

Paint in Italy *En-plein-air Workshop*



Typical (7 day) workshops' programme (watercolour - oil painting):

Day 1: Arrival at main airport—Rome / Florence / Pisa



Travel to Castiglion Fiorentino and settle in your accommodation at a Tuscan Villa / Art School, where you will have time to relax and freshen up.

Informal evening to meet the tutor and the rest of the group, talk about the workshop and what you wish to achieve in the week ahead, followed by our evening meal.

Day 2: Castiglion Fiorentino - Cortona



After breakfast our tutor talks about some of the techniques you may use during the course of the week and gives a short demonstration.
Painting on location at the villa, followed by lunch.



Continue workshop into the afternoon with a visit to the museum Diocesano in Cortona which hosts works by Luca Signorelli and Fra Angelico.
Time for a passeggiata (stroll) & aperitif before dinner.

Day 3:(Subject to main events: Palio Siena - Umbria Jazz- Spoleto Festival)



After breakfast we will visit Siena where you will have time to browse, shop & sketch. After lunch you will be able to experience the medieval celebration in anticipation to the Horse Palio as the day of the Palio, after the "provaccia" (the final trial run), the air gets tense and then when the bell tower sounds the signal and the young people that play a part are all dressed in their splendid, full costumes, the anticipation is felt everywhere. We will have dinner in Siena served long the streets of each 'contrada' as the night before the race is the grandiose, propitious dinner where singing and toasting abound, but it is also the time when secret pacts are stipulated between the contradas, work of the captain and the "mangini" (the organizers), with the primary objective of winning the Palio in mind, but also with the goal of not letting the rival contradas win. Return to the Villa.

Day 4: Cortona



Painting in and around historic Cortona. The main piazza, with its many narrow streets and alleyways with buildings which date back to the 13th century and are still inhabited. Choose your own subject.
Lunch on location at local trattoria.

After lunch we will visit 'Le Celle', a 12th century monastery built by S.Francis & his monks out of Mount S.Egidio, with stunning views & peaceful surroundings which will inspire you.
Dinner at the Villa.



Day 5: Arezzo



After breakfast visit to Piero della Francesca's (one of the greatest 15th century Italian artists, a pioneer of Italian Renaissance) unique art exhibition in Arezzo. Lunch in Arezzo followed by a leisure afternoon painting around the streets in town. Back for dinner at the Villa.

Day 6: Pienza - Bagno Vignoni Spa



Painting workshop on location in Pienza,
After lunch we travel to Bagno Vignoni Spa for a swim to unwind and enjoy the warm healing thermal waters.
Dinner at a restaurant in Bagno Vignoni.

Days 7: Civitella



Painting in Civitella. After lunch appraisal of your work with tutor, and feedback of your workshop and experience with Artuscany.
Special farewell dinner with presentation of certificates.

Day 8:

After breakfast departure & transfer to airport.

Cost:

Euro 1950 for painting participants (all inclusive)

Euro 1600 for non-painting partners