

**PAINTING HOLIDAY IN CAZORLA, JAÉN, SPAIN
WITH CHRISTINE RUSSELL, SEPT. 5th – 12th, 2019**



Following yet another highly successful year of running independent painting holidays in Spain and the Greek Islands, we are looking forward to returning to the picturesque village of Cazorla in Jaen Province, a relatively 'undiscovered' part of Andalucía. We will stay in the 3-star Hotel Villa de Cazorla, a friendly and comfortable 3-star hotel, with swimming pool and stunning views across the village rooftops to the Peña de los Halcones.

Cazorla lies at an elevation of 836m and is situated at the entrance to Spain's largest National Park, comprising the Sierras De Cazorla, Segura and Las Villas parks, a vast protected area of magnificent river gorges and forests. It is here that the great Guadalquivir River rises before starting its long journey to the sea. Ibex roam throughout the area and the air is monitored by many raptors, including the Lammergeier, or 'Bone Breaker'! Inhabited since the Copper Age, some 3000 years BC, there were significant Iberian and Roman settlements here. Under the Moors it was a strategic stronghold and 2 Arab castles and many shrines overlook the town.

On your arrival at Malaga airport, I and my friend and colleague, Davy Johnston, will be there to meet you. We will then travel in the air-conditioned vehicles to beautiful Cazorla.

We will visit a different location each day, both in Cazorla and the surrounding countryside, all carefully chosen to provide a variety of subject matter and inspiration, from where you will spend the day painting *en plein air*. I will provide tutorials, critiques, demonstrations and one-to-one tuition. You choose the medium in which you would like to work. My aim is for you to gain as much as possible from your painting holiday and it is for this reason that, unlike many other painting tutors, I do not paint for myself during **your** holiday! You get plenty of good painting done - **and** have lots of fun! There will be a MAXIMUM of 10 people (ex. any non-painting partners), so you can expect plenty of individual attention. **This painting holiday is suitable for all levels of experience.**



Davy will liaise with the hotel, arrange restaurant bookings, drive for us, act as our interpreter and guide and will be on hand to help whenever he is needed. His knowledge of the local area and Spain in general is extensive and you will find him very good company.

Most of our evening meals will be at the hotel and others in local restaurants. Wherever we dine, the meals, with wine, will be very informal and convivial affairs. We can be reasonably certain of good,

warm weather. Bring light clothing, which can be layered, a sun hat and plenty of sun-screen. It makes sense to bring a fleece, light jacket, or wrap, as mountain areas can be chilly in the evenings. We always aim to find locations with enough shade to paint comfortably.

The costs (excluding flights) are as follows:

Part a) For the combined services of myself, Davy, transport hire and running costs: **Total £500. I will require a deposit of £100 at time of**

booking, cheque made payable to Christine Russell. A further payment of £400 will be payable 5 weeks prior to the holiday. Non-participating partners are welcome at a reduced rate.



Part b) Accommodation costs ***IN EUROS*** are as follows:

7 nights HALF BOARD at the 3-star Hotel Villa de Cazorla in a SHARED DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM 412€ /p; in a DOUBLE/SINGLE USE ROOM 560€. Payment for your accommodation will be payable to me shortly before the start of the holiday (arrangements to be confirmed). We will eat out on two occasions during the week in local restaurants, the cost of which is included.

Davy will organize picnics and refreshment breaks during the day, as required. He usually operates his very efficient and economical, tried and tested 'tab' system for buying food and drinks, which is calculated and divided equitably at the end of the week!

Transfer time from Malaga airport to Cazorla approx. 3¼ hours + comfort stops. Lovely landscapes en route!



Flights are not included but, in order that we are able to leave Malaga airport before 13.00 on September 5th, we have to ask that only **EARLY MORNING flights be booked, to arrive Malaga NO LATER THAN 12.00.** Direct early morning flights to Malaga are available from Bristol, Birmingham, East Midlands, Leeds, Glasgow, Luton, Stansted and Gatwick. For those who may prefer to book an overnight stay on Sept. 4th or 12th, Hotel Zen Airport operates free airport shuttles, is 10 mins away and reasonably priced. <http://www.hotelzen.es/en/>

For the return to the UK on September 12th, please book flights to depart from Malaga FROM 14.30 ONWARDS (all airports listed above operate suitable return flights).

For flight information, go to www.skyscanner.net

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