

Julie Douglas, May 2010, in English only

**Dates**

- 23-29 May 2010

**Price**

- € 1100 per week (plus € 100 for single-room occupancy)
- € 900 for non-painting partners

**What is included:**

Accommodation in a *trullo*, breakfast, light lunch with local wine (except on days 1 and 6), dinner on days 1 and 6, transfers from railway station/airport (Bari/Brindisi) at beginning and end of stay, excursions, tuition and painting materials

**What is not:**

Travel to and from Italy, evening meals on days 2-5, medical and other insurance.

**Groups of three or more sharing a room:** special rates apply

**Booking**

- [info@alberobelloholidays.com](mailto:info@alberobelloholidays.com) or via [www.alberobelloholidays.com](http://www.alberobelloholidays.com)

**Getting there and back**

- if you are flying from Ireland we recommend the following routes:
- outward-bound: Shannon-London Stansted-Bari, with Ryanair
- return: Naples-Dublin with AerLingus
- if there are enough participants using this route, we will organize a shuttle between Bari and Naples (otherwise there is a bus or train); this is NOT covered in the price don't delay booking this flight - the earlier you book, the better the prices
- see : [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com), [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com), [www.alitalia.com](http://www.alitalia.com), [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com)

Your teacher

Julie Douglas is an artist/illustrator with 20 years' teaching experience. She is well known for her very positive approach, and is most passionate about drawing as the key to success. She teaches from her studio at home in the West of Ireland and exhibits in Ireland and the UK. For more information, see [www.artatthepark.net](http://www.artatthepark.net)

Julie will begin with drawing (using pencils, chalks and/or charcoals), and gently guide you through small, manageable exercises, to tackle colour and tone, and through observation build your confidence at using water colours. Subject will include still life, skies, landscape, trees and buildings. You are also welcome to use any other media that you enjoy (bringing your own materials), and may wander off to do your own thing. The aim is to help you relax and feel comfortable and enjoy the experience.

Julie is a gentle, encouraging teacher. You won't feel intimidated in her class, but instead, you'll be amazed at how good your own work is by the end of each session. You'll be inspired, motivated and feeling better about yourself. The classes are informal in atmosphere, but with a formal structure to each session, making it easier for students to achieve their goals.



The classes

Classes are held in the mornings.

Just for fun, your work will be exhibited on the last day at the *Casa D'Amore* art gallery in Alberobello.

Practicalities

A light lunch (typical local food and wine) is provided. After a short siesta, excursions are arranged some days, or carry on painting if you prefer.

In the evening, dinner can be arranged for the group at local restaurants. We are happy to recommend our favourites.



## PROGRAMME

### Day 1 (Sunday)

Arrival and transfer to accommodation  
Settle into rooms, welcome drink, presentation of programme and group, dinner together

### Day 2 (Monday)

Breakfast  
9.30-12.30 am: Painting class  
Lunch, siesta

4.30 pm: Guided tour of the historical centre of Alberobello, the famous "Trulli capital". The town was recognized in 1996 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- *Belvedere dei Trulli* and *Rione Monumentale Aia Piccoli*
- *Casa D'Amore*
- *Museo del Territorio "Casa Pezzolla"*
- *Rione monumentale ai Monti*
- *Chiesa di Sant'Antonio*

[www.alberobello.net](http://www.alberobello.net)  
[www.comune.alberobello.ba.it](http://www.comune.alberobello.ba.it)  
[www.trulliland.it](http://www.trulliland.it)  
[www.sylvanet.it](http://www.sylvanet.it)

Wine tasting at the *Museo del Vino Cantina Albea*

[www.albeavini.com](http://www.albeavini.com)

Dinner (individual programme)

### Day 3 (Tuesday)

Morning: see day 2

4 pm: Guided tour of Grotte di Castellana (caves)

- A spectacular one-kilometre walk along an ancient river winding between stalactites and stalagmites carved from the rock (50 minutes).

[www.grottedicastellana.it](http://www.grottedicastellana.it)

Dinner (individual programme)

### Day 4 (Wednesday)

Morning: see day 2  
Afternoon: free  
Dinner (individual programme)

### Day 5 (Thursday)

Morning: see day 2

4.30 pm: Excursion to Martina Franca, beautiful white hilltop village near Alberobello, with its charming crooked alleyways and flowery balconies.

Dinner in Martina Franca, individually or with the group

[www.martinafrancatour.it](http://www.martinafrancatour.it)

### Day 6 (Friday)

Breakfast  
Short class, then visit to the *Casa D'Amore* art gallery, where your paintings will be exhibited - just for fun!

Excursion to the seaside

Evening: End-of-week party: music, dancing and local food; souvenir of your stay

### Day 7:

10 am: Breakfast and check-out

A few samples of Julie's work. See [www.artatthepark.net](http://www.artatthepark.net) for more.

