

In the Footsteps of Matisse and Renoir in Southern France

with Annee Kelly



Watercolour Workshop

Tuesday 5 September - Sunday 17 September 2023

Twelve spectacular days of painting, sketching and exploring one of the most picturesque regions of France. Experience the stunning scenery of the medieval walled village of Vence, located in the hinterland of Provence together with the beautiful coastal town of Villefranche sur Mer, located within the heart of the French Riviera. This will be the painting trip of a lifetime, with Annee Kelly showing you how to capture the splendour of France.



Annee is an award-winning artist and a Fellow of both the Victorian Artists Society and the Guild of Realist Artists. She is also a member of the Watercolour Society of Victoria and the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, in addition to other art groups and societies. She is an avid En Plein Air painter and has been tutoring for over 30 years, imparting her knowledge and enthusiasm to her classes. In addition to French which is her native language, she is also conversant in Italian and Spanish and has conducted 10 European workshops. Annee paints in a fluent and confident style, holds a strong sense of composition and sound draftsmanship and will tackle a wide variety of subject matter. Whilst painting in Pastel and Acrylic, her favourite medium remains Watercolour.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Tuesday 5 September, 2023 Vence, France

Workshop members will be met at Nice Airport at 2.00pm (please ensure you allow sufficient time to collect your luggage from your flight, prior to the transfer time). Our private coach will transfer workshop members to their first base in Vence. The small town of Vence is located some 25 kms to the north of Nice. The medieval walled cite de Vence was built on a rocky ledge, surrounded by its original fortifications and accessed by one of five arched gateways. A short orientation tour will take place before welcome drinks and included dinner.

DAY 2 Wednesday 6 September, 2023 Vence

Today we travel to Tourettes-sur-Loup, an authentic artisan's village. It is also market day, an experience not to be missed for visitors to France. Whether it is medieval buildings or intimate courtyards, Tourettes-sur-Loup will offer many great subjects for today's painting.

DAY 3 Thursday 7 September, 2023 Vence

Today, we travel a short distance to beautiful Saint Paul de Vence, which has attracted many noted artists, including Chagall, who spent the latter part of his life on the French Riviera. He now rests



in the small cemetery in Saint Paul, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. In the afternoon, Annee will find great subjects to paint and assist tour members individually.

DAY 4 Friday 8 September, 2023 Vence

This morning, we will visit the smallest cathedral in France, la Cathedrale Notre Dame de la Nativite de Vence, built in the 11th century in both a Gothic and Baroque Romanesque style. In the baptistry, Chagall's mosaic of Moses can be found. This will be followed by a day of painting within the walled city of Vence.

DAY 5 Saturday 9 September, 2023 Vence

Our painting session today will be in Haut-de-Cagnes a medieval village, perched above the seaside town of Cagnes-sur-Mer. Annee will find a great painting location and complete a demonstration. Following this, Annee will assist individual members with their paintings. In the afternoon, we will travel to nearby Cagnes-sur-Mer, to visit Renoir's Museum. The museum's collection of paintings, sculptures, artist's studio and furniture constitute the testimony of Renoir's last twelve years of his life, spent here. This residence sits amongst extensive beautiful gardens planted with century old olive trees, which will make for yet more interesting sketching material.

DAY 6 Sunday 10 September, 2023 Vence

Our final day of painting in Vence. After breakfast, Annee will conduct a demonstration and then spend time moving amongst the group members, offering individual assistance. In the afternoon we will visit Chapelle Matisse. It was considered by Matisse himself as his masterpiece. He designed and built it in its entirety as a thank you gesture to the Dominican sisters who nursed him through a critical illness. Tonight we will have an included dinner.

DAY 7 Monday 11 September, 2023 Villefranche sur Mer, France

This morning we will leave Vence and travel south to Hotel Versailles, located in Villefranche sur Mer, a beautiful fishing port and holiday resort. After settling in we will enjoy an orientation tour in the old precinct of Villefranche followed by an opportunity to sketch and paint. Annee will paint a demonstration and offer individual assistance. This evening we will enjoy an included dinner.

DAY 8 Tuesday 12 September, 2023 Villefranche sur Mer

A full day of painting, relaxation and enjoyment in spectacular Villefranche sur Mer under Annee's helpful eye. The spectacular views from the hotels terrace will make inspiring subjects.



DAY 9 Wednesday 13 September, 2023

Villefranche sur Mer

Today, we will travel to Antibes by private coach where we will have a historical walking tour of the old town with a local guide. The historical old town (Vieil Antibes) within the ramparts has retained much of its original character with quaint cobbled streets, a Provençal market and lots of restaurants, street cafes and bars. We will also visit the Picasso Museum. It is unique because it is housed in the Old Grimaldi Castle. Picasso had a studio there back in 1946 and in less than two months; he created 44 drawings and 23 paintings. Upon returning to Paris, he left them in Antibes and later donated them to the museum. Thereafter, they had enough of his works in order to rename the museum "Picasso Museum" in 1966 and it was the first one in the world specifically dedicated to him whilst he was still alive. There will be a painting session in the afternoon.

DAY 10 Thursday 14 September, 2023

Villefranche sur Mer

Today, workshop members will travel to Eze, a charming hilltop village, the highest on the Côte d'Azur. Its beautiful cobblestone streets, hot-pink bougainvillea and amazing views will make great subjects for a day's painting.

DAY 11 Friday 15 September, 2023

Villefranche sur Mer

Today we will travel to Nice by coach for a morning sightseeing tour with a local guide. Here we shall commence by exploring the town of Nice with its famous pebble beach and the Promenade des Anglais, followed by the old town, with its colourful flower market, narrow streets, ornate churches and tall Italianate ochre buildings. We will travel to Cimiez to the nearby Franciscan Monastery where Matisse is buried and Annee will commence the day's painting

program with a demonstration in the beautiful monastery garden.

DAY 12 Saturday 16 September, 2023

Villefranche sur Mer

On our final day in beautiful Villefranche sur Mer, we will take the opportunity to complete our unfinished paintings or maybe go shopping. Tonight, we will have an included farewell drinks party and dinner to celebrate our time on the French Riviera. It will be an ideal occasion to talk about our great time in France, the stimulating painting led by Annee and our new friendships.

DAY 13 Sunday 17 September, 2023

Departure

This morning you will be transferred to Nice airport for flights departing after 12.00pm midday.

Relax and enjoy!



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Tour Inclusions:

- First-class teaching by watercolour artist and teacher, Annee Kelly.
- Arrival transfer from Nice airport to the workshop hotel.
- Welcome and farewell drinks party.
- 6 nights' accommodation in Vence and 6 nights' accommodation in Villefranche sur Mer all in comfortable three star hotels.
- Continental breakfast daily.
- Four included dinners two in Vence and two in Villefranche sur Mer.
- Intensive painting sessions including demonstrations, painting instruction and critique sessions.
- Great fun painting and sightseeing in Vence, Saint Paul de Vence, Tourettes-sur-Loup, Haut-de-Cagnes, Villefranche sur Mer, Eze, Nice and Antibes.
- Guided tours in Nice and Antibes.
- Visits to Renoir's Museum, Matisse Chapel and Picasso Museum.
- Transport by luxury air-conditioned coach throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Workshop accompanied by a professional Workshop Manager.
- A certificate confirming your successful completion of the Workshop.

TOUR PRICES

	AUD:	USD:
Workshop price per person twin-share	\$ 5,095	\$ 3,465
Single supplement	\$ 1,260	\$ 860
Non-painter discount	\$ 250	\$ 175

Not included in the price:

- Travel arrangements not specified in the itinerary, such as air travel from your home to and from the workshop.
- Travel insurance. We strongly recommend travel insurance to cover yourself for cancellation, medical and hospital expenses, and other unforeseen expenses.
- Gratuities to the coach drivers and local guides.
- Sightseeing unless specified in the workshop itinerary.
- Drinks and meals other than those specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Airport and overseas arrival/departure taxes.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Passport and visa fees.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Payment Conditions:

A reservation deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 60 days prior to the date of departure.

2. Alteration to Workshop Vacation Price:

The Painting Workshop Vacation price is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances and changes in the cost of travel and accommodation services. Should any increase in the Workshop Vacation price be unacceptable to the registered member, a full refund of monies paid will be made.

3. Cancellation and Amendments:*

Cancellations received in writing 60 or more days from the date of departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellations received 60 or fewer days before departure will result in a loss of all monies paid. There are no refunds for services not utilized while on a Workshop Vacation. Travel insurance is highly recommended to cover Workshop members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the Workshop Vacation and for cancellation fees that could result from illness, accident, death or other contingencies. Once a booking has been confirmed, one amendment to travel arrangements will be made free-of charge. Subsequent changes to travel arrangements will incur an amendment fee of \$25 per change in addition to supplier charges.

4. Minimum Workshop Vacation Numbers:

Each Painting Workshop Vacation has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of members travelling. In the event that fewer than the minimum number of members have confirmed their booking 60 days from the date of commencement, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the Workshop Vacation, giving a full refund of monies

paid, or to offer arrangements to proceed with the Workshop Vacation at a modified price.

5. General:

In the unlikely event that the Workshop tutor is unable to perform his or her duties due to unforeseen contingencies, Travelrite International reserves the right to substitute another artist as tutor or to continue with the Workshop Vacation as planned or to provide a cash refund to Workshop members equivalent to the value of the Workshop leadership. International Artist Painting Workshops can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair-climbing in the regions visited and it is important that all members have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in these activities without the need of assistance from others.

6. Tax Considerations:

If you regularly sell your own paintings, you may fall into the semi-professional or professional category for taxation purposes and the tour cost may be tax-deductible. We recommend that you seek the advice of a qualified tax adviser.

7. Responsibilities:

Travelrite International Pty Ltd., their agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with these Workshop Vacations shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any services included in the Workshops, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism, or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expenses, omissions, delays, rerouting or acts of any government or authority. Baggage

remains at owner's risk throughout the Workshop Vacation. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of these Painting Workshop Vacations and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any Painting Workshop Vacation and/or to make such changes in the Painting Workshop Vacation as may be found desirable for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying-out of the Painting Workshop Vacation. Registration for any Painting Workshop Vacation constitutes a contract which shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be taken in the State of Victoria.

Travel Vaccination Policy: While highly recommended, COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are no longer required for guests traveling with us from January 1, 2023 onward. It is your responsibility to comply with specific vaccine and/or booster requirements imposed by airlines, cruise lines and/or authorities in the destinations visited, as well as requirements for accessing restaurants and venues, which may be more restrictive than the above. No refunds will be given if you are unable to undertake some or all of their vacation due to failure to comply with these requirements.

How to Book:

Bookings can be made by completing the online booking form or sending it with a deposit to:

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