

# Sedona Arts Center

## Memories of Tuscany – A Pocket Sketching Journey

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#### Detailed Itinerary

Blessed with beauty, wine and an unparalleled artistic legacy, Tuscany is a region that lives up image. Stupendous art, soul-aching countryside, stirring wine and wonderful cuisine is what enviable region is all about. It is from here that the Renaissance rippled out across Europe,. For the first four nights our base is in Florence, a city of extraordinary, timeless beauty. Our accommodations will be the Palazzo Galletti, a historical XVI century palace which houses the modern of luxury accommodations juxtaposed with ancient high ceilings and beautiful original frescos.

For the remainder of our stay our base will be an elegant 18<sup>th</sup> century country residence, the Fattoria Bacio with sweeping views over tiny villages and farmhouses with the towers of San Gimignano visible in the distance. From here several field trips will take us to memorable the classic narrow roads, hidden squares and beautiful medieval architecture.

**Included:**

- Ongoing workshop on watercolour Pocket Sketching.
- Accommodation in double room, single room on request with supplement (\$500)
- Continental Breakfasts each day
- Welcome Dinner in Florence
- Entrance fee to Uffizi museum and Accademia
- All dinners at the Villa Fattoria Bacio
- Wine tasting event at Certaldo Villa
- Field trips to Siena, S. Gimignano, Certaldo alto.
- Ground transportation while at the Villa

**Not included:**

- All lunches and 3 dinners in Florence
- Any personal expenses
- Painting materials
- Airport pick up
- Insurance
- Airfare

**Highlights:**

- \*\*\* Uffizi Museum
- \*\*\* Fiesole
- \*\*\* Historic Food market
- \*\*\* Winetasting
- \*\*\* Siena
- \*\*\* S. Gimignano

## Intinerary

#### Day 1

Arrival. Settle in, get to know your fellow students, Instructor and staff. We are hosted in Palazzo Galletti, a historical XVI century palace, a mere ten minute walk from the Duomo and the S. Croce Church. [www.palazzogalletti.it](http://www.palazzogalletti.it) Welcome dinner. Meet with member of staff of La Meridiana who will give an introduction of Florence, some maps and will talk about the tours and visits planned for the week.

**Day 2**

Food market, a site of artistic and gastronomic experience, teeming with flavor and color.

**Day 3**

Morning visit to the Uffizi museum which holds universally acclaimed masterpieces.

**Day 4**

Fiesole. Aside from the sights of interest like the roman theatre, on a sunny day the view over Florence is spectacularly beautiful.

**Day 5**

Free morning and Transfer to Villa Bacio an 18<sup>th</sup> century villa on top of a hill in the Tuscan countryside. Three course evening meal with freshly prepared food at the Villa [www.fattoriabacio.com](http://www.fattoriabacio.com)

**Day 6**

Wine tasting at lunch: Highlights of the very best gourmet treasures found throughout Tuscany. wine, cheese salami and chocolate. Three course evening meal with freshly prepared food at the Villa.

**Day 7**

Field trip to S. Gimignano, the famous "Medieval Manhattan". An essential feature of any visit to central Tuscany, not only on account of its remarkable towers but also the fabulous frescoes and other art works to be seen here. Three course evening meal with freshly prepared food at the Villa.

**Day 8**

Painting a Drawing in Certaldo alto. This traffic free medieval town still retains it's authenticity as a true medieval town. Begin the process of assembling our books. Three course evening meal with freshly prepared food at the Villa.

**Day 9**

Day trip to Siena. An opportunity to appreciate its welcoming atmosphere and rich social, artistic and cultural heritage. Farwell dinner Evening meal in at the Villa.

**Day 10**

Ciao!