

Painting in the Greek Islands With Angelika Erbsland

Kos(1 night) Nissiros (5 nights) Symi(5 nights)Kalymnos(8 nights)

(with optional excursion to Turkey)

(27th April -16th May 2011)

Day 1/ KOS (Wed. 27th) FREE DAY

In Athens, connect to domestic flight to Kos. You will be met by your host at Kos airport and transferred to Hotel Triton, situated on the waterfront within walking distance of all the fabulous shops, tavernas, cafes and famous sites. Kos, the birthplace of Hippocrates, is a blend of Greek and Roman ruins, medieval fortifications, Turkish minarets and florid Italian public buildings. The old restored central market is a wonderful place to buy local products
Welcome sunset cocktails

Day 2 / NISSIROS (Thurs. 28th) FREE DAY

Depart Kos at 14:00. Arrive Nissiros at 15:30. We will be staying at Pensione Profyris with its' wonderful views across our white-washed village and the sea .

Day 3 /NISSIROS (Fri. 29th)

Mandraki Today we stroll down to the waterfront for our painting day, where fish tavernas sit 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 rocks. An impressive castle erected by the Knights of St. John looms above the small town.

Day 4 / NISSIROS (Sat . 30th)

Mandraki The village square with its' cafes shaded by a canopy of trees is a popular meeting place for the locals .

Day 5/ NISSIROS (Sun. 1st)

Mandraki Winding steps through the village lead to a maze of narrow twisting lanes adorned with cubic white-washed homes with brightly painted doors and shutters.

Day 6/ NISSIROS(Mon.2nd.)

Nikia. This morning we head up the mountains to the spectacularly located mountain village - a dazzling splash of white against stark mountains (afternoon critique)

Day 7 / SYMI (Tues. 3rd) FREE DAY

Depart Nissiros 7:30. Arrive Symi 11:15. Hotel Chorio is in the charming Old Town with its wonderful atmosphere.

Optional night out at Georges Taverna for some authentic home-cooking !

Day 8 / SYMI (Wed. 4th)

Chora .Our hotels courtyard is filled with ceramic urns and alcoves draped with scarlett bougainvillea .

Day 9/ SYMI (Thurs. 5th)

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

Day 10/ SYMI (Fri. 6th)

Yialos We will spend the morning painting 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 stately mansions surrounded by hills dotted with needle pines.

Day 11/ SYMI (Sat. 7th)

Chora. Enjoy exploring and painting the cobbled streets leading down to the waterfront with its wonderful view of terra-cotta roofs . (afternoon critique)

Day 12/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 8th) FREE DAY.

Depart Symi 9:25 . Arrive Kalymnos 11.50

We will be staying in the picturesque white-washed village of Myrties backdropped by dramatic mountains facing the sea; its jetty lined with colourful fishing boats.

Day 13/ KALYMNOS(Mon. 9th)

Myrties. The tiny jetty with its boats is an idyllic spot to paint.

Day 14/ KALYMNOS (Tues. 10th)

Arginontas. Driving along the spectacular coastal road we pass wild thyme and oregano covered mountains leading to the deep inlet of Arginontas. Heading inland we set up in the olive grove to paint these ancient trees with their sinewy trunks and silver-flecked leaves. After our days painting ,the family run taverna situated under a vine overlooking the beautiful inlet is the perfect lunch spot with its' fresh seafood and salads. (afternoon critique)

Day 15/ KALYMNOS (Wed. 11th)

Telendos. Departing from the small jetty of Myrties, we cross the narrow strait to the picture-postcard isle of Telendos. A wonderful setting of bougainvillea-filled lanes, fishermen's dwellings and boldly coloured fishing nets.

Day 16/ KALYMNOS(Thurs. 12th. FREE DAY

Optional excursion to Turkey to visit Bodrum with its' exotic restaurants and shops .

Day 17/KALYMNOS(Fri. 13th)

Vathy. Crossing the island, descending into this fertile valley filled with citrus groves, is an unforgettable sight as it also has one of the deepest and most beautiful natural harbours in the Mediterranean. The day will be spent under the bougainvillea facing the turquoise inlet with its fishing boats, goats and white-washed churches.

18/ KALYMNOS (Sat. 14th)

Emborfos. A boat trip to a small cove where we sketch the fisherman Theofillis with his majestic moustache. Harry's taverna, set in the island's most beautiful garden with its' potted geraniums will inspire us for our afternoon painting

Day 19/ KALYMNOS (Sun. 15th)

Aghias Savas. The rich terra-cotta domes of this beautiful monastery contrasted with the cobalt blue of sky and sea, is truly spectacular. Farewell sunset cocktails.

Day 20/ DEPARTURE (Mon. 16th)

Transfer to Kalymnos or Kos Airport for return flight to Athens.