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Painting/Cultural - Italian Tour Tuscany Hills/Emilia Romagna

Date	Itinerary Regina Hona MAY/JUNE 2016	WORKSHOP TIMES*
Saturday Day 1 28th May	<p>Our private bus will pick us up at our designated hotel at 11:00am or Marconi Airport (Bologna) at 12.00pm and travel to FULMALBO, situated in the <i>Frignano Region</i> of the Apennines. We arrive at the family owned Hotel in time to relax and soak in the atmosphere before having a traditional Italian home cooked dinner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(D) Accommodation: Fulmalbo</i></p>	
Sunday Day 2 29th May	<p>CUTIGLIANO – is classified as having the most beautiful Borga (cluster of buildings) in Tuscany. It is hidden deep in the Apennine Mountains. It is surrounded by dark forests and winding roads. There the quaint buildings hold secret meetings by the warlords of the region from the medieval era.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Fiumalbo</i></p>	9.00 – 1600 (includes lunch break
Monday Day 3 30th May	<p>RIOLUNATO –We will travel to a medieval township nestled high in the Apennines mountains. This quiet town is just perfect for painting the old rustic fresco buildings, ancient doors and cobble pathways inside this unique township.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for non painters to explore another township PIEVEPELAGO before returning for Lunch and afterwards a walk or bus to CASTELLO to find a hidden ancient C10 tower and church filled with ancient artifacts which were gifted by pilgrims from the crusaders.</p> <p>Also a visit to the Bridge of the Moon before returning to our hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Fiumalbo</i></p>	9:00-16:00 (includes lunch break)
Tuesday Day 4 31th May	<p>GARFAGNANA –Our bus will take us through the scenic mountains, into the Tuscan region, along the medieval road, just like the pilgrims of yesteryear.. We will visit Castel Garfagnana, a beautiful town surrounded within a castle wall, dating back to the Roman Era.</p> <p>After many painting/sightseeing opportunities, we then venture after lunch to a gorgeous village with red stone buildings called SASSO ROSSO. There are only pathways made of stone from one house to another and we can spend an afternoon painting or exploring. On our return we will visit San Pellegrino – the oldest pilgrim hostel C600.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Fiumalbo</i></p>	9:00-16:00 (includes lunch break)
Wednesday Day 5 1ST June	<p>SESTOLA – This snow resort town set high in the forested Mt Cimone mountain will inspire the artists as they view the majestic castle of Sestola (900AD) which is perched on the edge of a ravine.</p> <p>It is in the best location to paint under lovely shady trees in a garden square with lovely fountain and surrounded with lovely stone buildings.</p> <p>Opportunity to explore the old road as it ascends to the castle and afterwards settle yourself down at the local restaurants or café for a refreshing drink of wine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Fulmalbo</i></p>	9:00-16:30 (includes lunch break at your leisure)

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<p>Thursday Day 6 2nd June</p>	<p>LUCCA – Our private bus takes us down through the beautiful mountains to Lucca, a magnificent city in Tuscany. Enclosed by city defense walls, this city has narrow lanes, which meander along various medieval buildings, including an 180BC Roman amphitheatre. Learn about a prince's love for his wife at San Michele's Church and the history behind the town's defense. This an opportunity to draw some sketches as you rest at a local café. On our return a stop to walk over the Maddeliena Bridge build in the Matilda of Tuscany era before we return to Fuimalbo.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Fulmalbo</i></p>	<p>Lunch.at your leisure</p> <p>NO WORK SHOP</p> <p>Pen & stretching</p>
<p>Friday Day 7 3rd June</p>	<p>FIUMALBO – Today is your opportunity to paint this medieval town on the border of Tuscany and Emilia-Romagna and is surrounded by two rivers. Small narrow streets reveal a town steeped in history. Learn about the history of the whites and the reds religious sect as each protect their church and their beliefs. The landscape consists of beautiful old church, stone bridges and a Seminary Abbey encircled by mountains.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D)Accommodation:Palagano</i></p>	<p>9:00-16:00 (includes lunch break at your leisure)</p>
<p>Saturday Day 8 4th June</p>	<p>PAVULLO/MONTECUCCOLO - The painters will have time for their artwork even while the largest market in the region is on.</p> <p>After lunch our bus will bring us to the original castle of the Montecuccuoli, the lords of the Frignano area. There will be time for the artist to paint within the old square with roses and colourful gardens amount the stone houses and church outside the walls of this might fortress. There is always time to walk within the countryside and enter the museum within the castle to explore.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>1300 – 1600 (includes lunch break)</p>
<p>Sunday Day 9 5th June</p>	<p>PALAGANO– Time to paint the town which is located in the Valley of the Dragon surrounded with iconic buildings. Join the friendly paesani on their market day and afterwards settle to paint the beautiful scenery surrounding this township.</p> <p>The <i>paesani</i> also welcomes anyone who wants to experience an Italian speaking church service in their 15th century church. Time for a country walks and discovering a palazzo or follow a forest pathway to a borgo of ancient stone houses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>9:00-16:30 (includes lunch break at your leisure)</p>
<p>Monday Day 10 6th June</p>	<p>MODENA – Our bus will travel to Modena, which is one of the more significant cities in Emilia-Romagna.</p> <p>The ancient centre will be our location to explore. There is a large city market centre and variety of excusive stores. In front of the World Heritage Romanist Cathedral and in the large cobble public square you can sit and take a coffee break.under the ancient arches.</p> <p>You will be free to spend the day exploring the architecture, the Este Duke's Palace, churches filled with Baroque architecture and art and beautiful shops</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>(Lunch at Leisure) NO WORKSHOP</p> <p>Pen & stretching</p>

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<p>Tuesday Day 11 7th June</p>	<p>GOMBOLA This region has inspirational landscapes with views of the ancient borga of Gombola nestled on top of the mountain. Our private bus will take us for a short visit to the Pameggiano Cheese Factory to appreciate their workmanship and sample their award winning cheese.</p> <p>With our bus, we will go back into time, a trip up the hilltop to paint within this old quiet center with views of the magnificent mountains valleys and after lunch to paint a C15 watermill which is still working grinding the grains.</p> <p>For the ones who wish to walk to the Borga (cluster of stone houses), there are windy pathways which lead through the countryside , with forests, where wild mushrooms grow, streams run and wild flowers bloom. Immerse yourself into another lifestyle <i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>9:30-16:30 (includes lunch break)</p>
<p>Wednesday Day 12 8th June</p>	<p>MONTEFIORINO/VITRIOLLA – Our bus will wind up to the hill top town and its 12th century castle. The castle was constructed by Count of Montecuccollo and called the Rock. The township is clustered along the Ridge with sweeping views of the Dolo Valley and the valley of the Dragon. The castle has a Museum dedicated to the Italian Resistance, who were instrumental in the victory over the Fascists in World War II.</p> <p>There will be opportunity of painting a market scene and after lunch a trip to VITRIOLLA to paint near the C10 Romanist Church called St Andrea. For the ones who wish to walk there is a lovely stroll from Montefiorino to Vitriolla which is filled with holy Mestra and tower buildings and other ancient constructions. <i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>9:00-16:30 (includes lunch break)</p>
<p>Thursday Day 13 9th June</p>	<p>CASTELLERANO - Passing the ancient entrance of the Rocketta of Castellerano you will discover a peaceful environment to paint and explore within a beautiful cobbled town. Outside the city walls there is a market, which will give you the opportunity to mix with the local people. There are wonderful scenic views from the watch tower of the town and surrounding hills. After Lunch an opportunity of painting from the shady square with views towards the lovely fortress while our non-painters an organised optional tour to the Ferrari Factory. <i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>9:00-16:30 (includes lunch break)</p>
<p>Friday Day 14 10th June</p>	<p>PALAGANO - This is the last chance to paint/walk and mingle with the <i>paesani</i> (local townsfolk) who will gather in the town center to play card games, drink with friends and relax. Being a mountainous region there are breathtaking landscapes and walking trails to explore/paint. Explore the many roads leading out of Palagano to discover hidden locations, <i>(B&D) Accommodation: Palagano</i></p>	<p>9:00-16:00 (includes lunch break at your leisure)</p>
<p>Saturday Day 15 11th June</p>	<p>Departure early morning for Bologna Airport/Bologna Train Station for Venice for 3 /4 days with Janette or other destinations</p>	

*Please note: to ensure you have the tour of a lifetime, the itinerary may be changed at anytime. The workshops times are ultimately at the discretion of Teacher

(B = Continental Breakfast, D = Dinner)