



TUSCAN ART  WINE TRIP
2011

Plein Air Painting in the Tuscan Countryside

. . . and you don't need to know how to paint to embark!

October 1 - October 10, 2011

10 days in Tuscany with Julia O'Reilly

\$4145*

\$3560* (special non-painter price)

*excluding airfare. Airline tickets can be purchased through Eugene Tour & Travel

Join Julia O'Reilly and a group of 10-20 adventurous travelers for 9 days in the Tuscan countryside. With morning workshop sessions as a starting point,

After the morning sessions with Julia, we travel to the location of that day's painting. We will have the option of going as a group, or adventuring out on our own. Meet butchers and fishermen, olive growers and winemakers, wander through a wonderful village market or hike through beautiful country with vistas worthy of the famous painters of the Renaissance.

Cost

\$4145 if all payments are made by credit card. (\$3560 for non-painter participants.) This includes accommodation for the nights of October 1 through October 9, travel in country, breakfasts, and lunch or dinner most days. It does not include airfare.

The Participants

An eclectic group of 10-20 people with a shared interest in art and the culture of Tuscany.

Walking & Hiking

You need to be able to walk comfortably each day. Most of the walks will be on seldom used dirt roads, but there is also bound to be some walking through fields and on more rugged pathways. Many areas have significant uphill portions. As these walks are an important part of the tour experience, please be as realistic as possible in assessing your level of fitness.

Accommodations

We stay at a beautiful old agriturismo, Fattoria La Loggia. The Fattoria is 20km south of Florence in the heart of the Chianti Classico region, surrounded by olive trees and its own vineyards, with a stunning view of the neighboring hills and countryside. A collection of farmhouses once owned by the Medici family, it is now the home of various works of contemporary Italian and international artists. You can view it at www.fattorialaloggia.com.

Meals

Breakfast is available in a common room each morning. In addition, lunch and dinner will be provided each day, either as a packed meal or at Fattoria La Loggia.

Arrival

The closest airport is Florence (Firenze). You will be transported directly to Fattoria La Loggia from the airport.

Departure

We will transport you back to the airport in Florence October 10, in time to meet your departure schedule.

Please note that we need to be out of our accommodation by mid to late morning, so we are not able to transport people in the afternoon.

Passport

Each participant needs a valid passport. For U.S. citizens, you will need to allow a minimum of 4-6 weeks for the processing of your passport, so you are strongly advised to begin this process immediately.

Cost and Payments

Total cost for the tour is US\$4145. (US\$3560 for non-painter participants)

Based on double occupancy. Single upgrades are available for additional US\$957.

All fees subject to adjustment if Euro/US Dollar rate moves 10% in any direction from base rate of 1 Euro = US\$1.44 (1US\$ = Euro .70)

FEES WILL REMAIN FIXED AT DATE OF FULL PAYMENT.

The registration form must be accompanied by a US\$ 725 deposit per person for double occupancy and US\$ 1,000 deposit for single occupancy.

Acceptable modes of payment for deposit and travel bookings are major credit cards.

Acceptable modes of payment for trip and workshop fees are checks on US banks, American Express, money orders. We also accept PayPal payments sent to julia@juliaoreilly.com. Major credit cards can also be used through PayPal using the same address.

What the trip price includes:

Transportation directly to the villa from Florence airport
Return transportation to Florence from the villa
All lodgings, including 4-star hotel in Florence (all breakfasts included)
Lunches and dinners including wine and gratuity, during our stay at the villa
All local transportation (except locally in Cinque Terre towns)
1-day trip to Cinque Terre
1-day guided tour to Chianti region, including lunch, wine and olive tastings
All art materials and supplies
Painting instruction and consultation
Transportation directly to the airport from hotel in Florence

Not included:

Airfare
Meals or beverages in Cinque Terre
Local transportation in Cinque Terre
Extra wine or beverages
Lunch or dinner in Florence
Trip insurance (available through Lora Blanchard, Eugene Tour and Travel, or check with your insurance agent)

Clothing

Your selection of clothing for the trip should be based on thoughts of comfort for walking. You will need lightweight hiking boots or very sturdy shoes for some of the walks, and you should be prepared for rain with a waterproof jacket. Temperatures can vary from 55 to 90 degrees fahrenheit, although they are most likely to be in the 70s to 80s. Laundry facilities are available on site. Please bring a day pack for carrying water and your art supplies on the walks. Sunscreen is highly recommended.

Currency and spending money

Italy uses the euro. As the exchange rate is fluctuating daily, we recommend you check www.xe.com for the current rate.

Cancellation Policy

If, after being accepted on the tour, you need to cancel prior to August 15, you will be charged 10% of the trip price, \$415. If you have to cancel at any point after August 15, any refund depends upon our ability to find a replacement.

ANY CANCELLATION/CHANGE BY YOU OCCURRING WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMMENCEMENT OF WORKSHOP WILL NOT BE REFUNDED NOR CREDITED TOWARDS FUTURE WORKSHOPS.



If We Cancel

While it is unlikely that a workshop may be cancelled, unpredicted events can dictate otherwise. In this case a full refund would apply. It is recommended, nevertheless, that all participants purchase travel insurance from their travel agents.

WE ADVISE THAT YOU COVER YOURSELF FOR BAGGAGE ACCIDENT AND TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE, AND ANY NECESSARY MEDICAL INSURANCE YOUR POLICY WILL NOT COVER.

Waiver

Kindly note that we are not responsible for any loss or damage participants may suffer in the course of the workshop due to theft, accident, illness or bodily injury.

For Further Inquiries

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