

Capture the Spirit of Thessalian Horses



Join us on our painting holiday observing and painting horses on location in Greece.



At the foothills of mount Pelion lies the coastal village of Kalamos between the olive groves. Here is a herd of six horses that live a close-to-natural life, which means they have been able to retain several of their primal qualities. This small herd has been together all their lives, and each is greatly respected and valued for the individuals they are, which enables them to express themselves freely.

On your painting holiday in Greece you will be hosted by Caroline Pluvier who enjoys sharing her unique environment and relationship with her horses. You will be based at quaint and comfortable privately owned maisonettes and apartments close by the sea.

Each day of the painting holiday Caroline will set the scene with a meditation close to the horses, as a way of relaxing into the atmosphere of the herd and nurturing and inspiring your creativity. You will then observe the horses in their natural playing ground under the olive groves, in the hills or on the beach so you can capture these majestic creatures in their true essence.



Professional artist and tutor, Anna Martin, will guide you each day with her demos and techniques whilst offering one on one guidance and help to harnessing your own style. As the week progresses you will emerge with a series of drawings and paintings in watercolour or acrylic describing the essence of these free spirited horses whilst developing your own style and confidence in the progress. Some of the afternoons will be based at a local studio to further develop our sketches into paintings. In the evenings we will dine in specially selected local tavernas and enjoy the local Greek hospitality.



Anna Martin your Tutor

Anna employs a free style of painting and brings a wealth of techniques from over a decade of experience of painting holidays in Spain and Turkey and more recently in Greece. She aims to create an environment around her participants to encourage a free expressionist style using a vivid colour palette and a loose style. Her inspiring demonstrations help you to grasp the rudiments of drawing horses and capturing the essence of them playing in their natural environment.

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Itinerary

Day 1: travel + arrival + shared dinner in the evening

Day 2: Introduction. Anna will give an introduction into painting horses, and Caroline will introduce you to the herd of six. We will meet them in the field, you will learn about how they are kept and also about the different individuals.

Day 3: Horses grazing. A part of the day is spent in the vicinity of the herd while they graze. Either taking pictures or making sketches that will be worked out later in the day.

Day 4: Horses on a walk. Walk with the horses for an hour or two, seeing them run and play in the olive groves. Visit to a small beach where we observe the horses rolling in the sand and playing in the water.

Day 5: Free day. Explore local area or carry on with art work.

Day 6: Different techniques, like pencils or watercolour or some abstraction or figurative approach. This includes a visit to the horses.

Day 7: Further developing of the different techniques. Here a visit to the horses is also possible. Closing the course and last evening dinner.

Day 8: Travel day.

Practical information Horse Painting in Pelion 15-22 September

The course is suitable for beginners and intermediate participants. The lessons will be held partly outdoors close to the horses, and participants can also work indoors in a spacious old, restored olive mill by the sea.

Minimum number of participants 6, maximum 8.

Accommodation and food

We will have our meals at the local restaurant by the sea. Breakfast will be buffet-style, lunch and dinner will consist of a choice of salads and main courses, tasty samples of the Greek cuisine.

For accommodation there are different options that result in different prices for the week. All of them have their own bathroom and small kitchen area. They are very close to the sea, they are simple, comfortable and clean:

- Studio's where the beds and kitchen area are all in one space. Suitable for one person, or for two who don't mind sharing a small area.
- Maisonettes with a double bed upstairs and two single beds downstairs in the living area. They can house 2 persons, or possibly three who don't mind sharing a small area.
- An apartment with two separate bedrooms, one with a double bed, the second with a bunk bed. The apartment has a lovely view.

Prices for the week:

	One person	two persons
Studio	1050 euros	945 euros
Maisonette	1120 euros	980 euros
The apartment		1015 euros

What is included in the price

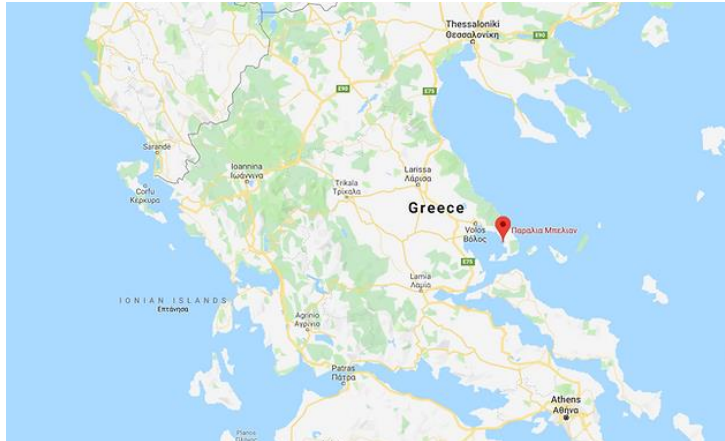
- Six days of lessons. There will also be time for relaxation, a swim in the sea or walks.
- Seven breakfasts, six lunches, seven dinners.
- Coffee and tea during the breaks
- Electricity 220 V, Wifi at the apartments and at the restaurant.

What is not included

- Air and ground travel to Kalamos. See below for travel information.

- Drinks.
- The water at the apartments is drinkable. We can provide bottled water at request.

Program Location



Pelion is a beautiful green peninsula with friendly villages and countless small beaches. It is the second largest olive-producing area of the country. Large oak and beech forests cover the mountain like a thick blanket. It is said that mount Pelion was the summer residence of the gods. Tourism is modest and friendly, mostly in the form of small family businesses. It is a wonderful place to explore the beautiful countryside, to revel in the beauty of nature and to enjoy a relaxing holiday.

Kalamos is a small village on the Pagasitic coast. It is near Argalasti, the central village of the area where you can find shops, an ATM, restaurants, and a small health centre.

How to get there

The closest airport is Anchialos, around a 90-minute drive from the village. Thessaloniki airport is approximately a 3-hour drive, and Athens airport is a 4.5 hour drive. For flights to and from Anchialos you will find information here: <http://www.thessalyairport.gr/en/>. There are also flights from the UK to Skiathos, from where a ferry takes you to Pelion.

There are regular buses to Volos from both the Thessaloniki and Athens airports. Information can be found here: <https://ktelvolou.gr/en/home>. From Volos there are regular local buses, or if several participants arrive at the same time on the first afternoon of the week, we can arrange transport from Volos to the village with a van or taxi. You may also choose to rent a car in Thessaloniki or Athens. If you would like to combine car rentals with other participants, let us know so we can provide contact details.

What to bring

- Your painting materials
- September is relatively warm, certainly warm enough to swim. Bring good walking shoes as we will go to the horses by foot. You may also want to bring something warm as sometimes evenings can be a bit cool, and rain clothes. A hat and sun

lotion are always good. Also bring long sleeved shirts as protection against the sun and possible flies. When with the horses we will sit on the ground, so maybe you would like to bring something to sit on.

- Make sure your travel documents are in good order.
- Make sure you have travel and cancellation insurance.
- If vaccinations are requested for Greece at that time, we will let you know.

Please contact Caroline for further travel information: carolinepluvier@gmail.com

Registration form painting week 15-22 September 2023

Your name:

Your email address:

Your address and postal code:

City and country:

Phone number:

Emergency contact name:

Emergency contact phone number:

Do you have any health-related condition we need to know about? Use of medicines?

Choice of room:

- Studio, for you alone. The price of the week then is 1050 euros.
- A shared studio, price 945 euros.
- A maisonette, for you alone. Price 1120 euros.
- A shared maisonette 980 euros.
- The apartment, shared 1015 euros.

Are you coming together with someone you want to share your room with? What is his/her name?

Is there anything else we need to know?

Please send this registration form to: carolinepluvier@gmail.com. We will then send you the payment details. Please pay within a week after receiving the invoice.

Your registration will be secured when the full price has been received on our bank account.

By sending this registration form you confirm you have read our terms and conditions (<https://livingwithhorsesingreece.earth/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Terms-and-conditions.pdf>).

Date and signature
