

Making Art in Greece – Peloponnese – Land Tour • 14 days / 13 nights

19 Sep 2026 – 2 Oct 2026

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Fresh Hotel

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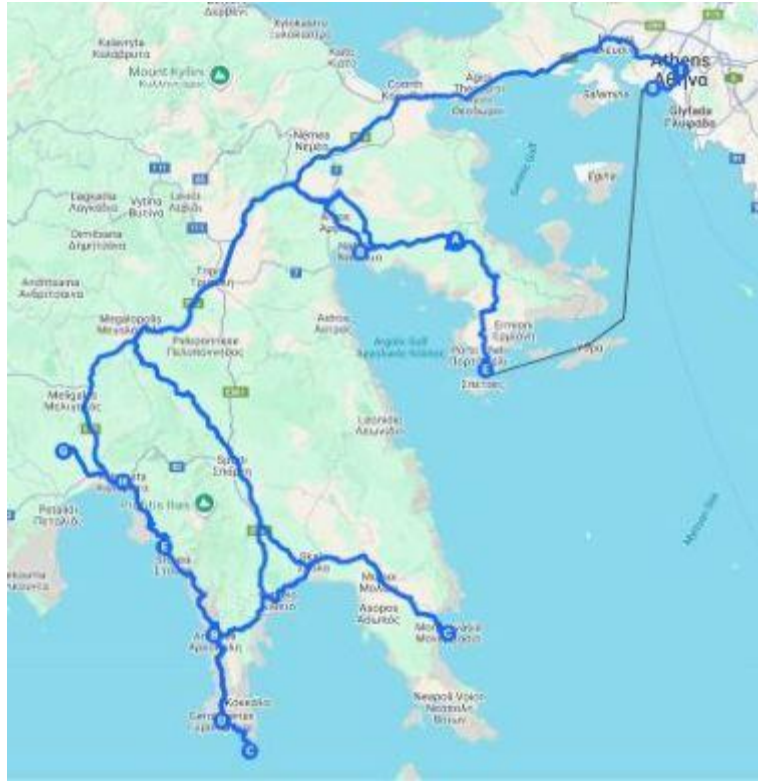
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Making Art in Greece is our exciting new 14-day tour which takes us on a journey through Greece's breathtaking Peloponnese region. We visit the beautiful cities of Nafplion, Monemvasia, the Mani Peninsula, Geroliminas and Kalamata and more. Inspiration comes naturally when you're surrounded by ancient ruins, picturesque villages, astonishing landscapes and turquoise waters; some of the most spectacular places on earth. All waiting to be captured on your page!

Itinerary Overview

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Day 1: Athens

Day 2: Athens to Hydra

Day 3: Hydra

Day 4: Hydra to Nafplion via Epidavros

Day 5: Nafplion

Day 6: Nafplion to Monemvasia

Day 7: Monemvasia

Day 8: Monemvasia to Gerolimenas

Day 9: Gerolimenas

Day 10: Mani Peninsula to Kalamata

Day 11: Kalamata

Day 12: Kalamata

Day 13: Kalamata

Day 14: Kalamata to Athens

Details

- Small group tour (maximum 16 guests)
- Hosted tour by Luxe Sailing + Land Tours, with licensed local guides where required
- Relaxed to moderate pace
- Some walking on uneven surfaces at historical sites
- Handpicked 4-5 star and boutique hotels
- Private air-conditioned ground transport throughout

Inclusions

- 13 nights accommodation in quality hotels
- 13 breakfasts
- 7 lunches
- 11 dinners
- All ground transportation during the tour, including ferries and taxis, where required
- Local transfers to/from the tour
- Professional tour host, with licensed local guides where required
- Entry fees for ancient sites and museums
- Wi-Fi is available during transfers and at hotels
- Domestic flights, where required as part of the itinerary

Exclusions

- International flights
- Transfers not listed under Inclusions (available on request at additional cost)
- Personal Expenses

Itinerary

Day 1: 19 Sep 2026
Athens

Meals: D
Accom: Fresh Hotel



A warm welcome to our travelling artists!

Before tonight's dinner at the amazing St. George Lycabettus Hotel, you'll meet your art tutor, Teresa Lawrence, over a relaxed pre-dinner drink and receive your beautiful Fabriano art kit, filled with professional-quality materials.

Some of the art-making options available throughout the tour include:

Early morning and evening sessions – perfect for capturing the soft light and long shadows.

Walking drawings – an interesting way to document your travels.

Making Postcards – part of an ongoing, optional group project.

Sit and create – find a charming coffee shop to stop, sketch, and paint.

Sharing sessions – an opportunity to connect, discuss, and optionally join afternoon or evening drawing or painting gatherings.

Drawing inspiration from historical and contemporary artists – ways of seeing and capturing the view.

Final group exhibition in Kalamata – an optional but exciting chance to showcase your work.

Athens Transfer

On Request

Complimentary local transfer to your tour meeting point.

Welcome Drinks and Dinner

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Welcome drinks and Dinner at the St George Hotel in Kolonaki

About Athens

Welcome to Athens, the historical gem, and the birthplace of Western civilization. This vibrant city is brimming with ancient wonders, rich cultural heritage, delectable cuisine, and exciting nightlife. Get ready to immerse yourself in the fascinating stories of ancient gods and legendary philosophers as you explore the ruins of ancient temples and monuments. Whether you are an avid history buff, a foodie, an adventurer, or simply seeking a memorable vacation, Athens has something to offer everyone.

Day 2: 20 Sep 2026
Athens to Hydra

Meals: B • L • D
Accom: Hydra Hotel



Following in the footsteps of writers, artists, and musicians, we alight the ferry arriving on the beautiful island of Hydra.

We won't need to look far for inspiration. To start, in true Greek-island-style, a mule will carry our bags up the steps to our hotel – a calm retreat overlooking the turquoise sea. With art kits in tow, we begin to capture the spirit of Hydra, starting out on its bustling marina. We'll walk and draw our way to Hydra's Historical Archive Museum, catch a contemporary art exhibition and visit the Hydra Book Club.

Dinner will be at Hydra's stunning Castello restaurant. We'll arrive via water taxi and watch the sunset from our table.

Breakfast- hotel

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Ferry Piraeus to Hydra

Ferry trip to Hydra

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch

Lunch on the Marina in Hydra

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Introduction to Making

Meet in the hotel courtyard to explore the art kits and start experimenting

Art in Greece

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

with the materials.

Free Time

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dinner

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner at Castello restaurant

Day 3: 21 Sep 2026
Hydra

Meals: B • D
Accom: Hydra Hotel



Every laneway, stairwell, villa, cafe and shop is a fascinating subject to draw. There might even be a local cat only too happy to be your model. We can work as a group or follow our own instincts today. We can find the homes of Charmian Cliff and George Johnston, or Leonard Cohen. In the evening, we can visit the Windmill Wine Bar with stunning sea views and pre-dinner drinks and later have dinner at Veranda restaurant, with a different view of the island!

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation.

**Drawing/Painting
Activities**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Today we make our way to the Marina and do some walking drawings, visiting the Archive Museum and the Hydra Book Club
Artists can explore Hydra, continuing with their walking drawings or making longer studies.

Free Time

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Free time in Hydra to relax, wander the streets of the town or take a swim

Pre-dinner drinks

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Pre-dinner drinks at the Windmill Wine Bar (at own expense)

Dinner

7:45 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner at Veranda

About Hydra

Welcome to the Enchanting Island of Hydra, Greece!

Introduction: Discover a slice of paradise in the heart of the Aegean Sea – welcome to Hydra! This captivating Greek island is a haven of natural beauty, rich culture, and serene charm. With its picturesque landscapes, historic architecture, and vibrant local life, Hydra promises an unforgettable getaway that will leave you mesmerized.

How to Get There: Join a Luxe Sailing tour. Getting to Hydra is a delightful journey.

Arrive at Athens International Airport, and from there, take a scenic ferry ride from the port of Piraeus. The ferry journey offers breathtaking views of the sea and the surrounding islands, setting the stage for your Hydra adventure.

Day 4: 22 Sep 2026
Hydra to Nafplion via Epidavros

Meals: B • L • D
Accom: Nafsimedon



Today we catch a water taxi to Ermioni and take a bus ride to the Ancient Theatre of Epidavros.

The Ancient Theatre of Epidavros is an other-worldly experience. Famous for its perfect acoustics and grand design, it's a breathtaking place to sketch, paint, or simply absorb the atmosphere. Whether capturing the vast stone Amphitheatre in your journal or focusing on the interplay of light and shadow, this site offers endless artistic inspiration.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel.

**Ancient Epidavros and
the Sanctuary of
Asclepius**

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

A guided tour of Ancient Epidavros and the Sanctuary of Asclepius, where you will visit the renowned ancient theatre, famed for its exceptional acoustics and elegant stone structure, as well as the sanctuary dedicated to Asclepius, the god of medicine, which also includes an outstanding archaeological museum. This experience highlights how deeply the ancient Greeks valued wellbeing and the harmony between body and mind — principles that continue to resonate in modern life.

Lunch

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Enjoy an authentic Greek lunch at a traditional taverna.

Free Time

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Free time to explore Nafplion, one of Greece's most beautiful historic towns. Wander the Venetian-era old town with its neoclassical mansions, boutique shops, and shaded squares, or stroll the waterfront promenade with views of the Bourtzi fortress. For those feeling energetic, climb the steps to the Palamidi fortress for sweeping views across the Argolic Gulf, or enjoy a relaxed break at one of the cafés in Syntagma Square.

Nafplion Walking Tour

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

A guided walking tour of Nafplion, exploring the Venetian-era old town, neoclassical mansions, elegant bougainvillea-lined streets, and historic landmarks, including Syntagma Square and the waterfront promenade, with insights into the town's role in modern Greek history.

Dinner

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner in Nafplion

Day 5: 23 Sep 2026
Nafplion

Meals: B
Accom: Nafsimedon



Optional early morning art session – Find a quiet spot to draw or paint, whether by the water or tucked into one of the picturesque laneways. Or, a walk up to the Palimidi Fortress for an entirely different perspective of Nafplion!
Visit to the Peloponnesian Folklore Foundation, full of wonderful exhibits and inspiring subject matter for drawing.
Dinner in the Old Town.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Free Time

9:00 am - 10:00 am

**Drawing/Painting
Activities**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Find a quiet spot to draw or paint, whether by the water or tucked into one of the picturesque laneways and visit the Peloponnesian Folklore Foundation

Free Time

3:00 pm

Free time to explore Nafplion's Old Town, sketch at leisure, browse local shops, or enjoy a relaxed coffee by the harbour.

Day 6: 24 Sep 2026
Nafplion to Monemvasia

Meals: B • D
Accom: Byzantino



Monemvasia is an extraordinary experience! It's a city within a medieval fortress on a rocky island that rises from the sea. The fortress's stone arches and narrow pathways will transport you to ancient times. After settling into the hotel, you might like to wander the streets with your sketchbook.

Dinner in one of the many restaurants, sampling the local flavours, including fresh seafood, produce and wines from the region.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Free Time

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Free Time to Explore Monemvasia at your own pace — wander the medieval alleyways, browse artisan shops and chapels, relax at a café with sea views, or simply enjoy the tranquil atmosphere within the walled town. Or, take a swim from the stone platform.

Monemvasia Walking Tour

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

A guided walking tour of Monemvasia with local professional guide Effie, exploring the walled medieval town, its stone alleyways, historic chapels, and fortified viewpoints while learning about the town's Byzantine and Venetian past.

Dinner

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner in Monemvasia

About Monemvasia

Discover Monemvasia: A Gem of Greece

Introduction: Welcome to Monemvasia, a hidden gem nestled on the southeastern coast of Greece. This enchanting destination is often referred to as the "Gibraltar of Greece," as it boasts a medieval fortress town that seems to rise magically from the sea. With its rich history, stunning landscapes, and unique atmosphere, Monemvasia promises an unforgettable journey back in time.

How to Get There: To reach Monemvasia, you can fly into Athens International Airport, which is well-connected to major cities worldwide. From Athens, you have two main options:

By Car: Rent a car and take a scenic drive along the picturesque coastal route to Monemvasia. The journey takes around 4-5 hours, but the stunning views make it worthwhile.

By Bus: Hop on a comfortable intercity bus from Athens to Monemvasia. The journey takes around 5-6 hours and provides a chance to relax and enjoy the Greek countryside.

Day 7: 25 Sep 2026
Monemvasia

Meals: B • D
Accom: Byzantino



Today is all about capturing Monemvasia's medieval beauty, using its stone archways, winding paths, and dramatic coastline as inspiration. With its ever-changing light, Monemvasia offers so many possibilities for sketching and painting. Whether it's the soft glow of morning, the midday contrast, or the golden hues of sunset. We'll break for lunch, with time to explore or continue sketching at your own pace. We'll set up in one of the local cafes and continue working in our art journals. Or you might like to find the stone swimming platform and enjoy a dip in the sea! Dinner in town, where we'll again enjoy the flavours of the region.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Free Time

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Explore Monemvasia at your own pace.

Drawing/Painting Activities

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Explore Monemvasia at your own pace, with time to wander the hidden alleyways, stone houses, and clifftop battlements of the medieval town. For those who wish, you may also walk up to the Upper Town to visit Agia Sophia and enjoy sweeping sea views and a deeper sense of the site's history — or simply relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

No Lunch

Not included (at own expense)

Free Time

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free time to wander the alleyways or enjoy a drink with views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Wine and food tasting

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Enjoy the flavour of the Malvasia grape and local produce

Dinner

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner in Monemvasia

Day 8: 26 Sep 2026
Monemvasia to Gerolimenas

Meals: B • L • D
Accom: Kyrimai



After breakfast and a relaxed start, we'll leave Monemvasia behind and journey into the rugged beauty of the Mani Peninsula, where stone villages, dramatic coastlines, and centuries-old olive groves line the landscape. We'll travel to the To_Anexoitylo cafe – a sweet spot for coffee and sketching, with some interesting movie history!

After lunch, we'll continue to our accommodation in Gerolimenas. Once we settle in, there's time for a quiet art session at the hotel, capturing the surrounding landscape or you can simply enjoy a swim by the hotel terrace.

For dinner, we'll have a relaxed meal at the hotel, looking out over the water, soaking up the magic of the Mani Peninsula. Have your art kits nearby to do some artwork.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Limeni Café

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

We travel to the sweet township of Limeni , stopping for coffee at the To_Anexoitylo cafe – a sweet spot for coffee and sketching, with some interesting movie history!

Lunch in Limeni

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Lunch at Kourmas

Drawing/Painting Activities

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

A group art catch-up, or relax and enjoy the beautiful seaside surroundings, with time to swim, unwind, or simply take in the peaceful atmosphere of Gerolimenas.

About Mani

Explore the Enchanting Mani Peninsula

Introduction: Welcome to the captivating Mani Peninsula, a hidden gem nestled in the southern region of the Peloponnese, Greece. With its rugged landscapes, rich history, and warm hospitality, Mani offers an off-the-beaten-path experience for the adventurous traveller. This guide will lead you through the best that this unique destination has to offer.

How to Get There: Join a Luxe Sailing tour. Arriving at the Mani Peninsula is a journey in itself. The nearest major airport is Kalamata International Airport, offering flights from various European cities. From there, you can rent a car or take a bus to reach Mani.

For those seeking a more leisurely approach, driving from Athens allows you to soak in the picturesque Greek countryside along the way.

Day 9: 27 Sep 2026
Gerolimenas

Meals: B • L
Accom: Kyrimai



A visit to the Ghost Town of Vatheia. One of the Mani Peninsula's most striking tower settlements, where you can walk along the abandoned stone houses and take in panoramic views.
Return to Gerolimenas in the late afternoon for a swim, dinner by the water and some relaxed communal art-making.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

**Drawing/Painting
Activities**

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Spend time exploring and capturing the mystery of Vatheia

Lunch

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Lunch in Porto Kagio

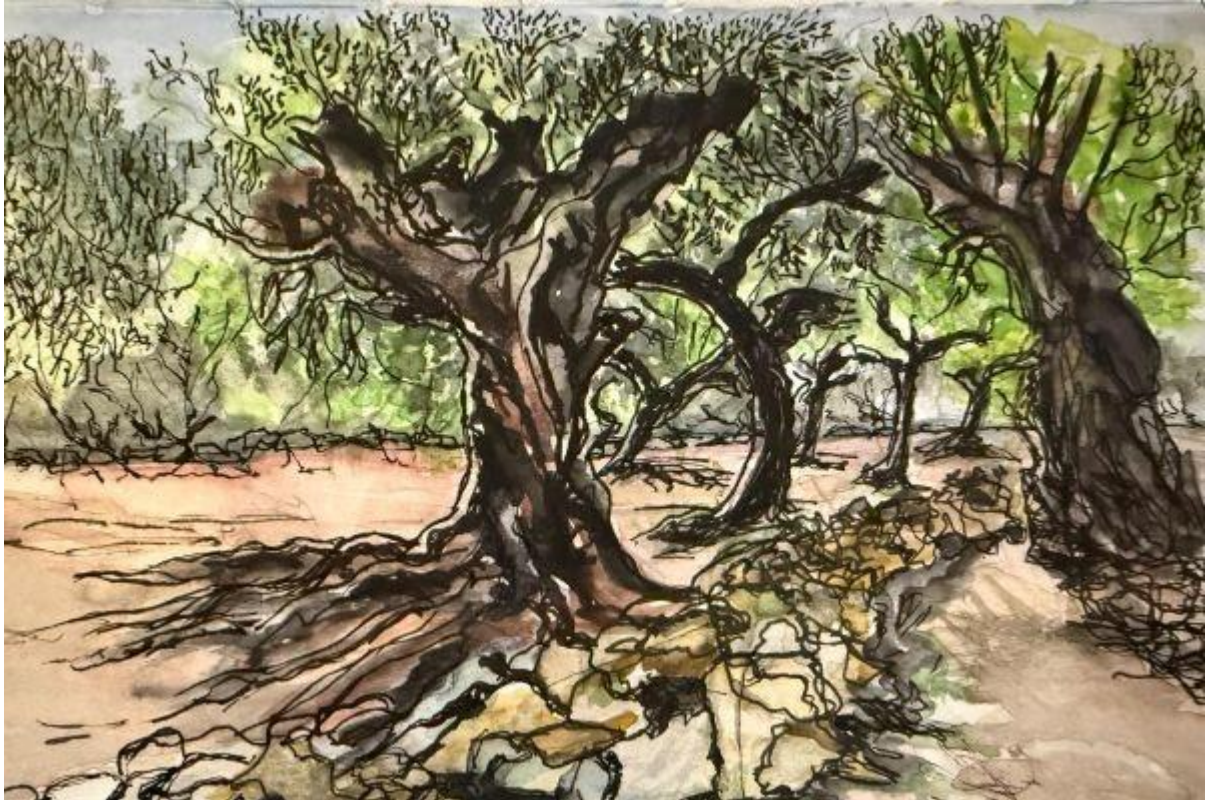
Free Time

3:30 pm

Relax by the pool or the sea, with time to unwind and enjoy the tranquil waterfront setting. In the evening, you may choose to dine at the hotel or at the taverna in town — dinner (at your expense)

Day 10: 28 Sep 2026
Mani Peninsula to Kalamata

Meals: B • L • D
Accom: Grecotel Filoxenia Kalamata



After breakfast, we'll head to Kardamyli, a village steeped in history and surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

This will include a visit to the Patrick and Joan Leigh Fermor House (subject to availability), an annexe of Greece's prestigious Benaki Museum. This beautifully preserved home, once belonging to the legendary writer and adventurer, Patrick Leigh Fermor and his photographer wife Joan Leigh Fermor, is an inspiration. We'll have limited time inside, but every corner holds a story and an opportunity for sketching.

Lunch in Kardamyli's Old Town with stunning views of the Mediterranean.

Drive to Kalamata and settle into the Grecotel Filoxenia Kalamata.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Patrick & Joan Leigh Fermor

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Visit the Leigh Fermor House (Benaki Museum), the former seaside home of the celebrated writer and philhellene. Access is limited and operates on restricted visiting days, so entry is arranged in advance as per the museum's guidelines. You will explore the stone residence, library, and gardens overlooking the Messinian Gulf, while learning about the Leigh Fermors' lives, travels, and connection to Greece.

Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Lunch in Kardamyli Old Town

Free Time

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Visit the town of Kardamyli (time permitting), with free time to stroll the stone streets, browse small shops and cafés, or enjoy the relaxed village atmosphere.

Free Time

5:00 pm

Free time on arrival in Kalamata. The evening is at your leisure — you may choose to dine at the hotel (included) or explore options in town (at your expense), or simply relax after the journey.

Dinner - Filoxenia

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner is included at the hotel.

About Kalamata

Explore Kalamata: Your Unforgettable Greek Getaway!

Introduction: Welcome to Kalamata, a hidden gem nestled on the southern coast of Greece. With its stunning beaches, rich history, delectable cuisine, and vibrant culture, Kalamata offers an unforgettable experience for travellers seeking an authentic Greek adventure.

How to Get There: Join a Luxe Sailing tour. Getting to Kalamata is a breeze! The city boasts its own international airport with connections to major European cities.

Alternatively, you can fly into Athens and take a scenic drive or a comfortable bus ride along the breathtaking coastline to reach Kalamata. The journey itself is an enchanting introduction to the region's natural beauty.

Day 11: 29 Sep 2026
Kalamata

Meals: B • L • D
Accom: Grecotel Filoxenia Kalamata



Today, we explore Ancient Olympia and its Archaeological Museum. Classical architecture, ancient artefacts and temple remains have inspired artists for centuries!

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Ancient Olympia

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Explore Ancient Olympia and its Archaeological Museum, home to the remains of ancient athletic grounds, temples, and treasures, as well as remarkable artefacts uncovered on site.

Drawing/Painting Activities

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Today, we explore Ancient Olympia and the Archaeological Museum. Classical architecture, ancient artefacts and temple remains make great subject matter for artists.

Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Lunch in Olympia

Dinner

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Enjoy Dinner in Kalamata Old Town

Day 12: 30 Sep 2026
Kalamata

Meals: B • L • D
Accom: Grecotel Filoxenia Kalamata



After breakfast, we visit the bustling Kalamata market. Choose your subject from colourful food, shouting stall holders busking their wares and customers on the lookout for bargains. Everywhere you look, there is something to draw! We'll also have the opportunity to taste local produce while we're there.

After lunch nearby, we'll visit the Victoria G. Karelias Collection of Traditional Greek Costumes, a stunning exhibition of garments for traditional ceremonies made with consummate artistry and skill.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Kalamata Market Tasting experience

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Visit the Kalamata Market for a food-tasting experience, where you will explore the lively stalls, meet local producers, and sample a selection of regional specialities such as cheeses, cured meats, olives, and traditional delicacies that showcase the gastronomy of the Peloponnese.

Lunch - Kalamata Market

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

For those who still have an appetite, we can take lunch at one of the many market stalls or nearby restaurants (own expense)

**Victoria G Karelias
Collection Kalamata**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Visit to the Victoria G. Karelias Collection of Traditional Greek Costumes, a beautifully curated museum showcasing an exceptional collection of regional garments, textiles, and accessories that reflect Greece's cultural heritage and craftsmanship.

Tour Transport

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Transport back to the hotel or the Kalamata Old Town.

Free Time

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Explore the old town of Kalamata or return to the hotel to relax by the beach, at your leisure.

Dinner - Filoxenia

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner is included at the hotel.

Day 13: 1 Oct 2026
Kalamata

Meals: B • D
Accom: Grecotel Filoxenia Kalamata



Group exhibition - whether it's a group project, a personal showcase, or a postcard exchange, this is the time to celebrate the work we've created in an inspiring setting. A perfect way to wrap up Making Art in Greece, surrounded by great food, good company, and the artwork we've created along the way.

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Free Time

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Free time to spend by the pool or sea, or go into Kalamata town and the old town for a last-minute shop.

**Art Exhibition and
pre-dinner drinks -
Foino**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Art exhibition of your work with pre-dinner drinks at Foino in Kalamata Old Town

Dinner

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Farewell dinner at Foino

Day 14: 2 Oct 2026
Kalamata to Athens

Meals: B
Accom: No Hotel



After breakfast, we'll travel by land transfer back to Athens, taking in the changing landscapes along the way.

This is a perfect opportunity to look through your sketchbook(s), keep sketching, or add thoughts to your pages.

A fond farewell to a new group of art friends as we each return to our own corners of the world to continue our art journey. We hope you'll keep in touch so we can see your art practice grow!

Breakfast- hotel

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

Athens Transfer

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Athens Transfer — complimentary local transfers to the airport, Piraeus, or central Athens at the conclusion of your tour.