



Art Workshop

"Different Strokes in Spain"

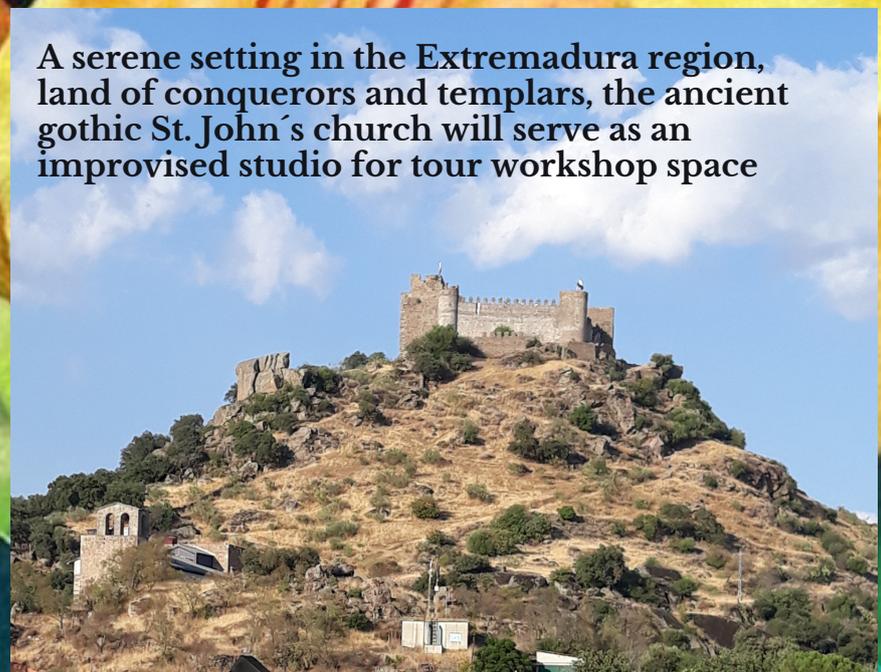
With Carmen Gardner, award-winning artist

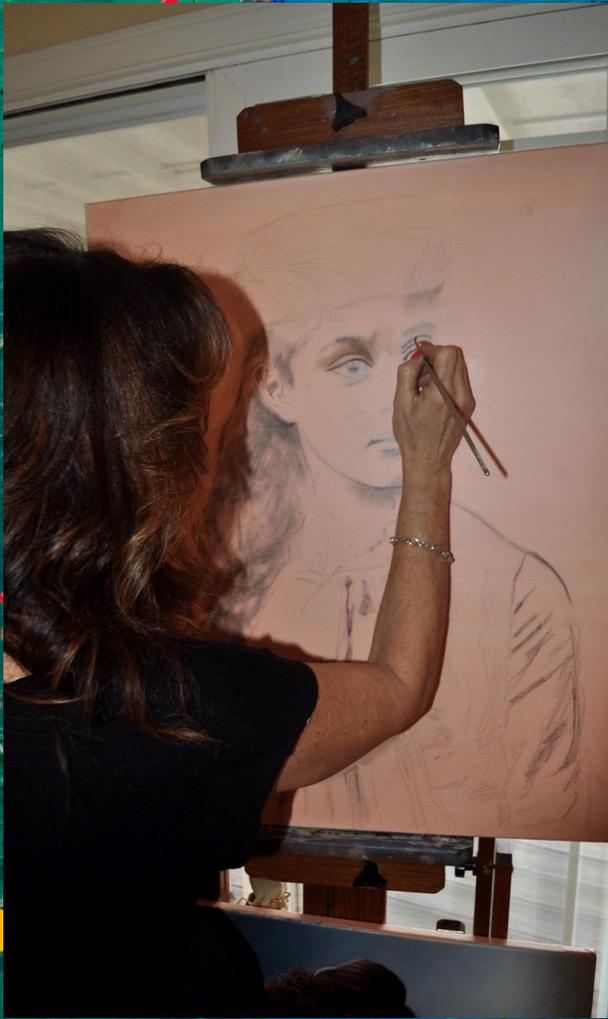
A once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with Carmen to this land of artists and painters to learn basic and new techniques for watercolor and/or oil painting in the frame of the Extremadura region, a land of conquerors and templars



Fall in love with Spain in TEN DAYS and TEN NIGHTS as we discover why so many artists both past and present return time and again for inspiration and ambience

A serene setting in the Extremadura region, land of conquerors and templars, the ancient gothic St. John's church will serve as an improvised studio for our workshop space





In the studio you'll be encouraged to paint what you love as your instructor guides you and assists you through any "rough spots"

More than a painting workshop!!!! For painter and non painter alike, the magic and inspiration that is Spain will come to life in the incredible Spanish countryside. Participants will learn a variety of techniques in both water color and/or oil as we explore the infinite possibilities for creative expression

Our painting days will be combined with other adventures

Starting off in Madrid, the Spanish capital and finishing in Málaga, birthplace of the great Pablo Picasso, this itinerary will cover other cities such as Roman Mérida, Seville, Córdoba, all of them with an incomparable trail of forms of arts and artists



SPAIN, A LAND OF ARTISTS

Resume of the Experience and Tour

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

- Begin in Madrid with a visit to El Prado and Reina Sofia museums with an expert guide. Then a free afternoon for our own exploration & shopping!
- We will be escorted to quaint Extremadura with a stop in its capital, Mérida. One of the best preserved Roman cities in the Iberian peninsula we shall admire its fascinating past
- We will stay in a quaint hotel in Burguillos Del Cerro in Southern Spain . . . After the occupation of the territory by the Order of the Temple in 1229, under whose rule it was throughout the Reconquest , the nucleus was included in the Bayliato de Jerez de los Caballeros
- Variety of plein air locations to paint landscapes, villages, and the Spanish light
- Visit an olive oil producer and taste the liquid Spanish gold
- Discussions of Spanish cuisine with our chef
- Tour Sevilla, the capital of Andalusia for an overnight stay enroute to Málaga via the enchanting city of Córdoba

After excursions or painting on location, we'll return each evening to relax in our hotel 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 to enjoy our local chef's authentic, gourmet home-made Spanish meal, recapping the day's adventure with good company.



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Itinerary operated by
From 3rd to 13th of May 2022



Day 1. Meet in Madrid where your Tiempo Natura Tour Manager and artist Carmen Gardner will Welcome you to this fascinating tour/art workshop. Welcome dinner.

Day 2. Introduction to Madrid and tour of El Prado museum with expert. Free for lunch and visit to Reina Sofia modern art museum. The rest of the afternoon-evening is free for own explorations and dinner.

Day 3. This morning we travel down to the region of Extremadura with a stop in its capital, Mérida. A UNESCO site and one of the best preserved Roman cities in the Iberian peninsula we shall admire its fascinating past. Continue to Burguillos del Cerro which will serve as our headquarters for the art workshop. We check in at our lodgings and go for a walk. Group dinner.

Day 4. Early morning meditation (optional and at no extra cost). Breakfast and first working session. Walk in the Jewish quarter of Burguillos to unveil its rich historical heritage. Lunch and rest. Introduction to the Dehesa forests. Free time before group dinner.

Day 5. Early morning meditation (optional and at no extra cost). Breakfast and second working session. We then walk to Nicomedes' farm for cooking workshop. Identifying Mediterranean plants and getting to know the secrets of the dehesa forests. Free time before group dinner. Meet local musicians (music night).

Day 6. Early morning meditation (optional and at no extra cost). Breakfast and third working session. Group Lunch and free time before getting ready for a half day excursion to nearby Jerez de los Caballeros. The cradle of the Order of the Knights Templars, this magical city has lots to offer. Vasco Nuñez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific Ocean was born here. We stay for our group dinner and come back to our lodgings.

What the tour includes:

Ten nights in hotels of 2 and 3 stars on the basis of twin/double sharing
Ten continental breakfasts with additions from buffet breakfast
Two lunches and
One cooking class (lunch)
Eight dinners
Entrances to El Prado museum, Reina Sofia modern art museum,
Archeological site of Mérida, Fine art museum of Seville and Picasso museum.
Entrance to the Mosque Cathedral of Córdoba
Four art sessions by artist Camen Gardner
Transfers with a professional driver on air conditioned bus while touring as described on itinerary
A full time Tiempo Natura Tour manager throughout the tour
Live music show
Four sessions of meditation with leader

What the tour does not include:

Airfare
Beverages only with some meals
Travel Insurance
Tips
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Day 7. Early morning meditation (optional and at no extra cost). Breakfast and fourth working session before we leave for Seville. Visit to an olive oil producer en route. Taste this liquid gold. Drive south to the capital of Andalucia, the most artistic of the Spanish cities. Keep your eyes open: art is everywhere. We will go on a sightseeing tour upon arrival followed by an orientation walk in the old Jewish quarter before group dinner.

Day 8. A full day in this magical city will give us the opportunity to immerse ourselves in art at the fine art museum with our expert and having lots of free time for own explorations, shopping and dinner at your own. (A flamenco music show will be an option for this evening).

Day 9. We drive to Málaga via Córdoba. One of the most fascinating cities of Andalucia, Córdoba reflects very well the Arab culture in Spain. We visit the unique mosque-cathedral with our guide and walk in the enchanting Jewish quarter. Inspiring and refreshing, this ancient Moorish capital has no comparison. Meet the Mediterranean in the bright city of Málaga, one of the ancient cities of Europe. Walking tour after checking in at our hotel. We scheduled a typical dinner on the beach.

Day 10. We discover Málaga today with the visit of Picasso museum. Housed in a beautiful palace near the cathedral, it always was the artists intention to donate some of his works to the city where he was born. We shall also view the house where he was born and the church where he was baptised. Free afternoon before our farewell dinner.

Day 11. Breakfast and End of the Tour.

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