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Re: BellaSardinia Painting Holidays

What constitutes an ideal painting holiday? Quiet, peaceful places to paint in fabulous picturesque locations, away from tourists' inquisitive eyes and comments – flower filled streets in hill-top villages with mountain backdrops; interesting architecture in ancient, fortified coastal towns; market squares and colourful street cafes.

A delightful residence to retire to and relax in the evenings – Palazzo Minerva is a converted old hunting lodge, situated in a nature reserve in the mountains, alive with bird-song, wild flowers and butterflies. The comfortable, spacious bedrooms each have a modern bathroom. Delicious local food is freshly prepared in the hotel kitchen each day and served with local wines and liqueurs. Picnic lunches are provided on location with plenty of fruit and cold drinks.

Sardinia has a wonderful climate – usually not too hot and not too cold with plenty of sunshine. Even if it is a little hot, sun umbrellas are to hand and iced water is served so that you don't dehydrate! Transport is available to ferry, fetch and carry all requirements - from arrival at the airport to departure. Modern easels and chairs are provided – in fact, everything you can think of is provided and included in the price. Above all, there is the overwhelming kindness and enthusiasm of the holiday's organisers, John and Maria to get everything right. And this generates a very happy atmosphere with very happy participants.

An added bonus is the local knowledge of Maria, who is Sardinian, and whose family all live in the area. Consequently, it is a wonderful experience to learn about this country from a very knowledgeable and completely fluent English-speaking guide.

As a consequence, I, as a painting tutor for holidays in the last two years, have no hesitation in recommending Maria and John and their BellaSardinia.com painting holidays to students and tutors alike. It has, for me, been a very happy and enjoyable association.

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