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Venice and Bay of Poets

Painting Italian Tour With Michael Goff

Sunday, 21 September – Monday, 6 October 2014

Day 1 Sunday 21 Sept	Arrival at our accommodation time to rest before our MEET AND GREET at 6pm. Time for a short orientation before going for Dinner nearby at 7pm. <i>Dinner at the discretion of individual Accommodation: Venice</i>	No workshop Preparation talk
Day 2 Monday 22 Sept	RIALTO – The Market Square Meander through the streets of Venice to the Market Square near Bridge Rialto. Views of Grand Canal with gondolas, stately <i>palazzi</i> under shade arches. All day stay but opportunity to radiate to San Marco and other small corners in this bustling city. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	Workshop 9am – 4pm Includes lunch break
Day 3 Tuesday 23 Sept	MURANO – The Island of Glass Ferry to paint on this lovely island filled with shops and factories, where glassmakers live away from the main land to preserve their secrets. The main canal has lovely shops filled with amazing coloured glass to tempt the onlooker. If weather permits, we will arrive at <i>St Marks Square</i> approximately 5pm to have time to paint the sunset before returning to our accommodation. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	Workshop 10am-1pm St Mark workshop 5-7pm
Day 4 Wednesday 24 Sept	CENTER OF VENICE – The Grand Canal Walk or Ferry can be used arrive at the quiet location on the island to paint. You may even like to wander on and off the main canal to explore and experience. After lunch, we will travel to a new location for painters, while non-painters will have time venturing through the intricate laneways. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	Workshop 9.30-4pm Includes Lunch break
Day 5 Thursday 25 Sept	BURANO – Island of Lace Travel again by ferry to find a delightful island where famous lace makers can be found. This island was a fishing village which still maintains its tradition of colourful houses which were used to distinguish the families who lived within. For non painters, a ferry trip to <i>Torcello</i> can be taken, with Janette, before travelling back to St Mark's Square for more sunset painting. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	Workshop 10.30am-1pm St Mark workshop 5-7pm
Day 6 Friday 26 Sept	PADUA – The old university town Train to a lovely Medieval City. Visit the beautiful <i>Basilica of St Antonio</i> , which forms the focal point in the city as the most popular pilgrimage destinations Italy. It is filled with frescoes by great Florentine artist, <i>Giotto</i> (C13). Close by the medieval market place and the beautiful gardens called <i>Orto Botanico</i> is a beautiful place to sketch and take photographs. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	After lunch drawing and sketching session
Day 7 Saturday 27 Sept	VENICE – Jewish Quarter Stroll to the old Ghetto area to paint. This interesting area is filled with shops, views of small bridges, narrow canals and chimneys, unique only to Venice. This is a good place for a Gondola ride and to walk and explore the many treasures. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	Workshop 9am-4pm including lunch break
Day 8 Sunday 28 Sept	TREVISO – the Walled City Train to the walled medieval city of <i>Treviso</i> . Within the city walls, there are watermills and canals which are still used today. Explore the town with its high towers, <i>Palazzo dei Trecento</i> (C13) and because the town was built in the centre of the River Site, you can visit the ancient buildings of the old fish market. The <i>Museo Civico</i> is worth a visit as it depicts the artists of the region. There is time for exploring, shopping, photographing and drawing before returning to <i>Venice</i> in order to pack our luggage for our travel to <i>Bay of Poets</i> in the morning. <i>Included: Breakfast Accommodation: Venice</i>	After lunch drawing and sketching session

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Day 9 Monday 29 Sept	<p>DEPARTURE TO BAY OF POETS</p> <p>After breakfast, our <i>traghetto</i> will collect our suitcases for the train station as we take one last stroll through the canals of Venice. We will train and bus to the Bay of Poets. After settling in our new hotel, we will have an orientation of our new town.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	No Workshop
Day 10 Tuesday 30 Sept	<p>SAN TERENCE – Venere Azzurra Bay View</p> <p>Paint all day in one location under shady trees with views of the beautiful bay with a castle in the distance, boats and colourful buildings. This area became inspiration for many artists, poets and writers. Many admirable constructions still remain from the past. Non painters can walk to the ancient castle and explore the area, with time to relax with Janette. At sunset in <i>San Terenzo</i> will be the perfect way to close the day in one of café nearby.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Breakfast & Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	Workshop 9am–4pm including lunch break
Day 11 Wednesday 1 st Oct	<p>PORTOVENERE – Cinque Terre</p> <p>Ferry from Lerici to Portovenere to paint all day on one location. Time to wander to explore this picturesque village established in Roman times. The village was built on a rocky crag overlooking the emerald sea and framed by three islands: <i>Palmaria</i>, <i>Tino</i> and <i>Tinetto</i>, which weave their cramming spell on everyone. From the castle on top of cliffs, there are superb views of the Cinque Terre and island of <i>Palmaria</i>. Let yourself enjoy the fresh seafood in one of the many restaurants located in the Quay. For non painters, there is opportunity to take an extended ferry to the other islands.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Breakfast & Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	Workshop 10am –5pm Including lunch break
Day 12 Thursday 2 Oct	<p>TELADO – Hidden bay of Lerici</p> <p>After taking the local bus to this secret bay (Italians do not tell the tourists!), you will discover a lovely village to paint located on the sea edge, with a small pebbled beach with boats and under pass ways and steps twisting around the clinging houses. The church lighthouse is on the edge of a rocky formation facing the sea.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Breakfast & Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	Workshop 9am-4pm Including lunch break
Day 13 Friday 3 Oct	<p>VERNAZZA - Cinque Terre</p> <p>"<i>Vulnetia</i>" was its ancient Latin name. The web of "<i>arrugi</i>" (narrow lanes) and steep stairways converges in the main square overlooking the sea. This is the centre of the village, which opens up to a large bay. Nearby, stands the church dedicated to <i>Saint Margaret of Antioch</i> (1318), with its foundations in the sea. Later, we take the ferry to <i>Riomaggiore</i>, the jewel of Cinque Terre. Along the charming road down to the "<i>Marina</i>", you will find the typical coloured houses which seem to cling to one another, with the boat dock in the middle.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Breakfast & Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	Half day Workshop
Day 14 Saturday 4 Oct	<p>LERICI - Vine Yards</p> <p>Just a short stroll up behind our hotel are vineyards. The wine making season surrounds us and the chosen location will allow you to take advantage of the vines, which will have their autumn colours portrayed against the <i>Azzurra Bay of Lerici</i>. In the distance, the forbidding medieval <i>Castello di Lerici</i>, dominates the holiday villas below. Today, it houses a museum of geopaleontology and is a venue for art exhibitions and concerts.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Breakfast & Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	Workshop 9am-4pm Including lunch break
Day 15 Sunday 5 Oct	<p>LERICI - The Harbour</p> <p>Just a short stroll in the morning near where we catch the ferries, there is a lovely place to paint under shade the quiet harbor of Lerici. You may want to purchase a ticket to catch a ferry to Portovenere to revisit that harbor before returning to prepare for your departure the next day. Time to enjoy and paint the last sunset on this lovely region of Italy.</p> <p align="right"><i>Included: Breakfast & Dinner</i> <i>Accommodation: Bay of Poets</i></p>	Half day Workshop
Day 16 Monday 6 Oct	<p>Departure by Taxi in the morning to LA SPECIA TRAIN STATION</p> <p align="center">Please note: to ensure you have the tour of a lifetime, the itinerary may be changed at anytime.</p>	

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