

ART SAFARI

SPAIN



## Wild Rosemary & Oranges

31 May to 6 June 2020

With artist tutor Shelly Perkins

Join artist Shelly Perkins for lively springtime painting outdoors in the wild Alpujarra region of Andalusia. Based in the small mountainside village of Mairena, this Art Safari residential tour has beautiful mountains and pretty villages to paint from every view.

In village gardens trees are heavily laden with bright succulent oranges, flowers spill out from pots on windowsills and long blue shadows play on the white washed buildings.

This is a peaceful haven for nature lovers with a rich diversity of plants, flowers, birds and butterflies. In May the bee eater's return to the Alpujarra, weaving bright flashes of colour into the silver grey tones of rock and bark.

Shelly will tutor in watercolour, helping you to develop your own style of working in the rich tapestry of this gorgeous Mediterranean landscape. Tackle sweeping vistas or contain your paintings concentrating on a smaller frame, producing detailed descriptive works, playing with texture and tone. In your paintings you will be capturing rugged wilderness and beauty, painting in remote villages surrounded by olive groves and cultivated terraces, peaceful valleys and rocky gorges.



Our en suite accommodation at Las Chimeneas is wonderfully traditional with blue painted shutters, white washed walls and antique furniture. Hosts David and Emma are looking forward to having artists in residence and will be on-hand with local knowledge, and entertaining anecdotes about life in Mairena.



It is possible to walk back along rosemary scented trails from nearby painting locations and your art kit will be transported for you. Optional pre-breakfast yoga may be available at the Las Chimeneas Finca Studio if you are interested (subject to availability - not included).

We will work up an appetite in the clear mountain air. Breakfast and supper are taken in the guesthouse dining room, prepared by the friendly team in the kitchen using delicious fresh local produce, much of which is grown at the Las Chimeneas Finca. Lunches during painting excursions are either picnics, or at village cafes or bars.

Mid-week we take a full day excursion to Granada (approx. 2hr scenic drive). The Moorish quarter is a maze of whitewashed houses, renaissance palaces and minarets. Narrow streets offer up many architectural treasures to sketch with Shelly.

\*The Alhambra Palace is a dazzling place to sketch and offers plenty to challenges us, with its elegant symmetry, geometrical patterns, columns, fountains, reflections and mosaics. The Generalife, the Palace garden attached to the Alhambra, was created as a private place of peace and tranquillity for the Granadan Muslim Kings.



\* *There is a very high demand for Alhambra tickets, so entry is subject to availability. To help us try and make a booking for you, we will need your passport details well in advance. If we are unable to gain access to the Alhambra, we will find a good view of the castle to sketch it from the outside.*

**Mairena is a mountain village with steep pathways, so a reasonable level of fitness is required!**



**Your tutor Shelly Perkins** is a freelance wildlife artist whose passion for wildlife, travel and conservation drive the development of her work. She aims to emulate both the beauty and fragility of the natural world and present it an accessible way.

Shelly's style is unique and unusual, combining traditional painting and drawing techniques with digital enhancement to create rich images of wildlife and landscapes. As well as showing her work in galleries Shelly has also undertaken commissions for The BBC Wildlife Magazine, The National Trust, The RSPB, and WWF, and was chosen as the Scott Polar research institute's 2017 Antarctic Artist in Residence.

## Tour Cost from £1456 per person sharing

Single room supplement from £330

**Includes:** Airport transfers from/to Malaga (to meet group flight times), accommodation, meals as detailed on itinerary, excursions, art tuition and guiding.

**Excludes:** Flights, visas (if required), drinks and gratuities.

The **joining point** is Malaga Airport. If you live too far away from Gatwick, please ask us about other options. If you wish to fly to a different airport in Spain please let us know and we will arrange individual airport transfers for you (not included). Below is the Easyjet flight that the included group transfers are aimed at meeting (not included):

Sunday 31 May	EZY8603	London-Gatwick 08:00	Malaga 12:00
Saturday 06 June	EZY8608	Malaga 16:45	London-Gatwick 18:45

The group transfer is a scenic drive of approximately 3 hours, this is included in the tour cost.



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