

Watercolour Seminars

The teaching

You will paint exercises based on general theories about colours, composition and perspective and try out many watercolour techniques.

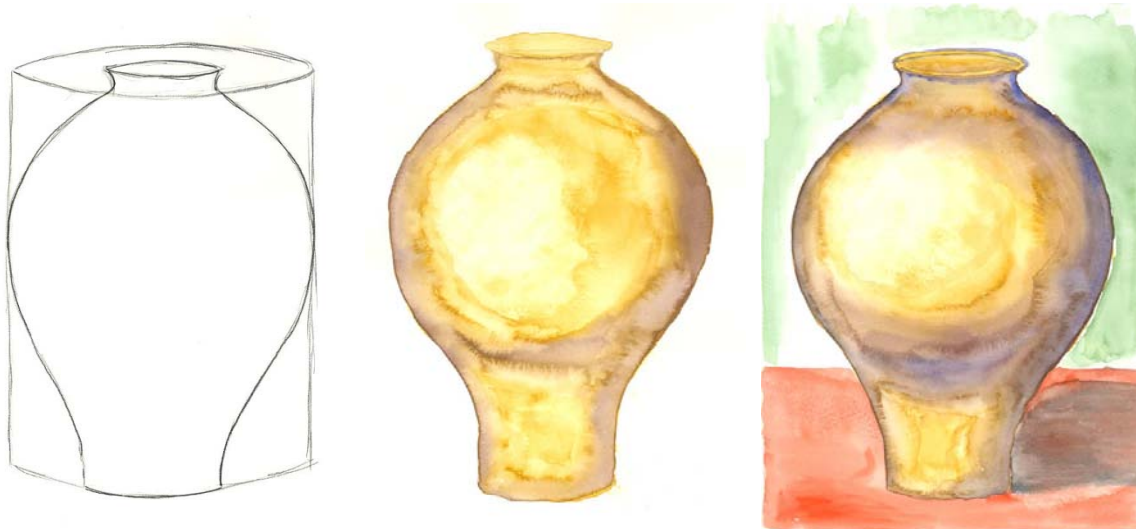
You will learn to use a broad spectrum of colours, the right amount of water and to use different watercolour techniques to achieve a satisfactory result.

I include drawing exercises and exercises in composition, so you will be able to draw and paint a wide range of subjects.

Examples of exercises in watercolour techniques:



An example of a drawing exercise and how you build up the watercolour using watercolour techniques:



You can paint vegetation using different techniques. You will learn wet-in-wet technique and the more safe technique where you start with the light tones and then gradually build up the foliage in darker colours and tones.



You can read more about the teaching in my book [The Watercolour Dream](#) *Learn to draw and paint – with enjoyment*

Where will the seminar be held?

The lessons will be held in the picturesque, old village, Palia Alonnisos, and we also visit the coast to paint the light and turquoise green colours of the sea. During the class teaching there will be chairs and tables of your disposal.



Equipment you will need

- Three paintbrushes no 2, 8 and 16 in medium quality. Synthetic marten hair brushes are fine.

- The primary colours *red, yellow and blue* and the mixed colours *orange, purple and green*. In standard boxes with 12 colours you will probably find them all except for the purple. 'Young artists' quality is fine for beginners.
- Watercolour blocks A4 size or 24x32cm (300 gr/m2).
- Pencil, rubber, sketch block and ruler.



A little about your teacher

I started in 1996 to teach watercolour painting in co-operation with a Danish Travel Agent. For many years lots of happy students came to Alonnisos and participated in the seminars for one or two weeks.

The co-operation stopped in about 2007 and since then I have had some English groups and been teaching locally adults as well as children. You can read more about my background in *About* in the main menu.

Conditions and return policy

The booking is binding and in case you unsubscribe until 40 days before the start of the course only 50% of the deposit will be returned.

If you unsubscribe later than that your payment will be returned only in case of documented illness and minus 50% of the deposit.

If there are less than three participants subscribed to a course 20 days before it starts then I will find it necessary to cancel the course. In this case the full amount will be returned.

Travel and accommodation

How to reach Alonnisos

You can check on the internet for package holidays to Alonissos. I suggest you choose an accommodation in the Old Village to be close to where the seminar is held.

If you prefer to arrange the trip yourself you have to look for flights to the island of Skiathos.

From Skiathos it takes 1½-3 hours to Alonissos with a hydrofoil or ferry.

If you prefer to fly to either Thessaloniki, Athens or Volos it takes between 3 to 6 hours to reach Alonnisos.

Via Skiathos, Volos and Thessaloniki: Ferry boats or Flying Dolphin or CAT, which are hydrofoils to Alonnisos. See Hellenic Seaways www.hsw.gr for reservation, time schedule and prices.

Via Athens: Flights to Athens and then a bus from the center of Athens, Kanigkos Square, to Agios Konstantinos and from there ferry boat or Flying CAT hydrofoil to Alonnisos. The bus service connects with the Flying CAT and both bus and hydrofoil tickets can be purchased at the same time from the office in Kanigkos Square. See Hellenic Seaways www.hsw.gr . for reservation, time schedule and prices.

Other timetables to Alonnisos

There are many connections to Alonissos so it's a good idea to look at www.openseas.gr where all timetables are gathered.

Open the site and in the window *FROM* you scroll down to SPORADES and then you choose ALONNISOS.

In the window *TO* you press the arrow and then you can see all the ports that are connected with Alonnisos.

This is the opposite way around but the best way to see all the ports that are connected with Alonnisos.

To find the time table from the port you prefer you have to find the port in the category MAJOR PORTS or CENTRAL GREECE.

UNFORTUNATELY THE SUMMER TIMETABLES ARE OUT LATE SO ITS DIFFICULT TO BOOK EARLY

Accommodation

Either you prefer a package solution or to find an accommodation on your own I recommend an accommodation in the Old Village where the teaching takes place.

Fantasia House: Small pension situated at the central church square of the village. Double room including refrigerator, water-boiler, toilet and bath or studio with a small kitchen. Great view over the village and the sea.

<http://alonissos.gr/en/accommodation-in-alonissos/rooms-to-let/fantasia.html>.

Prices:

Studio: 40€/day

Double room 35€/day

As single room 30€/day

You can book through me.

Chiliadromia: The pension is situated at the central church square of the village. Big studios including kitchen, toilet and bath or double rooms including refrigerator, water-boiler, toilet and bath. Breakfast café. Different views over the landscape and sea.

More information and booking: www.chiliadromia.gr.

Prices:

Studio about 45€/day

Double room about 35€/day

As single room about 30€/day

Anatoli: The pension is situated at the central church square of the village. Big studios including kitchen, toilet and bath. Breakfast café. Great view over the landscape and sea.

More information and booking:

Prices: Studio about 45€/day

Konstantina Studios: The pension is situated on the eastern slope of the village. Studios including kitchen, toilet and bath. Breakfast café and garden. Great view over the landscape and sea.

More information and booking: www.konstantinastudios.gr.

For more accommodation see www.alonissos.gr → accomodation

A little about Alonnisos

Alonnisos is a beautiful, green island situated in the northwest of the Aegean Sea, about 40 kilometres from Pelion on the Greek mainland. It belongs to the Northern Sporadic group of islands, which from a geological standpoint are contiguous with the mainland, despite the intervening submerged area. Alonnisos is a roughly oblong island, about 20 km long and between 3 km and 4 km wide. The island has a magnificent and varied natural history which has made a deep impression on generations of visitors.



Even as the boat approaches the island, your first impressions are of a landscape rich in contrasts. The western promontory rises precipitously from the sea in rugged cliff formations to a height of 300 metres but soon rolling, green hills emerge from behind the promontory, and a small village appears at their peak. This village, Palia Alonnisos (Old Alonnisos), is the former main settlement of the island.

After another 15 minutes travel along the beautiful pine-clad southeast coast you arrive at the main harbour of the island, Patitiri. The harbour is situated in a small bay with clear turquoise waters, surrounded by steep, ochre-yellow cliffs. The area behind the harbour is densely developed and the built-up area continues into the next bay, Rousoum, and on into the neighbouring fishing village of Votsi.

Apart from these settlements (Palia Alonnisos, Patitiri and Votsi) there are two more villages, both further up the southeast coast. The first is Steni Vala (by road, 10 km from Patitiri), a charming little fishing village and home port for many sailors, as it is the last place to take on provisions before visiting the many uninhabited islands in the area. A little further up the coast is the last small built-up area Kalamakia, which consists of a few houses and a small harbour.

Alonnisos is studded with beaches where you can swim in the crystal clear waters. Each of the beaches is more picturesque than the last, and they are all very different in character.

The colourful landscape, the dramatic cliffs and the wide variety of vegetation on the island make it a magnet for nature-lovers; just to take in the fantastic views, or to smell the aromatic herbs that grow all over the island, are wonderful experiences in themselves.

There are many possibilities for hiking in Alonnisos, as many of the old donkey paths are kept open, and most of the areas of the island are easy to reach, even with peaks of up to 475 metres.

If you want to read more about Alonnisos see [The Alonnisos Guide](#) and [Alonnisos on Foot](#)

Activities in your free time

Yoga and massage

A yoga center is situated at the edge of the old village and here you can participate in daily yoga sessions usually of one hour's length. They also offer different kinds of massage at very reasonable prices.

Swimming

The nearest beach is just below the village at half an hour's walking distance. You can also drive down or book a taxi. There are two tavernas on the beach so you can enjoy your meal with a view over the blue Mediterranean, uninhabited rocky islands and the island of Skopelos in the distance.

Hiking

If you are interested in hiking or exploring the island in general you should find my books *Alonnisos on Foot* and *The Alonnisos Guide* to be both practical and pleasant to use. You will find them packed with a great variety of information, including directions to many beaches, fishing villages and different places of interest in the countryside.

Excursions

If you stay on after the end of the course it is possible to join the excursion boats in trips to the Marine Park. You will visit some of the uninhabited islands in the protected area, where dolphins often approach the boat. The area is protected to try to save the endangered Mediterranean Monk seal.

