



Paint Tuscany with Michael Chesley Johnson June 16 - 23, 2018

Saturday: Arrival

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

Settle in rooms at Fattoria Bacio 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.

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

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.

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6:30 – 7:30 pm Visit to the Villa wine cellars
7:30 pm Dinner at Villa

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 – 11:00 am Workshop instruction on site in the piazza in Siena
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

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
2.30 pm – 6.00 pm Sketching at La Meridiana, an internationally recognised center for modern ceramics with beautiful scenery. www.lameridiana.fi.it Sketching on site, meet ceramic artists, enjoy an aperitif on the sunset terrace.
7:30 pm Dinner at Villa

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

Friday: Excursion to Barberino, Painting at the Villa

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast
9:00 am – 11.00 am Optional excursion: A panoramic ride with stops for beautiful vistas will take us to Barberino, a medieval hamlet with nice artisans' stores. Painting and sketching for those who prefer to stay at the Villa.
12.30 am Lunch-on-own
2:30 – 5:30 pm Afternoon painting at villa, final wrap up. Final sketchbook review.
6:30 pm Final Dinner

Saturday: Departure

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast.

Departure by 11 am. Shuttle to airport or train station at agreed time or taxi service on demand.

Cost and conditions

Cost for student

- Price in double room w. private bathroom € 2.200
- Price in single room w. shared bathroom € 2.300
- Price in single room w. private bathroom € 2.600
- Price for friend or spouse in double room: € 1.800

Rooms will be cleaned once mid-week and have trash cans emptied and clean towels available. 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.

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 70% of the deposit refunded, provided the request is made 30 days before the start of the course. If made between 30 and 0 days before the start of the workshop: refund of 50 % of the payment in full.

For booking please contact the Italian partner at italy@artravelitaly.it