



Sketching in Tuscany with Leslie Fehling

August 31st – September 7th 2019

Join Leslie Fehling for a relaxing, fun-filled week of exploring the Tuscan countryside, sketchbook in hand. You'll visit ancient villages, artisan shops, wineries, and markets, and delight in the unique experience of staying at Fattoria Bacio, a winery estate, during grape harvest time. Leslie's teaching will inspire you to dive in and create an illustrated journal of your life and travels with ink and watercolor – and have fun doing it! She'll share the secrets of her unique style of sketchbook journaling, and show you how to create pages filled with colorful images, hand lettering and creative layouts. You'll also learn practical techniques for painting the subjects you encounter. Leslie's enthusiastic and encouraging teaching style will bring out the best in you!

Keeping a sketchbook journal will enrich your travel experience by allowing you to slow down and really see all the things that make Italy special – the art and architecture, the scenery, the food and wine, and the people. This is a different way of traveling, one where you connect on a deeper level with the place you visit, and it becomes a part of you forever.

The ultimate goal of this workshop is to soak up the spirit of Tuscany while creating lasting memories of painting, learning, exploring, making new friends, and enjoying great food and wine in an incredible location.

Leslie Fehling is a full-time artist from Prosperity, PA. Sketchbook journaling is her joy and passion, and she loves sharing the fun and accessibility of this art form in her workshops and classes. She is an accomplished watercolorist who teaches both nationally and internationally, and her work may be found in private and public collections across the US. Her popular Everyday Artist blog has connected her with art enthusiasts around the world, and her relaxed approach to teaching has encouraged many to reconnect with their creative side.

Cost and conditions

Cost for student:

- Price in double room w. private bathroom Euros 2.300 (aprox. \$2830, depending on current exchange rate)
- Price in single room w. shared bathroom Euros 2.600 (aprox. \$3199)
- Price in single room w. private bathroom Euros 2.800 (aprox \$3445)
- Price in double room w. shared bathroom Euros 2.100 (aprox. \$2584)

Rooms will be cleaned once mid-week and have trash cans emptied and clean towels available. Soap and shampoo is not provided. Due to the fact that the Villa is a historical building, not all rooms have the same standard in size and bathroom facilities. Accommodations for students are on a first-come, first-served basis.

A special note about your ability to walk: You must be able to walk fairly long distances on cobblestones and to climb stairs.

Services included: Accommodation
7 complete breakfasts with fresh fruit, cheese, eggs, yogurt etc.
7 freshly prepared Tuscan gourmet dinners
1 wine and olive oil tasting with lunch
Field trips to San Gimignano, Certaldo alto, Siena
Airport pick up and drop off in Florence at agreed time
Ground transportation while at Villa

Not included: 6 lunches
Any personal expenses
Painting materials
Insurance
Airfare

Booking and cancellation Policy

To sign up, a 600 € deposit will be requested, balance due one month before the start of the course. Cancellations will have 50 % of the deposit refunded, provided that they are made 30 days at 12:00 pm CET before the start of the workshop. If made between 30 days at 12:00 pm CET to the day of the start of the workshop, there will be a refund of 50 % of the payment made in full.



For booking please contact the Italian partner at italy@artravelitaly.it
Alessia or Teja will be happy to answer your questions about logistics.

For information and questions about the workshop program please contact Leslie Fehling lfehling@gmail.com

Detailed Program, August 31st – September 7th 2019



Aug. 31st

Saturday: Arrival

Pick up from Florence airport or Florence train station at agreed time.

Settle in rooms at Fattoria Bacìo www.fattoriabacio.com

5:00 pm

Aperitif. Meet with instructor and staff. Introduction to the program, and the activities planned for the week.

7:00 pm

Three-course welcome dinner at Villa.

Sept. 1st

Sunday at the Farm

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:30 am – 11:00 pm

Introduction to painting

12:30 pm

Wine and olive oil tasting, buffet lunch

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Painting at Villa

7:30 pm

Dinner at Villa

Sept. 2nd

Monday: Painting in Certaldo alto

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Instruction in studio at Villa

10:30 am

Leave for Certaldo alto

10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Painting in Certaldo alto. This traffic free town atop a hill still retains its authenticity as a true medieval settlement and offers beautiful vistas. Cafés for cappuccinos, a wine shop, artisans and the museum of Giovanni Boccaccio will offer plenty to do.

12.30 pm

Lunch on own in one of the nice little coffee shops or restaurants in Certaldo alto.

4.00 pm

Return to Villa with time for grocery shopping for personal needs on the way, free time to relax or paint.

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Visit to the Villa wine cellars

7:30 pm

Dinner at Villa

Sept. 3rd Tuesday: Painting in Siena

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast.
9:00 am	Day trip by train to Siena. Siena's medieval centre bristles with majestic buildings. Its profusion of churches and small museums harbor a wealth of artwork, though equally your day can be effectively filled by simply wandering the bustling lanes of the historic centre, a Unesco World Heritage Site.
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Guided tour of Piazza and Siena Cathedral
12:30 am	Lunch-on -own
4:30 pm	Return to Villa
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm	Instruction at Villa
7:30 pm	Dinner at Villa

Sept. 4th Wednesday: Painting and visit to La Meridiana

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Instruction/demo at Villa
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Painting at Villa
12:30 pm	Lunch on own
3.30 pm – 5.30 pm	Visit La Meridiana, an internationally recognised center for modern ceramics with beautiful scenery. www.lameridiana.fi.it Meet ceramic artists, enjoy an aperitif on the sunset terrace.
7:30 pm	Dinner at Villa

Sept. 5th Thursday: San Gimignano with street market

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Instruction at Villa
10:00 am	Leave for S. Gimignano, an essential feature of any visit to central Tuscany, not only on account of its remarkable towers but also the fabulous frescoes and other art works to be seen here. On Thursdays, there is also a lively street market taking place.
5:00 pm	Return to Villa
7:30 pm	Dinner at Villa

Sept. 6th Friday: Painting at the Villa

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 11:00 pm	Painting
12.30 pm	Lunch-on-own
2:00 – 5:30 pm	Afternoon painting at the villa, final wrap-up.
6:30 pm	Final dinner at villa

Sept. 7th Saturday: Departure

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast. Shuttles to Florence are offered at the following times:
6.30 am	in order to be at Florence airport by 7.30. This accommodates the flights that leave between 9.00 and later
9.30 am	in order to be Florence train station at 11.00 and at the airport by 11.30 am. This accommodates all those travellers who plan to stay longer in Italy, either in Florence or taking a train or who do have a later flight.