

Ted Travels

Spring Watercolor Painting and graphics Retreat Hosted by Eleanor Mill 1 - 8 October 2022



Description of my artist technique:

I am a watercolour and graphics artist. Foremost I work in a realistic manner.

What I reckon is that the best practice for learning & pleasure is Plein Air and Urban sketching.

As a Plein air practice, I'm going to teach my students watercolour wet-on-wet technique. It is a quick and impressive way, which helps to create air-filled spaciousness landscapes. Usually work on the painting takes 3-4 hours.

Watercolor wet-on-wet or watercolor on glass is one of the classic techniques.

The most important tool for this technique is a glass (plastic or plexiglass, or any water-resistant surface)

The key aspect of this technique is that we no need of any additional fasteners. We no need to fix a sheet to the surface.

We use a wet sheet of paper without tape, clothespins, clips or any others.

The idea is that as long the sheet is wet, it is absolutely flat. That is a perfect surface to work on.

We moisten the leaf on the back side only. Then wet back side of the sheet securely stick to the glass. Paper won't bend and wave during the work.

The sheet will be generously soaked with moisture, but the front side will remain dry enough so that the watercolour does not spread over it. In this way, we will be able to control the edges of our drawing. And any applied colour won't dry immediately and will remain mobile for some time.

Southern Morocco

Discover the wealth of southern Morocco; sand dunes, plateaus and oases. From Marrakech, you cross the High Atlas, descend to the Daraa Valley, cross the great zagoura and Mhamid desert. In addition, you will discover all the wealth of the Zagora region: the stage city for the caravans who went across the Sahara to bring back the precious salt, gold and ivory from Timbuktu. Under palm trees, fruit trees and crops, a multitude of villages and sumptuous kasbah are available to you. You will leave Zagora via the Drâa valley by the road leading to Ouarzazate, and from there will join the pearl of the south: Marrakech.

You Love:

The tasting of Berber dishes accompanied by mint tea

- The walk on the back of camels in the dunes
- The night in a bivouac at the feet of the dunes of Erg Chebbi
- Visiting the old Koranic library and pottery workshops in the Tamgroute region - Lunch and discovery of the kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, jewel of UNESCO

- The oases of Telouet and the gorges (Dades and Toudgha)
- Visiting the Boughafe souk, the ruins of Sijilmassa and the oases of Zagora
- Free visit to the city of Zagora
- The visit to the Djemaa el Fna market place in Marrakech.

Program:

1st day: MARRAKECH - TELOUET OASIS - AIT BEN HADDOU -

Morning departure with our vehicle to the High Atlas through the Tichka pass (2260 m). Then you take the direction of the very beautiful site of Telouet from where you join the kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou by the old caravan route. have Lunch and visit this jewel that is classified as World Heritage by Unesco.

2nd day: AIT BEN HADDOU

first sketch of Ait Ben Haddou from the panoramic terrace our gîte. In the afternoon, visit to the historic city and sketch in the shaded alleys and on the edge of the wadi.

Day 3: Ouarzazate- Zagora - M'hamid - Erg Chegaga

Departure from Ouarzazate to Zagora, M'hamid, stop in Tamgroute to visit the Koranic library and the manufacture of pottery. Then continue until M'hamid. Lunch. In the afternoon, departure for the Chegaga dunes, crossing 60 km of desert, passing through the sacred oasis. Arrival at the magnificent camp before sunset, take a walk in dromedary, welcome tea, evening animated by songs from nomads, dinner and night in tent at the feet of the dunes

Day 4: Erg Chegaga - Fom Zguid – Skoura

After breakfast in the middle of the desert, departure to cross 90 km more in the desert via Lake Iriqui and the village of Fom-Zguid, midday meal on the road, then pursuit to Ouarzazate. Arrived at the end of the afternoon

5th day: Kasbah Amerhidil

The kasbah Amerhidil is impressive for its size .It was built by the master of the Glaoui Qur' an in the seventeenth century.

The visit to the inner courtyard and apartments makes it possible to understand some of the rules of community life in such a building: the 5 windows of the prayer room symbolizing the number of prayers per day ; the 4 towers used by the 4 women of the master of the place. A small museum presents objects of daily life from the period and an olive press.

6th day: Palm - MARRAKECH

You return to Marrakech by the Tichka pass and the laurel road. Visit to the medina. At a time when the sun is setting in the famous Place Djemaa el Fna, also classified as a heritage of humanity, acrobats, snake charmers, storytellers, musicians, etc., are gonna be there to entertain you.

7th day : Marrakesh

Today, enjoy a full day of sightseeing of this incredible city. Your guide will meet you at the hotel lobby. Start with visit :

El-Bahia Palace

This 19th century palace was built by ba ahmed over a period of seven years , the son of the Grand Vizier Si Moussa. There are row after row of apartments that once housed Ahmed's harem-a trapezoidal garden, a huge tiled courtyard, and many hidden treasures, both in the form of antique objects d'art, and the palace's convergence of Andalusian and Moorish architecture. You will Continue to Menara Gardens in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, and wander among the olive trees surrounding the central lake.

Stop for a lunch at a local restaurant (You will pay directly for your meal).

After lunch You will have a visit to the botanical gardens of Marjorelle, a property acquired in 1922 by the painter of the same name and then bought and developed by Yves St Laurent. These gardens are an oasis in the heart of the city and rich with flora and fauna. Once inside the garden walls, you would never think you were in the heart of a busy city.

Then on to " Le Jardin Secret". One of the largest and oldest riads in the medina, it has been beautifully restored to showcase the art and architecture of Moroccan gardens. Behind high walls is a hidden oasis that celebrates the ancient role of gardens and water in traditional Moroccan living. One garden features exotic plants from around the world; and the Islamic Garden symbolizes paradise as it is described in the Koran. In addition to the gardens and ancient water fountain system, there are restored buildings including a hammam and café that offers lovely views of the gardens and medina

8th day: Marrakech airport

After breakfast, you will be taken from the riad / hotel to Marrakech airport. farewell day

Watercolor Painting Trip - General Conditions of Registration

Registration & Payment : To reserve your place :

- Step 1 :

1_Please fill out the registration forms and send it to your teacher : **Eleanor Mill.**

*«1»To reserve your place, a deposit is required: - 250 euros per workshop student
- 150 euros per accompanying persons

-- Total Price of the workshop and the trip

- 1150 €Accompanying Person

- 1250 €for Student

Please contact the teacher for more information about the deposit «1»

Teacher's Coordinates: Eleanor Mill

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WW-7CmhSnw>
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REGISTRATION FORM WORKSHOP/TRIP

Name: **First name:**

Birth date: **Nationality:**

Passport Number: **Expiration Date of Passport:**

Address:

Email address: **Landline phone:**

Mobile/Cell phone:

Insurance

Company Name: **Contract number:**

Insurance assistance telephone number (s):

Person to contact in case of Emergency

Emergency contact :

Email : **Telephone number :** (include country and area code).....

Estimated technical level (eg beginner, amateur, confirmed, expert, pro ...).

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How did you know about our trip?

Additional information you would like to give us:

(In particular please report any health problem that may have an influence on the smooth progress of the trip).

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I wish to participate in this workshop/trip and acknowledge having read the terms and conditions of registration.

Dated:.....**At:**.....

Signature.....

- Step 2 : Please Check : Book this retreat in our website

-An obligatory deposit «2» of 30% sent by bank transfer – Or the full amount-, PayPal, Payoneer, Transferwise or International mandate.

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-(**) The rest you can deliver it when you start the trip in Morocco

Cancellation

- **In case of withdrawal of a participant** within 90 days before the start of the trip, the amount already paid will not be refunded.

- **In case of cancellation of the trip** on the initiative of the organizers:

- Where possible, a new date will be proposed to the registrants. The trainee already registered who is not able to participate in this new session will be fully refunded of the sums already paid.

- **In the event of cancellation** of the trip without the possibility of proposing another date, all the participants will be completely refunded the sums already paid.









