



## Watercolor Sketching On Location: Italy with Anne Kullaf

MAY 5, 2018 - MAY 11, 2018

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When you touch down in Tuscany, the world instantly feels a little different. There's a buzz all around – the sound of new life in the Old World. The scents of coffee and limoncello, of gelato and pasta. Cars maneuver down cobblestone alleys and ancient streets. And as you drive into the countryside, historic everything makes way for endlessly rolling fields of lavender and hilltops of gnarled grapevines. Aren't you thrilled to be here?

# TRIP SUMMARY

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## Day 1: Arrive Florence International (FLR) - May 5

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Meet Your Tour Director

Accommodations: Siena

Welcome Dinner Festivities Included

## Day 2: Siena Guided Walking Tour + On Location Instruction with Anne - May 6

Included: Breakfast, Dinner + Wine Tasting

The Workshop: Watercolor Sketching: Capturing the Essence of Time & Place

Guided Walking Tour + On Location Art Instruction with Anne

Discover Siena

## Day 3: Tour Florence + On Location Instruction with Anne - May 7

Included: Breakfast + Lunch

Tour Florence + On Location Watercolor Sketching

Lunch: Restaurant il Latini

## Day Four: San Gimignano + On Location Art Instruction with Anne - May 8

Included: Breakfast, Regional Cooking Class + Wine Tasting

Art Instruction

## Day Five: On Location Art Instruction with Anne - May 9

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch

On Location Art Instruction with Anne

## Day 6: On Location Art Instruction + Monteriggioni - May 10

Included: Breakfast + Farewell Dinner Festivities

## Day 7: Departure + Transport to Airport - May 11

Breakfast Included

## DAY 1: ARRIVE FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL (FLR) - MAY 5

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### Arrive Florence International (FLR)

<http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it/en/>



### Meet Your Tour Director

Arrive Florence International Airport Amerigo Vespucci (FLR) There will be a scheduled private transfer from Florence International to Siena on Day 1 (times to be announced) Travel Time: 1.5 hours



### Accommodations: Siena

Settle into your lovely accommodations in Siena, enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and head off for a leisurely stroll taking in the sights of this beautiful city before meeting up with your group for welcome dinner festivities and overview of your days ahead with Anne.

**Accommodations: Villa Hotel in Siena - All Bedrooms Ensuite Single & Shared Options**



### Welcome Dinner Festivities Included

## DAY 2: SIENA GUIDED WALKING TOUR + ON LOCATION INSTRUCTION WITH ANNE - MAY 6

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### Included: Breakfast, Dinner + Wine Tasting



### The Workshop: Watercolor Sketching: Capturing the Essence of Time & Place

A watercolor sketch can say so much with a few properly placed strokes in just the right color and value. In this workshop, we will concentrate on identifying and capturing the essential elements of the places we visit—the things that evoke the unique feelings we experience during our travels that we will want to remember most when we return home. The sunlight on warm terra cotta, the petals of sunflowers and the old world feeling of the plazas, churches and fountains.

Emphasis will be placed on learning how to draw accurately in a very gestural manner with a brush. Perspective, proportion, form and value will be the concepts we focus on. Working both monochromatically and in full color, we will use a limited palette of pigments to create vibrant, harmonious studies that can stand on their own or be used as reference for studio paintings.

Most important of all, we will have a relaxed learning experience in a supportive atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to learn at their own pace.



### **Guided Walking Tour + On Location Art Instruction with Anne**

This morning after breakfast, you'll head out on a guided walking tour to explore Siena. An outstanding medieval city that has remarkably preserved its character. A city that has had substantial influence on art, architecture and town planning during the Middle Ages, both in Italy and elsewhere in Europe.

After a break for lunch we'll meet with Anne for more on location sketching inspiration. We will begin with the basics of drawing with a brush on location. Working monochromatically, we will create elegant drawings in watercolor and ink. A demonstration on perspective will be given to show how to understand the gesture of one and two point perspective compositions. The old world town setting of Siena will provide plenty of opportunity for learning how to see the big shapes and not be distracted by small details.

Before dinner we'll round out the day with a taste of Tuscany, our first wine tasting at a local cellar. Then, wander around town to discover a new favorite café or ristorante. A leisurely dinner is the perfect way to wrap up your first full day in Italy.



## Discover Siena

<https://www.discovertuscanycany.com/siena/>

Siena.. a Tuscan gem, soak up the medieval flavor of this beautiful city tour the Piazza del Campo; the Palazzo Pubblico; and one of the many marble-clad cathedrals. Inspiration abounds!



## DAY 3: TOUR FLORENCE + ON LOCATION INSTRUCTION WITH ANNE - MAY 7

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**Included: Breakfast + Lunch**



### Tour Florence + On Location Watercolor Sketching

Wake up to yet another amazing breakfast under the Tuscan sun. Your morning espresso tastes even better, when enjoyed overlooking these views!

Today, we're traveling to the Tuscan capital of Florence, where we'll spend the entire day. Our local tour guide and art specialist, will guide us through the town's winding roads and centuries-old secrets. And, what's a visit to Florence without a stop at the Academy of Fine Arts, to admire Michelangelo's David, the world's

most renowned and iconic sculpture?

On location watercolor sketching with Anne will be woven throughout the day working with color and making the most of our limited palette. We will learn how to create a sense of depth and space with atmospheric perspective. The fountains and old world architecture will provide us with stunning subject matter at every turn.

When we return to Siena, you'll have free time to explore and find the perfect spot for a leisurely dinner.



### Lunch: Restaurant il Latini

Today's included lunch is a special one\*\*.\*\* [Restaurant il Latini](#) takes its food seriously, and this is not an experience for the faint of heart (or small of stomach). Come ready for a real feast of delicious Florentine specialties!

## DAY FOUR: SAN GIMIGNANO + ON LOCATION ART INSTRUCTION WITH ANNE - MAY 8

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**Included: Breakfast, Regional Cooking Class + Wine Tasting**



### Art Instruction

An on location workshop with Anne follows breakfast.

After the workshop, you're headed out for another inspiring tour of neighboring San Gimignano, the "town of towers." Here, our tour guide will take us on an easy paced walking tour, through steep and winding roads, old alleys, and historic squares. Time is built in for on location creative sessions with Anne. Our break for lunch today will be an Italian cooking class course complete with wine tasting!

San Gimignano's towers will give us an opportunity to really focus on our sense of depth and space. The alley ways, narrow streets and height of the towers will present unique challenges that we will address with one, two and three point perspective. We will also put a lot of emphasis on light and shadow, capturing the depth of the narrow, steep streets and shaded doorways.

## DAY FIVE: ON LOCATION ART INSTRUCTION WITH ANNE - MAY 9

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**Includes: Breakfast, Lunch**



### **On Location Art Instruction with Anne**

The day begins with another delicious breakfast, after which we'll enjoy a day creating with Anne.

"We will review what we've learned and there will be lots of time for clarifying any concepts that prove to be challenging. We will focus on color mixing and capturing the local color of the figures, fountains and statues in the squares. We'll place lots of emphasis on gesture and drawing quickly and efficiently with a brush."

This evening offers more opportunity to explore the city's vast culinary offerings.

## DAY 6: ON LOCATION ART INSTRUCTION + MONTERIGGIONI - MAY 10

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**Included: Breakfast + Farewell Dinner Festivities**



Our final full day in Italy begins with a rich breakfast and creative session with Anne. Today we will learn how to sketch with pen and ink in addition to watercolor. Working either monochromatically or in full color, we will have the opportunity to add fine detail and line work that will contribute to the textural quality of our sketches.

After lunch, we'll transfer to Monteriggioni, a medieval walled town located on a natural hillock and built by the Sieneese in 1214–19, as a front line in their wars against Florence.

Our tour guide takes us on a walking tour of the town, and then our schedule opens up for free time for wandering and possibly a new sketch or two. Walk around; find a new favorite cafe, sneak in some last-minute souvenir shopping. The time is yours. We'll drive back to Siena to freshen up, and then we'll reunite for an incredible farewell dinner in a very special venue\*\*:\*\* [Da Divo](#), a wonderful restaurant in a spectacular location. Set on an ancient Etruscan site, where rooms have been cut out of the “tuff” – the soft volcanic rock on which Siena is built – this lovely locale will undoubtedly make for a culinary experience to remember.

## DAY 7: DEPARTURE + TRANSPORT TO AIRPORT - MAY 11

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### Breakfast Included



After breakfast, it's time to say arrivederci ... as least for now. Depart for home – or for those wishing to linger longer we are here to assist with accommodations and tours!

## TRIP INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS

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### Overview

**Destination Workshop: Italy**

**Art Instructor: Anne Kullaf**

**Tour Dates: May 5-11, 2018**

Based on 10-12 Participants in Shared Accommodations **\$3595.00**

Single room upgrade: Add **\$4195.00**

### INCLUDED:

6 Nights Accommodations

6 Breakfast, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

Regional Cooking Class + Wine Tastings

Private Scheduled Transfers to/from Florence Airport/Siena  
Tour Escort + Private Transportation  
Art Instruction: Anne Kullaf  
Complimentary Sketchbook  
Taxes and Service Charges

**NOT INCLUDED:**

International Airfare, Airport Tax or Baggage Handling Charges  
Passport and visa fees  
Gratuities  
Hotel Room Tips & Extra Room Service Charges  
Airport Transfers outside the scheduled times

**Click here to direct you to Anne's Registration Page [Anne Kullaf](#)**

**Payment Deadlines:**

- · \$650 Deposit to reserve your place.
- · Final balance due March 10, 2018
- · For all new enrollments after March 10, 2018 full payment is required.

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**Wish to linger longer in Italy - we'd be happy to assist with accommodations and excursions.**

*\*\*The above tour details are an example of what to expect; the specifics may change slightly to allow for better scheduling, the inclusion of special events or life's unknowns.*