

Painting Holidays

In Summer 2022 we started offering painting holidays in Portugal and these have proved to be a huge success. Due to this we have now expanded and offer 6 artist-led painting holidays in Europe for Summer 2025. These holidays are suitable for all levels of artists with the majority being watercolours, except Roger's who leads an oil-based painting holiday in Portugal.



What to expect

Join a group of like-minded artists on a teacher-led holiday in Europe where you can develop your painting skills. Everything is arranged by Friendship Travel including your flights and ATOL protection.

2025/26 Painting Holidays

Northern Ireland

Marine Hotel, Ballycastle
(please view our website for details)

Portugal

Casa Rosa Villa, Olhão
10 rooms – p21, 25 & 44

Italy

La Placette Hotel, Usseaux
14 rooms – p25

Please visit our website for dates and full details.



Meet the Artists

Dora Keogh – Dora, Dublin-born, resides in Olhão, where she paints and teaches, focusing on individual self-expression in a relentlessly positive, non-judgemental atmosphere.

Roger Dellar – Roger is a figurative artist who paints en plein air and in the studio, painting in oil but is capable in all media. He has a particular interest in light effects and people.

Graham Thew – Graham is confident in watercolour and is a drawing demonstrator. Inclusive and understanding, he dedicates time to students, ensuring a fun and informative experience.

Julie Ford – Julie is an experienced artist and tutor whose passion is helping others to explore new skills in colour, composition, observation and technique.

Colin Joyce – Colin teaches art workshops on land and on cruise ships plus writes for art publications, and uses mainly watercolour and oils.

Luisa Diaz Chamorro – Luisa, born in Málaga, lives in Italy. Luisa is a professional artist who gives inspirational lessons in watercolour and drawing, both indoors and en plein air.