

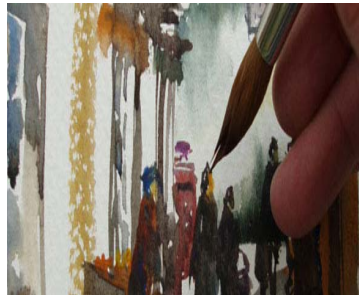


PAINTING HOLIDAYS IN EUROPE

2008

ITALY – TUSCANY

Painting holidays - a classical mix in burnt Siena



A week of rural retreats, elegant palazzo gardens and timeless village views, combined with some of the most famous and beautiful renaissance towns in Europe. Our painting holiday in Tuscany is based in San Quirico d'Orcia, four miles from Pienza, in the heart of Southern Tuscany. We feel we could not be better placed. Every image we all have of Tuscany in our mind's eye is fulfilled here. Gently rolling green hills defined by cypress trees (surely artfully placed!) and crumbling farmhouses, medieval hilltop towns, olive groves, vineyards

Duration: 8-days / 7-nights

Cost: AU\$3150 per person twin share (single supplement on request)

Departs: 10th & 17th May, 27th September, 4th October, 2008

Tour Includes: 7-nights' en-suite accommodation with breakfast, 6 dinners, 5 lunches, welcome at Rome Fiumicino airport & airport transfers, classic Italian picnics, wine with evening meals, 5-full days painting tuition, local assistant & air-conditioned minibus available at all times, chairs & boards.

Day 1 Arrival day - Leaving Rome we arrive in San Quirico D'Orcia for a pre-dinner walk in the medieval streets.

Day 2 Around our new home - We will spend the day walking and sketching in and around San Quirico.

Day 3 Amidst the farmlands - Surrounded by beautiful farmland we paint beside the wonderful Agriturismo Checche. At the end of the day we pop in to Pienza for a brief exploration of this stunning town.

Day 4 Down by the river - We spend the morning in Bagno Vignoni, beneath the covered loggia and beside the warm waters of the ancient baths.

Day 5 Well placed - Spend the day beside an old well beneath San Quirico, amidst fields and views of the town.

Day 6 Free day - A day to enjoy the pool, explore the town or spend the day in the classic city of Siena.

Day 7 Mixing in Montepulciano - We are privileged to be based in the grounds of the private Palazzo Massaini – the early 17th century Papal summer residence with a very pretty courtyard inside the house, lovely grounds and formal gardens. On the way home we stop in Montepulciano for sight-seeing.

Day 8 Departure day - After an early breakfast we return to Rome Fiumicino airport for 10.15.

This is a suggested itinerary and is just a selection of the many options available. Weather conditions, group interests and the individual tutor will influence the final itinerary. Other painting holidays are available in Umbria, Spain, France, Greece, Morocco & England - ask for details:

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