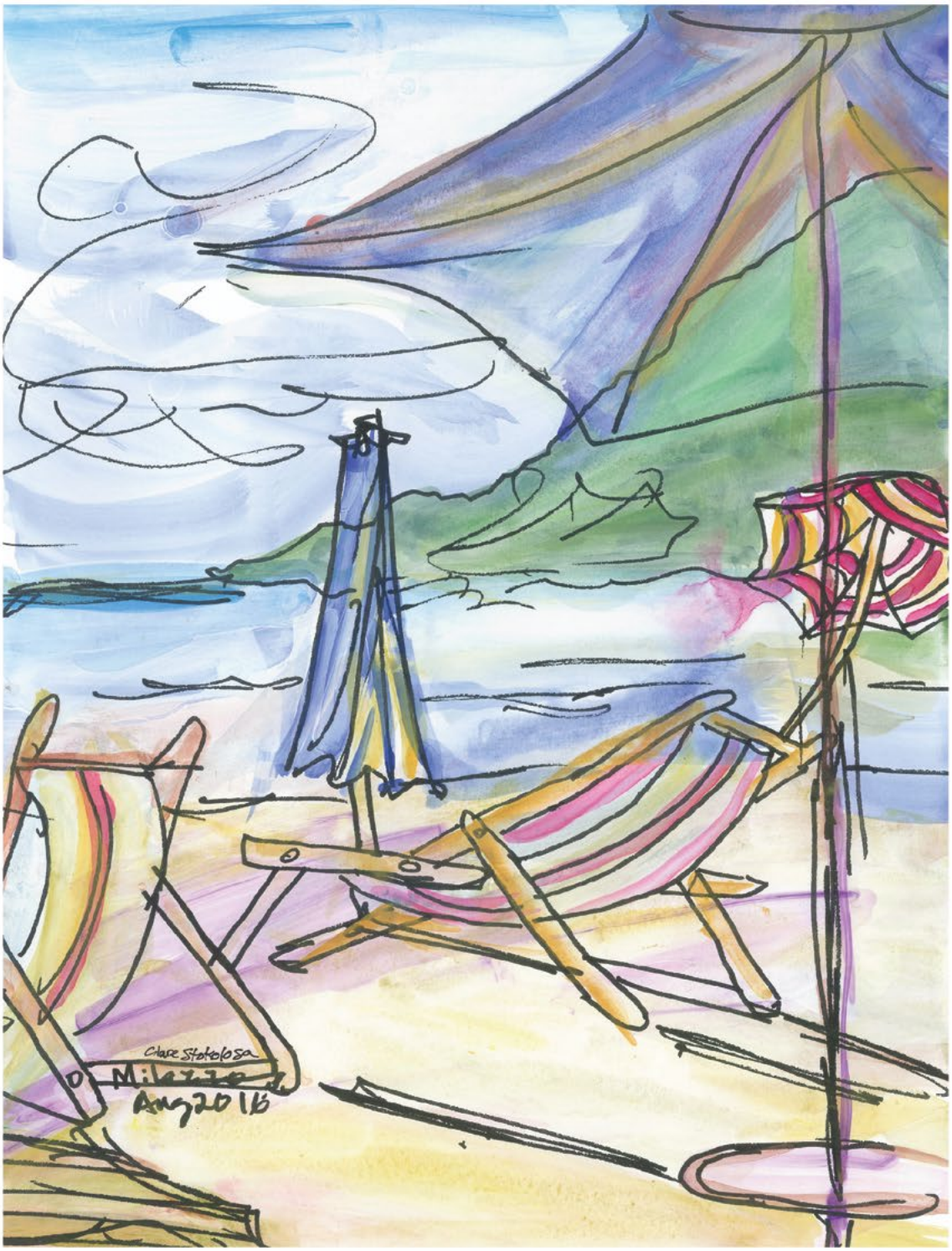
Watercolor Workshop Adventure

Under the Sicilian Sky: Season 2!

September 16 — September 25, 2023



Un Giorno in Sicilia

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Introduction

Last year's Watercolor Workshop in June was very successful, and we are planning the second edition!

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

Clare will lead fun and informative watercolor painting sessions for beginner and intermediate levels on the beautiful grounds of Bel Tramonto, with stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea and colorful garden.

Come with us on this captivating journey and experience the charm of small villages, genuine cuisine and the warmth of the Sicilian people. 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.

Watch this highlight reel from last year's trip to see some of the watercolor workshops and magnificent locations we visited in Sicily!

We hope you'll join us this year!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4jvECmOTTw

Scan the QR code to open the YouTube link on your device

Clare Stokolosa

Daily Itinerary

Saturday, Sept 16, 2023
Day 1 - Departure from your home city

Sunday, Sept 17, 2023
Day 2 - Arrival in Sicily, Palermo Airport



Transfer between 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm 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!* Soon after, Clare will do an overview of supplies and materials for the workshop.

There will be plenty of time to relax by the pool or your private terrace before enjoying a typical Sicilian homemade dinner prepared by Paola. (L,D)

Monday, Sept 18, 2023
Day 3 - *Buongiorno a tutti!*



8:30 am - 9:30 am: Welcome breakfast with *caffè* and *cornetti* and fresh fruit.

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: "Introduction to Painting" workshop.

1:30 pm: All on board with our swimming suits and beach towels! A short bus ride to the sandy beach of Castellammare, where we will enjoy lunch at the beach club and swim in the clear and calm water. Walk on the beach, relax, and watch the sunset before heading back home for dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Day 4 - Exploring Erice



8:30 am - 9:30 am: Breakfast

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Watercolor exploration and painting.

1:30 pm: Lunch by the terrace and soon after we will visit the Medieval town of Erice. We will browse in the small shops, watch the sunset and enjoy a famous pasticciotto by la Pasticceria di Maria Grammatico! Dinner in Erice (B,L,D)

Daily Itinerary

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Day 5 - *Monreale and Palermo*



8:30 am - 9:30 am: Breakfast at the residence

10:00 am: Departure for our full day excursion.

Our first stop will be in Monreale for a guided tour of the 12th Century Norman Cathredal, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious Byzantine mosaics. While in Monreale we can witness the art of making mosaics. Then we will have lunch by sampling street food at the famous Ballaro' Market in Palermo.

We will have some free time for shopping and to browse in an Italian art supply store after visiting important sites of Palermo. Finally, we will have dinner on the way back to Castellammare. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Day 6 - Mini Cruise on Penelope Tour



8:30 am: Let's go for caffe e cappuccino by the harbor in Castellammare. Afterward, we will take a cruise on a sailboat, going swimming in the clear blue waters of Lo Zingaro and around I Faraglioni of Scopello.

We will paint in the afternoon before going to Castellammare for dinner and window shopping. (B, L, D)

Friday, September 22, 2023
Day 7 – Camporeale/Segesta



After an early breakfast, we will have a painting session to work on a large-scale composition.

12:00 pm: All aboard! A scenic drive will take us to the famous Alessandro da Camporeale winery for lunch and wine tasting.

By 3:30 pm we should reach the archaeological site of Segesta with its intact Doric temple and its theater. Our tour guide will give us a very informative presentation.

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

Dinner in Castellammare at the famous Duchessa Restaurant. (B, L, D)

Daily Itinerary

Saturday, September 23, 2023
Day 8 - *Castellammare!*



Let's enjoy coffee and have a relaxing breakfast. We will then head towards Castellammare to browse and possibly do a little shopping by the different stands at the local flea market! We will have lunch in town and then return to the villa to relax by the pool, before wrapping up with a watercolor critique and share.

Tonight we will have a pizza party at the famous Rosso Verace Pizzeria! There will also be free time to walk around town, go for a drink, or indulge in some delicious gelato! (B, L, D)

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Day 9 - *Cefalu'*



After breakfast we will visit Cefalu, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. In 2015 its cathedral was declared an Unesco World Heritage site.

Food is culture, and tasting it is a way to visit and learn about Cefalu's history. We will enjoy lunch in a famous restaurant overlooking the sea. There will be time to take a tour of the city as well as free time for shopping before heading back to Castellammare. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 25, 2023
Day 10 - *Arrivederci alla prossima volta, amici miei*



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.

Ciao Bella Sicilia, terra di Sole e di Amuri.

Rates

Land Only

$3,950.00 per person based on double occupancy

$200.00 single supplement

Group size restricted to 12-14 participants.

A **$500** per person deposit sent by Zelle to paola@agenziaitalia.com 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. Please inquire with our office for rates.

Cost Includes:

- Round trip airport transfers from Palermo Airport to the Bel Tramonto Apartments (assuming the group arrives and departs at the same time)
- Week long plein air watercolor workshop with Clare Stokolosa (basic art supplies provided)
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily with house wine, water and caffe
  Eight (8) 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
- Wine tasting and lunch in Camporele
- Excursions to Monreale, Palermo, Segesta and Cefalu with licensed tour guides
- Sunset watch in Erice
- Entrance fees to archeological sites of Segesta, Duomo di Monreale, Cathedral of Cefalu
- Assistance throughout the length of the trip

Not Included:

- Air fare
- pre/post hotel nights
- car rental
- private tours/excursions Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Taromina (optional upon request)
- Suggested tips optional for drivers and tour guides total Eur. 90.00
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

Extend your stay post tour (available upon request).

Contact **Grace** for Airline arrangements, pre/post hotel nights

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Payment by credit card: 3% additional service fee

Reviews

Clare's watercolor tour of Sicily was beautifully designed to meet the needs of our entire group from complete beginner to intermediate. The magnificent sights and flavors of the island could not have been better. We painted, we ate, we swam, we toured and we shopped. Then we did it all over again.

We all drew inspiration for our watercolors from the vistas of sea and mountains and flowers, and the gorgeous towns we visited. All in all, it was a memorable experience with a great group of people and an excellent painting instructor.

Janice Gordon

Clare is an amazing and gifted artist! I love art and I have a lot of artist friends; I always wanted to take a beginner art class. However, I would have never imagined myself painting outdoors in beautiful Sicily!

Clare made that come true. She was such a good teacher. I thought we were just going to paint but Clare taught us firstly how to set up our palette with tube paints. She taught us all the basics so then I was able to actually paint, which for me was a big accomplishment.

It was so wonderful and magical not only learning how to paint but also painting in this environment outdoors in Sicily! Clare, this was an adventure of a lifetime for me and I owe it all to you! *Grazie Bella!*

Lisa M Mangual

Clare was a wonderful teacher and gave me a newfound love for painting. Before going to her workshop, I hadn't painted anything since I was 13 (not to mention I HATED it!). Since leaving Italy, I have been working on my waterskills and folowing along to Clare's videos. She gave me a new love in my life and I am so greatful.

Not to mention the beautiful adventure we went on in Italy. She planned the entire trip full of fun excursions and great food without any of us having to worry about a thing. I am so grateful for the opportunity to experience this with Clare.

Madeleine Eichhorn

My friend and I attended CLare's beginning watercolor workshop in Sicily in June of 2022. Neither one of us had ever painted before and wanted to learn. Clare's instruction was excellent, the materials we used were top notch and the accommodations were great. Our group painted, toured the area around Palermo, had a lot of laughs and a great time.

My friend and I have since continued to take water color painting classes in our local area. I would highly recommend Clare's class.

Victoria Debrocke

We hope to see you soon!

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