalymnos 12:15pm. We are in the picturesque village of Myrties, its jetty lined with fishing boats and one of the best sunsets in the Aegean.

Day 12/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 15th)

Myrties: The jetty with its' colourful boats is idyllic for our morning session. **In the late afternoon,** we cross the narrow strait to the tiny isle of **Telendos,** its waterfront lined with tavernas and bold yellow tangled fishing nets.

Day 13/ KALYMNOS (Mon. 16th)

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, contrasting with the deep blues of the sky and sea is spectacular. **Dinner included.**

Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 17th)

Emborios: Harrys taverna, set in the islands most beautiful garden with its pots of geraniums, sprays of lavender, olive and fig trees is a lovely spot. **Lunch included.**

Day 15 /KALYMNOS (Wed. 18th)

Arginontas: Driving along the 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.

Day 16/ KALYMNOS (Thurs. 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. **Lunch included. Afternoon review. Farewell drinks.**

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Fri. 20th) Please book flight to Athens.

Sky Express departs Kalymnos at 11:35. Arrives Athens at 12:35 .



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