

Different Strokes in Tuscany

The magic and inspiration that is Italy will come to life in the hills of Chianti. Participants will learn a variety of techniques in both water color and/or oil as we explore the infinite possibilities for creative expression.



A serene setting, glorious vistas, delightful folks and a long and interesting history will guide us through our unforgettable experience as we visit local hill towns, incredible wineries, enjoy a cooking class, snap numerous reference photos, and form new friendships.

In the studio you'll be encouraged to paint what you love as your instructor guides you and assists you through any "rough spots," or you can follow along with step-by-step studio lessons either from life or photographs. Numerous plein air opportunities will also be offered.

Fall in love with Tuscany as we discover why so many artists both past and present return time and again for inspiration and ambience.

This workshop will be taught by award-winning artist, Carmen Gardner. Our painting days will be combined with other adventures such as:

- Day trip to Medieval Siena to sketch, take photos, explore and shop
- Excursions to nearby hill towns like Radda, Castellina, Monteriggioni, etc.
- Visit to a Chianti winery for a tour and tasting
- Variety of plein air locations to paint landscapes, villages, and the Tuscan light
- Discussions of Tuscan cuisine with our chef

After excursions or painting on location, we'll return each evening to relax in our 1,000 year old monastery to enjoy the surroundings, enjoy a glass of wine and an informal critique of the day's work or Q & A discussions. Then we will move to the dining room (the authentic refectory where the monks used to assemble) to enjoy our local chef's authentic, gourmet home-made Tuscan meal, recapping the day's adventure with good company.