



November 2 - 10, 2007

A Painting Adventure in Italy with Eric Aho

The Great River Arts Institute is pleased to announce a unique opportunity to travel to the beautiful region of Umbria in central Italy to study and paint with Eric Aho. The rich colors of the Umbrian landscape will be particularly vibrant at this time of year.

Eric Aho studied at the Central School of Art and Design in London, England and received a BFA from the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. In 1989, as a graduate student at the Massachusetts College of Art, he participated in the first exchange of scholars between the United States and Cuba since 1959. A Fulbright Fellowship in 1991–1992 allowed him to spend a year painting and traveling through his ancestral Finland with extended trips to Norway and Russian Karelia. Over the past several years his work has been supported by grants and fellowships from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, the Vermont Council on the Arts, the Finlandia Foundation, the Ballinglen Arts Foundation in Ireland, the American-Scandinavian Foundation and the Vermont Community Foundation. He has been a visiting artist at the University of Lapland in Finland, the Burren College of Art in Ireland, the National College of Art and Design in Oslo, Norway, and at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. He currently lives and paints in southern Vermont.



Weathersfield by Eric Aho

We'll make our base for the week at the charming Agriturismo Le Due Torri, set in the heart of the Umbrian countryside just 12 km from Assisi. The buildings are part of a 200 hectare organic farm at the foothills of Spello which produces grapes, olives, cereals, sunflowers and hay - much of what is served in the restaurant in the evenings is straight from the farm. Torre Quadrano and Rocca Deli, the "Two Towers" were used for land supervision in medieval times and will take you back a thousand years in Umbrian history.

This fall, join Eric Aho and other like-minded enthusiasts on the painting experience of a lifetime on the *Landscapes of Umbria*.

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Boston departure on Air France:	\$3980
Land Only (no airfare included):	\$3080
Single supplement:	\$450

Airfares are available from many other U.S. cities. Please call for details.

Airfare:	Roundtrip air from Boston to Rome. All customs fees and airport taxes included.
Hotels:	7 nights accommodation in Le Due Torri. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
Coaching:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
Meals:	Continental breakfast and dinner daily.
Guides:	Discover Europe tour director throughout.
Instruction:	Daily classes with Eric Aho.
Entrances:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
Insurance:	Complete travel insurance including cancellation coverage.



Agriturismo Le Due Torri



Friday, November 2nd
Evening departure from Boston, Logan Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Saturday, November 3rd
Morning arrival in Rome, where you are met by Discover Europe’s representative for the drive north into Umbria. On arrival at our hotel there will be time to unpack and relax before we have an afternoon orientation meeting. A welcome dinner is included this evening. **(D)**

Overnight: Umbria

Sunday, Nov 4th - Friday, Nov 9th
Six days to explore the surrounding countryside, take excursions to the nearby cities of Florence and Assisi, and to paint, paint, paint. Throughout the stay you will be accompanied by Discover Europe’s representative and will have transport by private minivan at your disposal. Breakfast and dinner are included every day. **(B, D)**

Overnight: Umbria

Saturday, November 10th
Morning transfer to Rome airport for return flights to the USA. **(B)**

Overnight: Home



Florence - the “Cradle of the Renaissance”



A Florentine Fountain



David in Florence



San Gimignano of the Towers

Please Note:

The actual day-by-day order of events, during the stay in Umbria, will be determined by the final course curriculum and the weather.

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner