

# Cinque Terre and Lake Maggiore

## ITALY

with **Annee Kelly**

**31 August - 12 September 2025**

Thirteen spectacular days of painting, sketching and exploring two of the most picturesque regions of Italy. This will be the painting trip of a lifetime, with Annee Kelly showing you how to capture the splendour of Italy.



Annee is an award-winning artist and a Fellow of both the Victorian Artists Society and the Guild of Realist Artists. She is also a member of the Watercolour Society of Victoria and the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, in addition to other art groups and societies. She is an avid En Plein Air painter and has been tutoring for over 30 years, imparting her knowledge and enthusiasm to her classes. In addition to French, which is her native language, she is also conversant in Italian and Spanish and has conducted 10 European workshops. Annee paints in a fluent and confident style, holds a strong sense of composition and sound draftsmanship and will tackle a wide variety of subject matter. Whilst painting in Pastel and Acrylic, her favourite medium remains Watercolour.



**DAY 1: Sunday 31 August 2025**

**Monterosso, Cinque Terre**

Workshop members will be met at NH Pisa Hotel at 12:30 pm or Pisa Airport at 1pm and transferred by private coach to the enchanting village of Monterosso. Nestled within the breathtaking Cinque Terre (Five Lands), Monterosso greets us with its charm and beauty. As we explore this rugged terrain, adorned with terraced vineyards clinging to the mountainsides, we will be captivated by the dramatic vistas that unfold before us. Each evening, we will come together to indulge in delightful dinners, savouring the flavours of the region and reflecting on the day's adventures.

**DAY 2: Monday 1 September 2025**

**Monterosso, Cinque Terre**

This morning, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Cinque Terre with a local guide. The tour will include a boat trip along the Cinque Terre coastline. After lunch Annee will start the workshop with a painting demonstration, followed by personalised instruction. Later, we will enjoy a delightful, included dinner. Throughout our time together, valuable critique sessions will provide us with invaluable insights and guidance to further enhance our artistic pursuits.



**DAY 3: Tuesday 2 September 2025**

**Monterosso, Cinque Terre**

Today we embark on a picturesque journey to the charming village of Vernazza for a full day of painting. Renowned as one of the most captivating villages in the Cinque Terre, Vernazza enchants with its towering, vibrant-hued houses that line the waterfront promenade and piazza. There will be countless superb subjects that will keep you painting all day. This evening there will be an included dinner.

**DAY 4: Wednesday 3 September 2025**

**Monterosso, Cinque Terre**

Today, we journey to Levanto, a hidden gem nestled along the Italian Riviera and the gateway to Cinque Terre. With its captivating historical centre, adorned with beautifully painted villas, and a lively Wednesday market, Levanto offers a delightful blend of charm and vibrancy. At the heart of Levanto lies the picturesque Piazza della Loggia, graced by a charming 13th-century medieval loggia, providing the perfect backdrop for Annee to select inspiring subjects for our painting session. This evening there will be an included dinner.

**DAY 5: Thursday 4 September 2025**

**Monterosso, Cinque Terre**

Painting, relaxation and sightseeing in Cinque Terre with Annee Kelly. Enjoy another included dinner with the group this evening.

**DAY 6: Friday 5 September 2025**

**Monterosso, Cinque Terre**

Today we travel to Sestri Levante a stunning coastal town for a full day of painting. Nestled between the renowned Cinque Terre and the bustling city of Genoa. Often referred to as the "Bay of Fairy Tales" due to its enchanting beauty, Sestri Levante boasts breathtaking landscapes, pristine beaches, and a rich cultural heritage. One of the highlights of Sestri Levante is its dual bays: the Baia delle Favole (Bay of Fairy Tales) and the Baia del Silenzio (Bay of Silence). The Baia delle Favole is characterized by its colourful buildings, charming promenade, and vibrant atmosphere, while the Baia del Silenzio offers a more serene and tranquil setting, perfect for relaxation and reflection. You will be able to explore its historic centre, adorned with narrow cobblestone streets, picturesque squares, and historic landmarks such as the Church of San Nicolò, dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy another included dinner with the group this evening.

**DAY 7: Saturday 6 September 2025**

**Lake Maggiore**

This morning marks our departure from the captivating Cinque Terre as we set our sights on Lake Maggiore, one of Italy's most renowned lakes. Revered for its legendary beauty, Lake Maggiore captivates with its majestic and occasionally untamed allure, drawing visitors from far and wide. Among its many attractions are the Borromean Islands, adding to the lake's allure and charm. Fed by the Ticino River, originating in Switzerland, Lake Maggiore showcases a spectrum of colours, from the mesmerizing jade green in the north to the deep, serene blue in the south.







**DAY 8: Sunday 7 September 2025**  
**Lake Maggiore**

Today promises a full day of artistic immersion at Lake Maggiore. Under Annee's expert guidance, we will venture to a picturesque location carefully selected for its painting potential. There, Annee will lead the group in a demonstration, illuminating techniques and insights to inspire our creativity. Following the demonstration, Annee will provide individual attention, guiding workshop members as they bring their artistic visions to life.

**DAY 9: Monday 8 September 2025**  
**Lake Maggiore**

Following breakfast, we embark on a scenic boat ride to Isola Bella, the crown jewel of the Borromean Islands. Upon arrival, we're greeted by the magnificent Palace, an architectural marvel crafted in the Lombard Baroque style. Inside, we are treated

to a glimpse of history as we explore the opulent staterooms, including Napoleon's room, the Hall of Mirrors, and the enchanting music room. We will also visit the landscaped gardens, dating back to the 17th century, boasting ten terraces adorned with statues, fountains, and an array of fragrant blooms, including delicate roses and aromatic plants. As we wander through this botanical wonderland, we are presented with an abundance of captivating subjects, perfect for our painting session.

**DAY 10: Tuesday 9 September 2025**  
**Lake Maggiore**

Today, our journey takes us to the tranquil shores of Lake d'Orta for a day dedicated to painting. Nestled in the foothills of the majestic Alps, to the west of Lake Maggiore and close to the charming town of Orta San Giulio, this hidden gem awaits. Despite being one of the smaller lakes in the renowned Italian Lake District, Lake d'Orta holds its own, celebrated for its unparalleled natural beauty and serene atmosphere.

**DAY 11: Wednesday 10 September 2025**  
**Lake Maggiore**

Today, our journey takes us to Baveno, renowned for its graceful villas and vibrant waterfront. Along the waterfront, the scene unfolds with charming boats gently swaying in the harbor, creating wonderful subject for today's painting session.



**DAY 12: Thursday 11 September 2025**  
**Lake Maggiore**

Our last day in Lake Maggiore with Annee providing valuable guidance on our last day of painting. A thoughtful critique session is scheduled for the late afternoon, offering a reflective discussion on the workshop's accomplishments. The group will gather for an included farewell dinner, celebrating the shared success of our artistic endeavours.

**DAY 13: Friday 12 September 2025**  
**Departure**

This morning, we say farewell to the serene beauty of Lake Maggiore as we make our way to Milan Malpensa airport to meet flights departing after 12pm midday.

<b>TOUR PRICES</b>	<b>AUD:</b>	<b>USD:</b>	<b>AUD:</b>	<b>USD:</b>
<b>Workshop price per person twin-share</b>	<b>\$ 5695</b>	<b>\$ 3775</b>	<b>Single supplement</b>	<b>\$ 995 \$ 660</b>
<b>Non-painter discount</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>		

**Tour Inclusions:**

- 6 nights' accommodation in Monterosso and 6 nights' accommodation in Lake Maggiore in 3-star hotels.
- 19 meals including 7 dinners and daily breakfast.
- Intensive painting sessions including demonstrations, painting instruction and regular critique sessions.
- Great fun painting and sightseeing in Monterosso, Vernazza, Levanto, Sestri Levante, Isola Bella, Lake d'Orta, and Baveno.
- All coach travel and transfers.
- Welcome and farewell drinks.
- First-class teaching by world famous watercolor artist and teacher, Annee Kelly.
- Workshop accompanied by a professional workshop manager.
- A certificate confirming your successful completion of the Workshop.

**Not included in the price:**

- Travel arrangements not specified in the itinerary, such as air travel from your home to and from the workshop.
- Travel insurance. We strongly recommend travel insurance to cover yourself for cancellation, medical and hospital expenses, and other unforeseen expenses.
- Gratuities to the coach drivers and local guides.
- Sightseeing unless specified in the workshop itinerary.
- Drinks and meals other than those specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Airport and overseas arrival/departure taxes.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Passport and visa fees.



**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1. Payment Conditions:**

A reservation deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 60 days prior to the date of departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payments by Visa, Mastercard and Amex.

**2. Alteration to Workshop Vacation Price:**

The Painting Workshop Vacation price is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances and changes in the cost of travel and accommodation services. Should any increase in the Workshop Vacation price be unacceptable to the registered member, a full refund of monies paid will be made.

**3. Cancellation and Amendments:**

Cancellations received in writing 60 or more days from the date of departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellations received 60 or fewer days before departure will result in a loss of all monies paid. There are no refunds for services not utilized while on a Workshop Vacation. Travel insurance is highly recommended to cover Workshop members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the Workshop Vacation and for cancellation fees that could result from illness, accident, death or other contingencies. Once a booking has been confirmed, one amendment to travel arrangements will be made free-of-charge. Subsequent changes to travel arrangements will incur an amendment fee of \$25 per change in addition to supplier charges.

**4. Minimum Workshop Vacation Numbers:**

Each Painting Workshop Vacation has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of members travelling. In the

event that fewer than the minimum number of members have confirmed their booking 60 days from the date of commencement, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the Workshop Vacation, giving a full refund of monies paid, or to offer arrangements to proceed with the Workshop Vacation at a modified price.

**5. General:**

In the unlikely event that the Workshop tutor is unable to perform his or her duties due to unforeseen contingencies, Travelrite International reserves the right to substitute another artist as tutor or to continue with the Workshop Vacation as planned or to provide a cash refund to Workshop members equivalent to the value of the Workshop leadership. International Artist Painting Workshops can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair-climbing in the regions visited and it is important that all members have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in these activities without the need of assistance from others.

**6. Tax Considerations:**

If you regularly sell your own paintings, you may fall into the semi-professional or professional category for taxation purposes and the tour cost may be tax-deductible. We recommend that you seek the advice of a qualified tax adviser.

**7. Responsibilities:**

Travelrite International Pty Ltd., their agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with these Workshop Vacations shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or of default of any hotel, carrier,

restaurant, company or person rendering any services included in the Workshops, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism, or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expenses, omissions, delays, rerouting or acts of any government or authority. Baggage remains at owner's risk throughout the Workshop Vacation. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of these Painting Workshop Vacations and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any Painting Workshop Vacation and/or to make such changes in the Painting Workshop Vacation as may be found desirable for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying-out of the Painting Workshop Vacation. Registration for any Painting Workshop Vacation constitutes a contract which shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be taken in the State of Victoria.

**How to Book:**

Bookings can be made by completing the online booking form or sending it with a deposit to:

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