



Painting Holidays

Active Greece

Greece is known for its wonderful conditions for artists, from the quality of its light to the wide variety of subject matter, and such vibrant colours! So we are pleased to offer painting weeks in several contrasting but equally beautiful areas.

The holidays are suitable for painters of all abilities, especially novices who will receive excellent one-on-one guidance and tuition. They comprise five sessions (three in Crete) during the week of 3-4 hours each (typically 10am-1.30pm). All our artist leaders know their areas well and will show you the best painting spots. Materials are not included, except for some in the Peloponnese and Crete. Because these are not large group holidays, and not intensive - they take just a few hours each day of your holiday time - they are also good for a non-painting partner or friend who just pays the standard brochure accommodation price.

For further information please see resort pages and the artists own websites mentioned.

Samos from £745 (incl. flights & hotel)

Paul Lewis will lead painting weeks at the pretty fishing village of Kokkari on weeks starting 31/5 (£765) and 27/9 (£745). Suitable for all levels (novices welcome). The price includes Gatwick flights (MAN supp £39), transfers and BB accommodation at the Lemos Hotel. Single room supp. £125. Minimum participants 4 for the course to run.

www.paullewisart.co.uk

Peloponnese from £725 (incl. flights & accom.)

Run by Gill Tomlinson, Drawing and Painting Greece will take place in Chrani on week starting 20/5 (£725) and Finikounda on 16/9 (£795). Prices include Gatwick flights, transfers and SC accommodation at Villa Sophia or the Estia Hotel (single supp £86 and £133 per week respectively). Basic materials are provided plus lunch on the last day. The minimum number for the course to run is 4 participants.

www.artistswindow.com

Paleochora, Crete £177 (add-on price)

This 3-day course runs on all departure dates, and includes most materials and lunch. Gail Wareham lives in Paleo and says: "For three mornings we will spend four hours discussing and creating sketches and paintings, whilst enjoying our surroundings and looking out at the Libyan Sea". Maximum 4 participants.

www.paintpaleochora.com

Alonissos £195 (add-on price)

Christopher Hughes has a house and a studio on the island. He says: "The island is almost a perfect location for a painting holiday. There is tremendous variety, from mountainous wooded slopes and unspoiled ancient houses to wonderful seascape vistas and wildflowers." Holidays operate on all departure dates and the cost is £195 per week, which includes lunch and wine on Day 1. The meeting point will be Patitiri. Please note, painting days may be split over a 2 week period if you wish.

www.paintingalonissos.com



In certain areas you can pre-book the activities on this page, which is a brief guide only (details can be found on resort pages or elsewhere).

Water sports are often a great option for children (windsurf, waterski and dinghy sailing are generally OK from 7 years and up) and tuition can be booked for these. For older kids (12 to 99 years!) how about sea kayaking on Alonissos?

Bicycles

Can be pre-booked in Sivota - see page 82. Bicycles may be rented locally in many other areas, including Alonissos, Halkidiki (Olympiada, free of charge), Lemnos, Parga, the south Peloponnese (Chrani and Gialova) and Zakynthos.

Dinghy Sailing

Dinghies (with or without tuition) can be booked in Tolon (see page 104) and in Lemnos (page 13), where catamaran sailing is also on offer.

Scuba Diving

Cannot be pre-booked but last summer was available in Alonissos (Patitiri), Crete (Chania, Platanias, Panormos), Corfu (Aharavi and north east coast), Kefalonia (Ag Efimia, Fiscardo), Lefkas (Nidri, Nikiana), Lemnos, Naxos (Ayia Anna), Parga, Pelion (Afissos), southern Peloponnese (Pylos/Gialova, Kardamili), Samos (Pythagorion), Sivota, Skiathos, Tolon and Zakynthos.

Sea Kayaks

Sea kayaking can be pre-booked on Alonissos (see page 123) - novices welcome.

Motor Boat hire

Available in many areas and, again, no prior experience is required. Could be more practical (and definitely more fun!) than hiring a car. See page 171 for details.

Walking

Greece is famed for its wonderful walking opportunities, especially in early and late season. Guided walks can be pre-booked in Alonissos (page 123). Our holidays to Amorgos include a walking guidebook. Guided walks are also available locally in Chrani (south Peloponnese), Ithaca, Skopelos and Tilos, and we can send a free walking leaflet on request to clients staying in Western Pelion, Mani (Stoupa and Kardamili) and Parga. In addition to the above areas, good independent walking opportunities are available almost everywhere!