




Plein Air Asturias

A Painting Holiday in Northern Spain

with artist Mary Padgett, September 10 - 17, 2022
8-days, 1600 Euros





JOIN ARTIST MARY PADGETT for an intimate, more authentic European experience in one of the most pristine and least toured areas in Spain. Immerse yourself in the perfect artistic environment: a magnificent landscape, a unique culture, comfortable lodging, and a supportive community of artists. Live, paint, and relax in this hidden corner of Spain!



Our accommodations are at Fuentes de Lucía, a newly converted farmhouse resting on a hillside in the lush and picturesque Quirós Valley. With spectacular mountains, fertile farmland, ancient villages, and Spain's Atlantic coastline as our backdrop, we'll travel daily by foot and/or van to paint under the direction of artist

"The food and wine, the lovely, fully-equipped rooms, the view from the terrace, all were far above my expectations. All in all, it was a marvelous time, one I will never forget. When do we get to do it again?"

– Phyllis S.



and teacher Mary Padgett. Our subjects will be as diverse as the landscape we cover: terra cotta-roofed villages nestled in the mountainsides, thousand-year-old yew trees, hórreos (Asturian granaries), a dramatic coastline with sandy coves and hillside fishing villages – even an open-air mercado and a town square on a busy morning.

"I so enjoyed the week of painting with you as our instructor. You were instructive, helpful and inspiring as a teacher. You went out of your way to help beginners as well as more advanced artists with technique and enjoyment of the process. I was so impressed with the work we all did, and your critiques were positive and informative. I learned a lot!"

–Iris S.

All portable art media including pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, pen and ink, cameras, and iPads are welcome as are artists from beginners to professionals. Mary will offer participants technical instruction and will establish a supportive working environment to enhance each artist's experience. In the evenings we will gather for critiques and discussions. We welcome non-artists as well with alternative activities offered during our painting sessions.

The 1600 Euro fee includes spacious lodging, all breakfasts and seven dinners expertly prepared by both chef/owners Juan Carlos and Judy Colaneri, daily transportation, guide service and instruction from award-winning artist and art educator, Mary Padgett (www.marypadgett.com).





Day 1 Oviedo – Faedo, Fuentes de Lucía

Our guides will meet us in Oviedo at 3PM*. Our first stop, minutes from downtown Oviedo, is the site of two ninth century, pre-Romanic churches that have been declared World Heritage sites by UNESCO. We will then head south through the lush green Trubia river valley basin in the Ubiñas Mountains, part of the massive Cordillera Cantábrica Mountain range. *Casa Rural de Fuentes de Lucía*, a recently converted farmhouse in the hamlet of Faedo, will be our home for the week.

**An optional walking tour of Oviedo will be offered in the morning, covering the city's historic district including a visit to the Museo de Bellas Artes to view paintings by El Greco, Goya, the 20th c. Master Joaquin Sorolla and other notable Spanish artists.*

Day 2 Quirós Valley

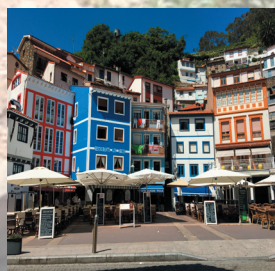


Following a footpath from the backdoor of *Fuentes de Lucía* we'll walk through a forest of hazelnut and chestnut trees passing three stone spelt mills, each one over 200 years old. We will continue onto Toriezo where we will stop to capture the landscape and unusual buildings of this lost hamlet. After lunch we will head to nearby Cuañana to paint the village's Romanesque church and its many *hórreos*. *Hórreos* are granaries, unique to Asturias and Roman by design, still used by farmers to store potatoes, corn, and onions.

Day 3 Somiedo

We'll travel south by van through breathtakingly beautiful mountain passes to Somiedo National Park, a seldom visited park sharing its border with Castilla y Leon. Somiedo is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, recognized for the diverse landscape of flora and fauna and for its preservation of tradition. The complete isolation of this area makes it seem as if time were actually standing still.

Farmers move their cattle by foot within the park in a pastoral lifestyle out of the 1700's. A favorite subject in Somiedo is the park's many *brañas*, thatched stone cabins used by the herdsman.



Day 4 Bermiego and Bárzana

We will cross the Quirós Valley to Bermeigo and Bárzana, among the most beautiful mountain villages in Asturias. It was in these villages that the Visigoth aristocracy hid during the Moorish invasion. Walking through the village in Bermiego we will end at a promontory overlooking the valley, where the Romanesque Santa Maria church was constructed centuries ago next to the oldest yew tree in Europe, estimated to be between 1,200-1,500 years old. In Bárzana we will feast on a *menu del dia* at Casa Jamallo.



village built on a hillside that slopes down to a picture-perfect harbor.

Day 6 Valle Teverga

Teverga, inhabited since prehistoric times, is now part of Las Ubiñas - La Mesa Nature Park. We'll take a walk on the Senda del Oso, a gentle path built on what was once a mining railroad, alongside a beautiful river. Later on we'll paint in the mountainside medieval village of Bandujo where our subjects will be stone buildings set against wooded hillsides and breathtaking vistas.



Day 7 Las Xanas

We will begin our day in the town of Villanueva, built hundreds of years ago along the Rio Trubia. A Romanesque-era bridge still spans the river. Those wanting a spectacular vista can walk above Villanueva into the Las Xanas Gorge. We'll gather in the afternoon in the tiny hamlet of Pedroveya where we will feast on the famous Asturian bean stew, *fabada*, accompanied with Asturian cider at Casa Generosa.



Day 5 The Asturian coastline

Traveling north by van we will reach the Camino del Norte at San Esteban. This camino winds along Asturias' *Costa Verde* and is said to be the most beautiful of the ancient pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela. We'll walk on the Camino a short distance to beautiful Playa Aguilar where we will spend a relaxing afternoon sharing a tasty picnic of local delicacies, painting the seacoast, and swimming in the Mar Cantábrico. We end the day with a stop at Cudillero, an ancient fishing

Day 8 Return to the Oviedo

After breakfast, your guides will drive you back to Oviedo. Please plan for flights that depart after noon.

This itinerary may change slightly due to weather, festivals, spontaneous side trips, and the consensus of the group.

"Magical was the word we all used over and over... simply magical."

– Carolyn H.

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Your Trip Registration, page 1

(please fill out, sign and send both registration pages with your payment)



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____

TELEPHONE HOME: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

Tour price is 1600 € (Euros) per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is 500 € (Euros).

A deposit, at the time of your registration, of 500 € (Euros) per person is required to reserve your space.

The full balance is due no later than July 1, 2022.

Enclosed is a check in (\$) **US dollars** (please check www.x-rates.com for the current exchange rate of euros to dollars) in the amount of \$ _____ as () Deposit **OR** () Full Payment

Please read **Terms & Conditions**, **Cancellation & Refund Terms**, and **Liability Disclaimer** below. You must include the signed **Liability Disclaimer** with your check. Make check payable to MARY PADGETT FINE ART LLC and mail to:

MARY PADGETT FINE ART LLC
2514 Damon Road
New Woodstock, New York 13122

Terms & Conditions

Space is reserved on this trip in the order of receipt of deposit. Trip is limited to 14 participants based on double occupancy.

1600 € (Euros)/per person fee includes lodging at *Hotel Fuentes de Lucia*. The fee also includes all breakfasts and all dinners including wine. Group transportation is included as are the services of guides. Not included in the fee are round trip international airfare, most lunches, laundry service, gratuities, and other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Participants on this tour must be in good physical condition. You must be able to walk, without assistance, a minimum of one mile over uneven terrain and negotiate stairs that may not have handrails.

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