

# The Watermill *at Posara*

A week-long art course in Tuscany, Italy,  
**‘sketching fast and loose’**  
with **Rhoda Draws: 4-11 July 2015**



A wonderfully relaxing painting holiday in the beautiful Tuscan countryside, spectacular scenery, wonderful food and wine. For centuries artists have drawn their inspiration from the Tuscan landscape and you could find few better places to enjoy your art and improve your skills than our beautiful historic watermill, set beside the banks of a river in a gentle, wooded valley.

You'll also visit castles, convents, ancient walled towns, hilltop villages slumbering in the sun and the stunning World Heritage Mediterranean villages of the Cinque Terre.

*“An enchanting place - I really loved it, endless delightful subjects to paint”*

*“From the moment I stepped into my apartment and saw and heard the river, I realised it was going to be very special”*

***“We’ve been on many painting holidays, but this was the best ever.”***

## Your tutor: Rhoda Draws



**Rhoda Draws** (that's her legal name, since 2009) lives near San Francisco, California, where she draws, paints and teaches workshops in sketching 'fast and loose.'

Rhoda likes to combine her love of travel with techniques for rapid drawing 'on the go'. Her sketchbooks are filled with drawings created in Europe, North America and the Indian subcontinent. She works with waterproof pens and aquarelle (water-soluble) coloured pencils to create a variety of styles with a minimum of fuss.

According to Rhoda, quick sketching on location is ideal for making an illustrated travel journal, for improving your observational skills and for exploring ideas for more detailed projects. She says: *"If you capture the essence of a scene or monument or person in a few minutes, the result can be a finished work of art."*

We should emphasise that everything is included in the cost of your holiday at the watermill: tuition, accommodation (including all linen and towels), pre-dinner aperitifs, all meals (including meals with wine at charming local restaurants) and all local transportation (to castles, convents, hilltop villages and including transfers to Pisa airport and an excursion by train to Lucca or the Cinque Terre).

### **You get to Pisa, we do the rest!**

Prices are in English pounds [£(GBP)]. If you book before September 2014 you can enjoy next year's course at this year's prices: they start at £(GBP) 1,310 (about \$2,150) per person per week (based on two people sharing), with a generous discount of £(GBP) 200 (about \$330) for a non-painting partner. Single rooms are £(GBP) 1,399 (about \$2,300), or £(GBP) 1,499 (about \$2,470) with *en suite* bathroom.

**If you would like to enquire about availability and/or reserve your place, please email us at [info@watermill.net](mailto:info@watermill.net), or call us on (UK number) +44 207 293 6246.**