



SARAH MIATT
WATERCOLOR
PAINTING HOLIDAY

October 6th - 13th 2019
May 12th-19th 2020
Umbria & Tuscany countryside
Venue: Villa Dolce Vita

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THE VENUE: VILLA DOLCE VITA

The property has grounds of more than an acre, that have been turned into a delightful park brimming with flowers and plants of every variety. Majestic cypresses and mulberry trees, together with the surrounding peaceful farmland, give complete privacy to the property. You can paint sitting on the outdoor tables and pergolas shaded by trees, to soak up the beautiful panorama, the autumn light or eat al fresco. There are also winding pathways to explore, and an exquisite gazebo covered with climbing plants, as well as a swimming pool hidden by cypresses and rambling roses. In the back of the property, the old barn has been converted into an Art Studio.

On this Watercolor Retreat, lessons will take place every morning. If you wish, you can continue painting in the afternoon followed by your expert Tutor or you can explore the beautiful area.



The unique location of Villa Dolce Vita makes it perfect to discover both Umbria itself and Tuscany, which is only a 30 minute away. The lake is only 15 minutes away by car and offers many wonderful landscapes.

Additionally, the villa is not far from the A1 Motorway that connects you with Florence (1hr 30mins) and Rome (2hrs). As a result, it is a great starting point to visit many important historic sites: Perugia, Assisi, Orvieto, Siena, Florence... and many others! It is also well connected to 6 Airports:

- Perugia Airport (40 mins)
- Florence Airport (1h45)
- Ancona Airport (1h45)
- Rome Ciampino Airport (2h00)
- Rome Fiumicino Airport (2h15)
- Pisa Airport (2h45)

All those airports are well connected by train to Perugia and we will be picking guests up from Perugia Train Station.

THE TUTOR: SARAH MIATT

Sarah Miatt was born in the south of England, she has been working, exhibiting and teaching in Tuscany since moving here thirty years ago.

The main source of her inspiration, as it has been for many artists, is the Umbrian and Tuscan landscape. However, that which lies below the surface holds much more interest. In a land under constant human habitation for three millennia, the layers of civilization have left a wealth of information going back to the time of the ancient Etruscans and beyond.



Her personal journey in search of Etruria has led to archaeological sites and museums throughout the Italian peninsula and its islands.

So the earth itself, and the life within it – animals and insects included – are now the focus of her work.

This retreat is dedicated to watercolor techniques, but Sarah is an excellent teacher also with other media like oil, collage, pastel and mixed media. She also enjoys the serendipity of printmaking – dry point and monoprint – and the freedom of pen and ink drawing.

<http://sarahmiatt.it/>

OUR RATES

\$ 1500/person - Single bed in a shared bedroom with shared bathroom

\$ 1200/person - Non-painting partner in a share bedroom with shared bathroom (same package and services as the painting guests)

\$ 1900/person- Private bedroom with king sized bed



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE?



ACCOMMODATION

- Exclusive renting of the villa
- Accommodation for 7 nights from Saturday to Saturday
- Private garden of half an acre with a lot of spots and tables
- Magnificent Pool surrounded by cypresses
- Enchanted country courtyard
- Rental of the Old Barn: a sheltered place, where you can paint also in case of bad weather
- The Centenary Mulberry Tree dining area with table and seats
- Wi-Fi
- Parking
- Linens, bathroom and kitchen towels
- Laundry room with ironing board
- Daily outdoor cleaning
- Cleaning on the last day
- 24h support for all guests
- Insurance for guests
- VAT and taxes
- A digital photobook of the best memories from your Retreat



TRANSFER

- A group transfer from Perugia train station to the villa on the check-in day, at 17h00
- A group transfer from the villa to Perugia train station on the check-out day, at 09h00



EAT & DRINK

- Daily breakfast: guests will receive every day our typical breakfast basket, which includes many local products
- Lunches are not included, usually guests prefer having a light lunch during the day (a sandwich, a salad or some fruits). We provide a kitchen and a dining room to use at your disposal
- Daily dinner: featuring regional dishes, comprising of an Italian first course, a dessert and ¼ bottle local wine



PAINT & CREATE

- Tuition of Sarah Miatt
- A portable easel, a palette, a folding chair, an apron, a plastic tablecloth, an Italian sunhat will be provided
- Painting support material: brush tanks, solvents, paper towels, etc.



ACTIVITIES

The following activities are included in the package:

- Visit to an ancient Stained-Glass Studio in Perugia
- Wine & Olive Tasting Tour
- Open air painting at the medieval village of Panicale
- Dolce Vita Cinema Night in the old barn
- Italian Pizza Party with the antique oven of the villa

Prices of excursions do not include transportation, you can use your own cars, rental cars or we arrange transfers for you.

FULL PROGRAM

DAY 1 - OCTOBER 6TH

- 17.00 Pick up from Perugia Train Station
- 19.30 Meet for friendly Aperitivo with a glass of Prosecco and an introduction to the week with your tutor Sarah.
- 19.30 Welcome Dinner

DAY 2 - OCTOBER 7TH

- 07.30 - 08.45 Breakfast
- 09.00- 13.00 Watercolor Tuition (Lunch on your own)
- 15.00 - 18.00 Free painting session with your tutor
- 19.30 Italian Dinner



DAY 3 - OCTOBER 8TH

- 07.30 - 08.45 Breakfast
- 09.00 - 13.00 Watercolor Tuition (Lunch on your own)
- 15.00 - 18.00 Free painting session with your tutor or...

STAINED GLASS VISIT

As an alternative, a visit to an ancient glass studio. A family of artists has been making enameled glass windows in the historic center of Perugia since 1860.

The Studio is located in an old residence that once belonged to the Baglioni family of Perugia. Its walls echo the history of the town and the interests of the artists reverberate through the stained-glass windows, sketches, drawings, old objects and antiques.

- 19.30 Italian Dinner



FULL PROGRAM

DAY 4 - OCTOBER 9TH

07.30 - 08.45 Breakfast
09.00 - 13.00 Watercolor Tuition
(Lunch on your own)
15.00 - 18.00 Free painting session with
your tutor
19.30 Italian Dinner
21.00 Dolce Vita Cinema Night
in the Old Barn

DAY 5 - OCTOBER 10TH

07.30 - 08.45 Breakfast
09.00 - 13.00 Watercolor Tuition
(Lunch on your own)
15.00 - 18.00 Free painting session
with your tutor or...

WINE & OLIVE TASTING TOUR

As an alternative you can do an Eco-tour on board of electric cars, driving over vineyards and olives groves. Guided winery visit: vinification room, barrels room and ageing system illustration. Wine tasting included different wines, typical "bruschetta" with our unfiltered extra virgin olive oil, selection of Umbrian delicacies on the terrace with a view of the vineyards.

19.30 Italian Dinner



FULL PROGRAM



DAY 7 - OCTOBER 12TH

07.30 - 08.45 Breakfast
09.00 - 16.00 Open Air
Watercolor Painting to the
nearby Umbrian hill town of
Panicale, one of Italy's most
beautiful and unspoiled villages.
From Panicale there is breath-
taking view of the Lake
Trasimeno.
(Lunch on your own in Panicale)
19.30 Farewell Dinner



DAY 6 - OCTOBER 11TH

07.30 - 08.45 Breakfast
09.00 - 13.00 Watercolor Tuition
(Lunch on your own)
15.00 - 18.00 Free painting session
with your tutor
19.30 Pizza Party using the
antique oven of the villa

DAY 8 - OCTOBER 13TH

07.30 - 8.30 Breakfast
09.00 Transfer to Perugia
Train Station

Please note that the schedule is
subject to change according to
the weather conditions.



EXTRA ACTIVITIES

If you wish to do more activities or excursions have a look at this list. The extra activities have to be booked within a month before your arrival.



CERAMIC TORN WORKSHOP

Place: in the famous village of Deruta
Duration: 1 hour
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$25 per person



CERAMIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

Place: in the famous village of Deruta
Duration: 2 hours
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$40 per person



INTRODUCTION TO HAND-WEAVING

Place: in a wonderful
church in Perugia
Duration: 1 hour
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$25 per person



ITALIAN COOKING CLASS

Place: your villa
Duration: 2-3 hours
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$50 per person



WINE & OLIVE TASTING TOUR

Place: in a prestigious
vineyard of the area
Duration: 2-3 hours
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: included in the
package



HALF DAY GUIDED TOUR

Place: numerous places of interests

Duration: 2-3 hours

Minimum participants: 4

Cost: \$30 per person



PIZZA PARTY DINNER

Place: Antique oven area of your villa

Duration: 2 hours

Minimum participants: 4

Extra: included in the package



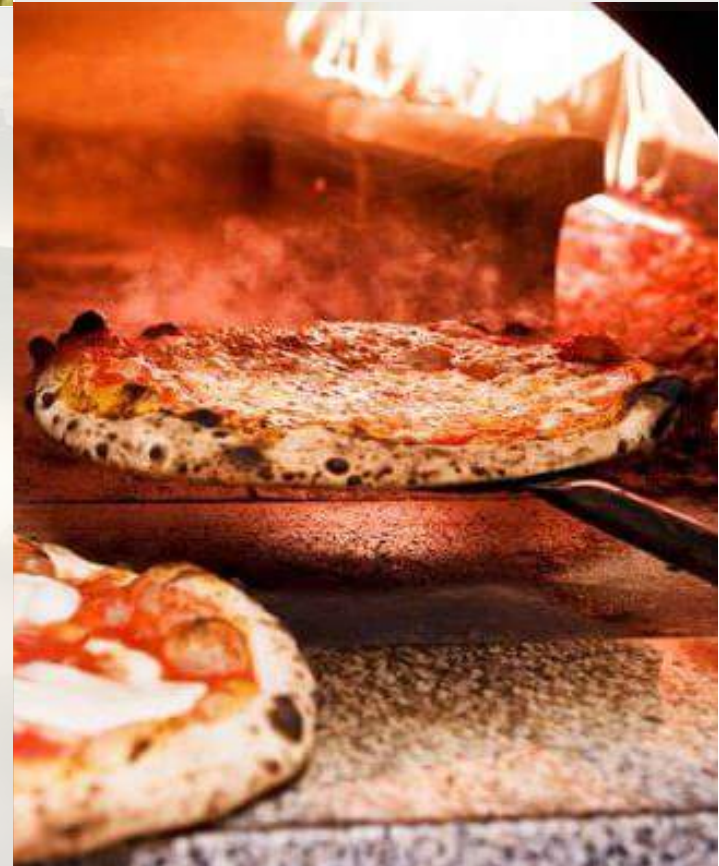
FULL DAY GUIDED TOUR

Place: numerous places of interests

Duration: 5-6 hours

Minimum participants: 4

Cost: \$45 per person



LASAGNA TEAM CONTEST

Place: your villa
Duration: 2 hours
Minimum participants: 8
Cost: \$25 per person



GAMES OF THE PAST CHALLENGE

Place: your villa
Duration: 2-3 hours
Minimum participants: 8
Cost: \$30 per person



DOLCE VITA CINEMA NIGHT

Place: Old barn of your villa
Duration: 2 hours
Minimum participants: 4
Extra: included in the package



THERMAL BATH OR HOT SPRINGS

Place: in the thermal area
close to the villa
Duration: Full day
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$25/45 per person



BBQ PARTY

Place: Antique oven
area of your villa
Duration: 2 hours
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$40 per person



CHOCOLATE SCHOOL

Place: in a prestigious
Chocolate School of
Perugia
Duration: 1-2 hours
Minimum participants: 4
Cost: \$50 per person





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