

## A 7 NIGHT CULTURAL RETREAT IN

# Umbria

7-14 May or 14-21 May 2016

## Painting Workshop, Gastronomy and Wine Tour with renowned Australian artist Gabrielle Jones BA, BFA, Cert IVT&A

**H**igh in the hills of Umbria in Central Italy, housed in your own private villa with its private pool and gardens, you will spend a week enjoying painting classes with Gabrielle Jones, specially planned gastronomy and wine tours in Assisi, Gubbio, Perugia, Todi and other beautiful historic towns in the “green heart of Italy”... create memories to last a lifetime.

The Villa's Estate is one of the most exclusive private country estates in Italy, owned by the same family for generations. Renowned for its thousands of hectares of immaculate woods and olive groves, and for its superb valleys, lakes and rivers, it is the perfect place for a relaxing and tranquil holiday, offering impressive levels of comfort and elegance.

Our Villa on the estate is “Caminata” – so named from the Italian for “many chimneys”. But the most spectacular feature

of this villa is its lush garden with more than 3,000 plants that bloom at different times of the year giving a wonderful display of colours that change with the seasons. Caminata can accommodate up to 12 guests in the main villa and in the elegant cottage close by in the gardens.

### YOUR ITINERARY

Depending on dates booked, your itinerary will commence on either Saturday 7 May or Saturday 14 May 2016.

#### **Day 1 (D)**

Arrive in Rome to rendezvous with Tour Organizer, Sheila K. Tabakoff, around 1.00pm to be escorted to a private bus for our trip to Umbria which will take about 2.5 hours. Settle into lodgings or explore the beautiful private and fenced landscaped garden (10,000m<sup>2</sup>), then attend a welcoming cocktail party. Dinner in the restaurant at the Villa (included).

#### **Day 2 (B,L)**

Morning trip to Assisi with a visit to the Church of San Francesco and other important churches and sites, with lunch at an outstanding local restaurant (included). Afternoon sketching and painting class at Assisi or in the grounds of our Villa.

*Dinner at own cost*

#### **Day 3 (B,L)**

Morning painting class with Gabrielle in the Villa grounds, then it's off to Gubbio for lunch at an exceptional restaurant (included) and an afternoon tour of the sights. Bring along your sketching materials.

*Dinner at own cost*

#### **Day 4 (B,L)**

Morning visit to Todi for a light painting and sketching workshop with Gabrielle.

Lunch in Todi at the Antico Osteria della Valle or near Deruta

at Antico Forziere (included).

Trip to market and a chance to acquire local gourmet goodies for our combined BBQ dinner tonight and picnic lunch at the vineyard on Friday.

Back to the estate for an afternoon of relaxation or more painting from your morning sketches.

Dinner (at own cost) will be a self-catered BBQ get together under the lovely pergola by the cottage with dining table seating for 12, followed by a table tennis tournament for those interested.

#### **Day 5 (B,L)**

Morning trip to Perugia, with a walking tour of the historic centre, a visit to the National Picture Gallery of Umbria and other important art and historical sites with lunch at Perugia's best restaurant (included). Afternoon sketching and exploring in Perugia.

*Dinner at own cost (in Perugia or at the Villa)*

#### **Day 6 (B,L)**

Morning free – why not take advantage of some of the activities available at your Villa?

Off to Anghiari for lunch at the Locanda al Castello dei Sorci (included). Afternoon light painting and sketching workshop in Montone.

*Dinner at own cost*

#### **Day 7 (B,D)**

Morning visit to an Umbrian vineyard for a light sketching and painting workshop. Bring picnic lunch (sourced at your Tuesday market trip, or pre-ordered at the Villa). Afternoon in Umbertide.

Dinner in Umbertide at the Enoteca Wine Bar.

*Lunch at own cost*

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## Day 8 (B)

Departure day. Participants will be taken to Rome airport if they are returning home, or will be taken to various transportation hubs if continuing their sojourn in Italy and Europe.

### Note:

Lunches and Dinners that are not included in the tour fees may either be:

- Prepared at home (you'll need to stop at the market or order at the Villa's office to stock your food in your Villa's fridge); or
- Taken at the Villa's on-site restaurant, Il Caldaro, which also provides lunch and dinner orders with take away service); or
- Prepared in your Villa by a chef; or
- Barbecue service in Villa; or
- Transportation will be provided to nearby towns where suggestions about various restaurants will be provided.

*The Villa also provides a Tea and Coffee Snacks Delivery; and a Sandwiches and Picnic Delivery.*



## COSTS

US\$2600 per person based on sharing double room

US\$2300 for non-painting partners in double rooms

US\$3100 single room (only 2 rooms per tour)

**Deposits:** A deposit of US\$1000 is required by 1 November 2015 to secure your booking. Balance of tour fee is required by 1 January 2016 after which no refunds can be given unless replacement booking is procured.

## INCLUDED IN BASIC TOUR COST

- 7 nights accommodation in beautiful Umbrian Villa
- All breakfasts and one other meal per day (lunch or dinner as per itinerary)
- Transportation to and from Rome Fiumicino Airport as well as all other transportation as indicated in itinerary
- All entrance fees to museums and historic sites visited as listed in itinerary
- Daily painting classes with Gabrielle Jones as noted in itinerary and basic art supplies
- Private Cultural, Gastronomy and Wine Tours with Sheila Tabakoff from *A Taste of Italy Tours* and noted art historian

## NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC COST

- Flights to and from Rome
- Additional meals not specified in itinerary
- Additional art supplies and materials (which will be brought with participants from Australia)
- Any purchases of a personal nature or travel conducted beyond the scope of the itinerary
- Personal tips
- Cost of any activities selected beyond those detailed in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance. It is a condition of your attendance on this Retreat that you take out Travel Insurance. All care will be taken, but we can take no responsibility for cancellations due to medical or personal issues, loss of goods, etc.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Activities available to be booked at the villa for additional charge include:**

- For the golfies amongst you, there is a spectacular golf course just minutes away which features dramatic cliff-lined

fairways, beautiful lakes, and stunning views of a medieval castle and surrounding countryside

- Hiking trips on the estate paths or in spectacular trails near the estate
- Mountain bike rentals
- Picnic service with campfire in the fields of the estate
- Wild asparagus hunting
- Horse riding walks or horse riding lessons in stables nearby
- And nearby Tennis; Truffle hunting; Fly fishing

## SPA SERVICES IN VILLA

Spa Services available at the Villa:

Facial treatments; hair stylist; make-up artist; manicure-pedicure services; massages; therapeutical massages; booking of hammam and sauna.

## ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION

Company car with service; transportation rentals with driver; minivan rentals with driver (at own cost).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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- A Taste of Italy Tours [www.atasteofitalytours.com](http://www.atasteofitalytours.com) (Balance of Retreat Fee will be handled by A Taste of Italy Tours)

*Please note that we reserve the right to alter the Itinerary due to weather conditions or for any reason but promise to substitute an equivalent venue or experience. Depending on the group or the weather, alternate day trips could be included to locations such as Norcia, Spoleto, Cortona and Lake Trasimeno or we simply can remain in the gorgeous Villa grounds.*

*Single occupancy rooms are limited in number. All available places on this retreat will be allocated according to the date of the deposit paid.*