



An Adventure in Watercolor with Anne Gifford September 15 – 22, 2018

Day 1 **Saturday: Arrival**

- Pick up from either Florence airport or Florence train station at agreed time. Settle in Villa rooms at Fattoria Bacio www.fattoriabacio.com
- 5:30 pm** Aperitif. Meet with instructor and staff. Introduction to the program, and overview of activities planned for the week.
- 6:30 pm** Three-course welcome dinner with wine at Villa.

Day 2 **Sunday at the Villa: wine tasting**

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am** Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 11:30 pm** *Introduction for beginners/warm up for experienced painters. We will start by doing a painting in the studio. Anne will do a demonstration to get us started as she gives an overview of composition, color theory, and the special textural techniques that she uses in her own paintings.*
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm** Visit to wine cellars. Wine tasting of the estate grown wine and light lunch with Tuscan gourmet specialties.
- 2:30 – 6:30 pm** *Painting outdoors at the Villa. We will put the morning's lesson to use with a plein aire painting that focuses on shapes and textures. Painting (time for painting and rest will be adapted to the light conditions)*
- 7:00 pm** Three-course dinner with wine.

Day 3 **Monday: Painting in Certaldo Alto**

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am** Breakfast
- 9:00 am** Leave for Certaldo Alto.
- 9:30 am – 2:45 pm** *Painting in Certaldo Alto. Anne will start the day with a demonstration as she talks about composition, perspective, and value. We will then do a series of quick sketches and paintings to fine tune our compositional eye, followed by a longer, more complex painting.*

This historical 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 Giovanni Boccaccio museum are available.

Lunch on own in Certaldo Alto.

3:00 pm

Pick up in Certaldo Alto, return to Villa via grocery store for personal shopping.

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Critique in the studio and free time to relax or paint.

7:30 pm

Three-course dinner with wine.

Day 4

Tuesday: Siena

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Breakfast

9:00 am

Leave for day trip by train to Siena with guided tour and museum visit included.

Siena's medieval centre bristles with majestic buildings. Its profusion of churches and small museums harbor a wealth of artwork. Although your day can be effectively filled by simply wandering the bustling lanes of the historic centre, a Unesco World Heritage Site and sketching.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Bring your sketchbook! Anne will do a demonstration of a quick drawing or painting to get you started, and we can then record our visual inspirations during the day (as many or few as you wish) as we explore Siena.

12:30 am

Lunch-on-own

4:30 pm

Return to Certaldo by train and transport to Villa.

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Critique of our Siena sketches and/or any of your previous paintings.

7:30 pm

Three-course dinner with wine.

Day 5

Wednesday: Surrounding countryside – visit La Meridiana

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 am

Anne will start us off with a demonstration of a value study after which we will take a close look at the play of light and dark tones by doing our own painting, using only one color.



12:30 am

Lunch-on-own

2:30 pm – 5.30 pm

Visiting La Meridiana, The International School of Ceramics.

Meeting ceramic artists and aperitif on the sunset terrace. *Painting at the grounds. Let's paint in full color! If time allows, we will do a quick critique following our afternoon of painting.*

7:30 pm

Three-course dinner with wine.

Day 6

Thursday: San Gimignano with street market

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am

Leave for S. Gimignano, an essential feature of any visit to central Tuscany, with its remarkable towers, fabulous frescoes and other art works.

On Thursdays, there is a lively street market.

12:30 pm

Lunch-on-own

2:30 pm – 5.00 pm

Free painting time.

5:30 pm

Return to Villa

7:30 pm

Three-course dinner with wine.

Day 7 Friday: Final wrap up and Celebratory Farewell Dinner

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast
9:00 am – 12.00 am *Finish up our paintings.*
12:30 am Lunch
2:30 – 4.30 pm *Final critique.*
7:00 pm Farewell dinner



Day 8 Saturday: Departure

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

Shuttles to Florence are offered at the following two times:

6:30 am to be at Florence airport by 7.30. This accommodates the flights that leave between 9.00 and later
9:30 am to be at Florence train station at 11.00 and at the airport by 11.30 am. This accommodates all travellers who plan to stay longer in Italy, either in Florence or taking a train or who do have a later flight.

Cost for student start at

- In double room with private bathroom: € 2200
- In single room with private bathroom: € 2700
- In single room with shared bathroom: € 2500
- Reduced cost for non-painting participants: € 1900

Please note that because lodging is in a historical villa, rooms are not standard size and some will have shared bathrooms. At your request, we will be happy to provide description and images of the rooms available.

Services included: Accommodation
7 Continental style breakfast with eggs, cheese, fresh fruit, yogurt and sweets.
(Vegetarian and other dietary requests are accommodated.)
7 Freshly prepared Tuscan Gourmet dinners
Wine and olive oil tasting with lunch
Field trip to transportation to S. Gimignano, Certaldo Alto, Siena
Guided tour and museum entrance in Siena
Airport or train station pick up and drop off at agreed time
Ground transportation while at Villa
Easels and stools

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



Booking and cancellation Policy

To register a 600 € deposit is requested. Final balance is due one month before the start of the workshop. Cancellations will have the following refunds:

X to 30 days at 12:00 pm CET before the start of the workshop: 50% of deposit will be refunded

Past 30 days at 12:00 pm CET to the day of the start of the workshop: 50% of total paid will be refunded

For further information and booking please contact info@artravelitaly.it



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