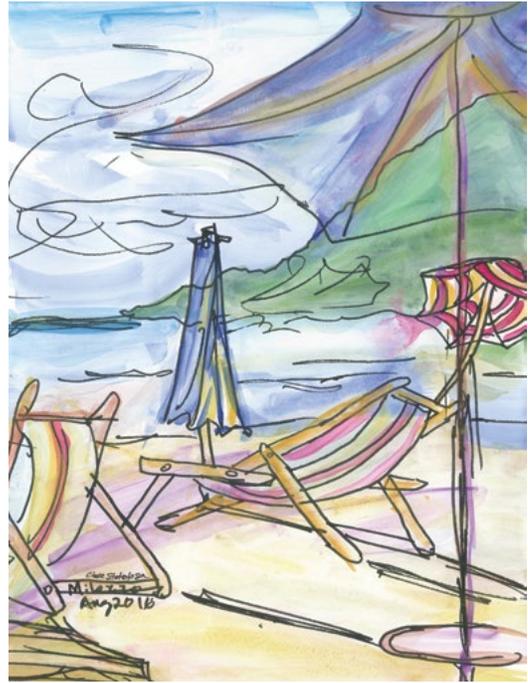


Watercolor Workshop Adventure

Under the Sicilian Sky

June 18 — June 26, 2022



Un Giorno in Sicilia

Join artist Clare Stokolosa and hostess Paola Asaro for a seven night **Watercolor Workshop Adventure** in Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily.

Clare will lead fun and informative plein air painting sessions for beginner and intermediate levels.

Come with us on a captivating journey and experience the charm of small villages, genuine cuisine and the warmth of the Sicilian people. Paint on location at beautiful historic sites. You will be part of a small group with a customized itinerary which allows you to discover the many aspects of a culture that has Greek, Arab, African, Turkish, Spanish, and Norman influences.

Painting in this environment will be an everlasting magical experience. The brightness of the sky, the turquoise colors of the sea and the amazing landscapes will capture every artist's imagination!

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Clare Stokolosa

Daily Itinerary

Saturday, June 18

Day 1 - Departure from your home city

Sunday, June 19

Day 2 - Arrival in Sicily, Palermo Airport

Private transfer from Palermo Airport to Castellammare del Golfo. Check in at Bel Tramonto Apt in Alcamo Marina. Your host, Paola, will be welcoming you in a friendly Sicilian *abbondanza* style!

Artist Clare Stokolosa will meet and greet the group over *un aperitivo* with Sicilian wine, aperol spritz and Paola's famous *pane cunzatu*! There will be plenty of time to relax by the pool or by your terrace before having a homemade dinner made by Paola. (L,D)



Monday, June 20

Day 3 - *Buongiorno!* Enjoy *caffè e cornetti* with fresh fruit for breakfast

"Introduction to Painting" workshop before lunch. You will have time to relax by the pool or take a siesta, before going to explore the charming town of Castellammare del Golfo.

Stroll through *il Corso*. Visit il Castello Normanno and enjoy *caffè*, *gelato*, *cassatelle* or other delicacies, followed by a painting session on site at the Marina. We will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)



La Valle del Terazzo

Tuesday June 21

Day 4 - Monreale and Palermo

Breakfast at the residence.

First stop will be in Monreale for a guided tour of the 12th Century Norman Cathedral, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious Byzantine mosaics. We will have lunch by sampling Street Food at il Capo Market in Palermo. It will be a truly fascinating experience. The Cathedral, Piazza Bellini, the Four Corners and the Baroque Church of Saint Catherine are a few of the cultural treasures of Palermo.

Painting on site by Piazza della Vergogna will make this trip worthwhile!

We will have dinner on the way back to Castellammare in Sferracavallo at Il Delfino Restaurant (B, L, D)



Logge Del Teatro Signorelli

Daily Itinerary

Wednesday June 22

Day 5 - *Cornetti e caffè a volo!*

Early departure to Salemi to visit a dairy farm. We will witness the various stages of the transformation of milk into ricotta and then cheese. A tasting of hot ricotta, tuma and other Sicilian specialties will be our lunch special of the day.

A guided tour of the Medieval town of Erice will be the highlight of this afternoon. We will paint the beautiful scenery and watch the colorful sunset before going to dinner at a local *ristorante*, Ericino, to experience the local *cucina* and the famous *pasticcio* by la Pasticceria di Maria Grammatico! (B,L,D)



Thursday, June 23

Day 6 - Breakfast by the harbor in Castellammare

The morning will be dedicated to painting by the harbor. In the afternoon, take a cruise on a catamaran, and go swimming in the clear, blue waters of Lo Zingaro and around I Faraglioni, the sea emerging rocks in Scopello.

Dinner will be at a casa di Paola. (B, D)



Un Giorno in Spiaggia

Friday, June 24

Day 7 – Segesta/Camporeale

Buongiorno a tutti con un buon caffè cornetti caldi!

Soon after breakfast we will enjoy a guided tour of the archeological site of Segesta with its intact Doric temple and its theater.

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/temple-of-segesta>

Capture your memories in a painting session on location before heading to lunch in a nearby *agriturismo*.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the panoramic view on our short drive to Camporeale to visit the winery Alessandro da Camporeale for a picnic and wine tasting. (B,L,D)



Pranzo

Daily Itinerary

Saturday, June 25

Day 8 - *Cappuccino & cornetti by the beach of Castellammare*

Capture the blue sky and the beautiful coastline in a painting before heading to Mount Inici. Barbeque lunch at Agriturismo Aurora.

Return to Castellammare, unwind and relax by the pool, sip on your favorite wine, enjoy *un aperitivo* before getting ready to celebrate the last evening in Sicily with a delicious pizza party at the famous Pizzeria Gattopardo.

We end the night with a visit at the renowned "Bar 900," *per un gelato, un passito o un prosecco!* (B,L,D)



Aperitivo con Amici

Sunday, June 26

Day 9 - *Arrivederci amici miei ci vediamo la prossima!*

Farewell breakfast. Say *arrivederci* to your new friends until we meet again. Guests will have a private transfer to Palermo airport in time for their departing flights.



Three Girls Traveling

Ciao Bella Sicilia, terra di Sole e di Amuri



Land Only

\$2,850.00 per person based on double occupancy
(\$2,950.00 per person based on single occupancy)

\$200.00 discount for non-painting partners

3% credit card fee (not applicable if money is wired)

Group size restricted to 12-14 participants.

A **\$500** per person deposit is needed to confirm the reservations

Final payment is due sixty (60) days prior to departure

Trip insurance is optional and highly recommended. It will cover 100% of the cancellation penalties due to medical reasons and Covid 19. Please inquire with our office for rates.

Cancellation Policy

A **50% penalty** will apply to cancellations made 7-59 days prior to departure

A **100% penalty** will apply to cancellations made 0-6 days prior to departure

Cost Includes:

- Round trip airport transfers from Palermo Airport to the Bel Tramonto Apartments
- Week long plein air watercolor workshop with Clare Stokolosa (basic art supplies provided)
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily with house wine, water and coffee
- Seven nights' private accommodation at Bel Tramonto Apt. in Alcamo Marina.
(each apartment has a veranda overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, air conditioning, and a private bath with shower. Wi-fi is also available.)
- Touring by private air-conditioned motor coach
- Catamaran mini-cruise to Lo Zingaro and Scopello
- Tuma and hot ricotta tasting in Salemi followed by lunch of Sicilian specialties
- Wine tasting and lunch in Marsala
- Excursions to Monreale, Palermo, Erice and Segesta with licensed tour guides
- Entrance fees to archeological site of Segesta
- Assistance throughout the length of the trip

Not Included:

- Air fare
- pre/post hotel nights
- car rental
- private tours/excursions (optional upon request)
- Tips/gratuities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

Extend your stay post tour (available upon request).

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