

PAINT IN ITALY!

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Great Plein-Aire Workshops

TUSCANY WORKSHOPS

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THE LOCATION – TUSCANY!

The nearest sizable town is Arezzo, the location for the filming of *It's a Beautiful Life*, by Roberto Berninni. A few miles away is the lovely medieval village of Cortona, made famous by Frances Mayes in her book *Under the Tuscan Sun*. Locations for painting abound in this lovely setting.

~ THE VILLA & ACCOMMODATIONS ~

Perched on a hillside, the Villa commands a stunning view of the valley below and offers brilliant sunsets to guests lounging on the beautiful, spacious terrace. Once an expansive private residence, it has been renovated into a charming bed and breakfast facility that can accommodate the needs of many types of groups, including those of the painter. Rooms are generous in size, with stone floors and rag rugs. Laundry facilities and a pool are available for guest use. See our website (www.lilipubs.com) for photos of the villa.

All rooms have telephones. Internet service is available in the lobby. There are only four private bedrooms with private baths in this historic villa. All the other accommodations are two-bedroom apartments (with kitchens) that have a single hall bathroom shared by the two bedrooms. A private room is defined as a bedroom with one occupant. We have exclusive use of a large studio which will be shared by the two workshops.

~ MEALS/TRANSPORTATION/TOURS ~

The Villa's on-site restaurant will prepare all our meals (except those when we are away for lunch) from local produce, in healthy tasty Tuscan style. There is a bar at the Villa which serves coffee and alcoholic beverages throughout the day, payable upon service, of course. Each group will have an opportunity to visit a local market for purchase of snacks, drinks or other essentials.

The workshop fee includes 8 nights accommodation and continental breakfast, 7 dinners, and some lunches, served in the villa's restaurant. On days when you are away from the villa, lunch will be on your own. All ground transportation to/from the airport in Rome, and to painting venues, is covered in your workshop fee. Non-painting companion fees do not include transport to painting sites. Rental cars and private tours can be arranged for an additional fee for non-painting companions.

First-class train tickets to/from Florence are included in all workshop fees. Entrance fees for the museums in Florence are not included, as you will have complete freedom to choose from the many museums in which you might wish to spend your time while there. Lunch/Dinner in Florence is on your own.

~ CLASS STRUCTURE ~

Painting days will be spent in the countryside, lakes and towns in Tuscany. We will board the bus after breakfast and travel to the painting locations where the instructors will do short demonstrations and students will select venues to paint.

Students have use of the painting studio day and night. The two workshop groups will share the use of the studio for storing painting equipment and after-hours independent painting. Critiques will be held on the terrace or in the studio at the instructors' discretion.

Locations will be different each day for each workshop group, as the two groups will go to different locations so there will not be too many painters at one site. Model fees will be collected and divided equally among students for payment at the time models are used in either workshop.

STUDENTS

*All levels of students
are welcome!*

Each student will be given personal instruction and critique appropriate to his/her level. Beginners, serious amateurs, experienced and Professional painters are welcome. Students will choose their own subject matter. The degree of difficulty or challenge is self-determined. Enrollment is limited to 15 painters for each workshop.

~ SAMPLE ITINERARY ~

Day	Locations*
1	Arrival Rome, transport to Tuscany, reception dinner
2	Instruction on location or studio - Cortona
3	Instruction on location or studio - Le Celle
4	Instruction on location or studio - Lago
5	Train trip to Florence, all-day self-guided tour
6	Instruction on location or studio - Countryside
7	Instruction on location or studio - Pienza
8	Instruction on location or studio - Bagno Vignoni
9	Depart for Rome, early morning

*Instructors may vary the itinerary to suit their personal workshop programs, and the trip to Florence may be earlier or later in the workshop. Locations and days at any given site may vary from the above, but all will be delightful.