

2010 Holiday Itinerary *

Sunday

Arrival at any time after 3.30 pm to the [Grand Hotel Milano](#) (4 star) in the small spa village [Terme di Miradolo](#) (South of Milan). Welcome drink on arrival, dinner and holiday/course intros.



Monday

BOBBIO. Little medieval village set in beautiful rural hilly landscapes and founded by the Irish Saint Colombano in 614 a.C.

It has a 14th century Castle, a 15th century Abbey, and a lovely old Romanic Bridge crossing the river Trebbia.

An ideal opportunity to paint and do some shopping.

Lunch at a restaurant that offers the typical cuisine of the Region Emilia Romagna, much appreciated also by Italians.

Return to the Hotel to relax and enjoy evening meal.



Tuesday

LAKE MAGGIORE and its beautiful and famous 3 Borromeo islands: Bella (Beauty), Pescatori (Fishermen) and Madre (Mother).

There are plenty of opportunities here for painting.

A packed lunch is provided if required.

Return to the Hotel for dinner.



Wednesday

VIGEVANO. Morning in Vigevano, lovely Renaissance town where you can sketch and paint in its famous Piazza Ducale designed by Bramante and called the “Ideal town”, or stop in a street Caffè to relax and watch the world go by. Packed lunch.



CERTOSA OF PAVIA. In the afternoon a *guided tour* to this beautiful Monastery (Chartreuse) founded in 1396 by the Duke of Milan Visconti. Return to the Hotel for dinner.



or alternatively

ABBEY OF CHIARAVALLE.

The abbey founded in 1135 by a little group of Cistercians.



Thursday

MILAN. *Guided tour* to the city centre with its Duomo Cathedral and the medieval Castle Sforzesco, and to the famous and mysterious Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper, or the Theatre La Scala (depending on ticket availability). You may choose to take a packed lunch or eat in one of the many good restaurants there. Free afternoon for some shopping in the capital of fashion. Back to the Hotel for evening meal.



Friday

CASTELL'ARQUATO (*guided tour*). Charming and picturesque medieval burg. There is much to paint here from the terracotta Podestà Palace to the Castle Fortress to the old buildings and narrow streets. Lunch at the medieval Stradivari Palace. Return to the Hotel for dinner. Then finish work in progress and



evaluation of your week.

Saturday

Departure after breakfast.

** The organization reserves the right to vary the programme at any moment if circumstances dictate or for any other reason.*

NOTE: the itinerary at *BEAUTIFUL ITALY ART HOLIDAYS* is **flexible**. Due to the tranquillity and open spaces in and around the hotel, you have the option to stay at the hotel and continue painting if you choose not to join the trips on any day.



HOLIDAY SUMMARY

- ◆ 6 nights
- ◆ 5 days of painting tuition
- ◆ Full-board accommodation (6 breakfasts + 6 dinners with wine + 2 lunches during trips + 3 packed lunches)
- ◆ The following trips:
 - ✓ Day trip to **BOBBIO** – the medieval village with beautiful hilly landscapes;
 - ✓ Day trip to one of the famous Italian **LAKES**: Maggiore, Como, Garda, or Orta;
 - ✓ Half day trip to **VIGEVANO**, the Renaissance town designed by Bramante and called the “Ideal town”;
 - ✓ Half day trip to fascinating historic buildings, such as the **CERTOSA of Pavia** (Chartreuse) or the **Abbey of CHIARAVALLE**;
 - ✓ Day trip to **MILAN**, with exciting guided tours to masterpieces such as Leonardo da Vinci’s The Last Supper, Duomo Cathedral, or the Theatre La Scala (depending on ticket availability). Free afternoon with the opportunity to make great shopping in the “capital of fashion”;
 - ✓ Day trip to **CASTELL’ARQUATO** – the picturesque unforgettable medieval burg.
- ◆ Flexibility to continue painting in the quiet of the hotel grounds/park or the charming theatre room if you prefer not to join the trips, especially if you have found a wonderful subject you really want to paint.

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