

PAINTING HOLIDAY

KERALA

Date: 16 to 29 Nov 2025

TUTORING BY

SUSANNA BAILEY

PRICE
£ 2500/-
*Per person
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➤ KERALA-INDIA

A Painting Holiday in Kerala with Susanna Bailey. Two weeks of touring and tuition in this beautiful country, visiting four carefully selected destinations which, in turn, offer a unique view of the local culture and day to day life in Southern India. This is a 'once in a lifetime' experience in Gods Own Country which has proved to be a very popular painting trip over the last few years.

➤ HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 nights of accommodation in high-quality hotels
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner is Included
- Painting tuition by Susanna Bailey
- Air-conditioned vehicles throughout the tour
- Full-time support of local tour manager
- Local sightseeing tours
- Half-day boat tour in Kerala Back Waters
- Visit tea and coir producers



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Susanna Bailey first travelled as an artist when she won the Nancy Balfour Scholarship during her post graduate years at the Slade School. This fuelled her love of drawing and painting and has taken her all over the world as a tutor, and as a working artist. Susanna is a colourist who works in several media, specialising in watercolour. Charismatic, popular and fun, she believes that careful teaching covering sketching, colour, composition, and the best use of available materials, will lead to real confidence, and wonderful paintings. Her approach is to give a structured week through demonstration, and one-to-one tuition. She enjoys sharing her love of art history.

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DAY 1 - 4 (16 TO 19 NOV 2025) KUMARAKOM | BACKWATERS

Transfer from Cochin Airport to our first hotel in The Backwaters region. The hotel sits right on the edge of the lagoon and provides a deep sense of calm, a wonderful place to relax, settle in and find your feet after a long flight. By early evening we will be ready to come together for an informal introduction, short tutorial, and tips and tricks for making the most of this painting holiday in Kerala. The best way to see The Backwaters is from the water, so we soak it all up on a boat trip along local canals. We will see houseboats, fishing boats, ferry canoes, women washing clothes and cooking pots, birds, and a tangle of tropical plants. Learn how to include people in your paintings, and how to capture the sunset – be quick, dusk comes very quickly. Kevin will offer demonstrations of technique and there is always an informal critique of the day's events. After a 3-hour boat cruise, a traditional Kerala lunch at a boatman's house will be provided on a bed of banana leaves.



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DAY 5 – 7 (20 TO 22 NOV 2025) PERIYAR | THE GREEN HILLS

Periyar looks spectacular as our minibus climbs high into the green hills. After settling into our hotel, we take a walk to absorb local life and colour. We head off early next morning to Chellar Kovil region, and a plantation with a high viewpoint. We paint 'the big picture' from birds-eye views, before observing subjects like exotic plants and spices close up. We will paint amidst cardamom, pepper, fenugreek, and cinnamon in the spice gardens.

On your free day, you can choose from various options including a boat cruise on the Periyar Lake. During the game-viewing cruise you can spot the Indian gaur, elephants, spotted deer, monkeys, and many other animals. You can visit the most fantastic bookshop, or an elephant sanctuary - a wonderful opportunity to capture these majestic beasts in your sketch books. Other alternatives are a Jeep Safari, jungle walk, or an Ayurveda massage. In the evening we are treated to a thrilling display of Kerala Martial Arts – The Kalaripayattu show and can also have an evening village walk.



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DAY 8 - 10 (23 TO 25 NOV 2025) MUNNAR | THE TEA PLANTATIONS

Munnar is a town of environmental purity situated at the confluence of three mountain streams. It is surrounded by about 30 tea estates, among the highest in the world. At 1,500 metres, this vibrant small town is set amidst lush green tea gardens. We can walk into Munnar from our hotel and move around with our sketchbooks capturing a variety of subjects; a temple, Churchill Bridge, Main Street, and the busy vegetable market to learn the art of quick sketching.

Our painting locations reflect the fresh greens of this tea-growing region. We take on the challenge of painting all that green and looking more closely at rhythm and pattern. At Seven Malai, a pretty village with a river running through it, we spend a few hours painting the plantation workers colourful cottages, in the shade of large trees. There is time to rest and recuperate between excursions and evenings are free to walk around in the town. As an optional extra, we visit a local school of Kerala cuisine to watch a cooking demonstration before dining on the delicious results!



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DAY 11 - 14 (26 TO 28 NOV 2025) FORT KOCHI | THE HERITAGE CITY

The palm-green commercial town of Kerala has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. This old European settlement with its many wonderful buildings reminds us of its rich colonial past. After restoring ourselves, we take a walk to see the glorious Chinese fishing nets, stalls, and shops on the sea front, before watching the sun dip into the Arabian Sea once more. We will have the opportunity to experience the distant views of Fort Cochin on the opposite side of the estuary. Varied subjects to sketch include fishing huts, fishermen mending their nets and their colourful boats, a wonderful old synagogue and the burial place of Vasco da Gama, lovely shops for artefacts, antiques, jewellery or saris, cafes, waterside restaurants, St. Francis Church, the Dutch Palace, and Jew Street! There is an option to watch a traditional Kathakali dance, keeping an eye on the artists who apply the very distinctive and colourful makeup! An informal 'exhibition' will be organized on the last evening of your Holiday. It's fun to recollect the journey we have been on, and the portfolio of work you will have amassed.



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BOOKING INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS

- 13 Night Accommodation in charming high-quality hotels
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- Tuition by Susanna Bailey
- Airconditioned bus throughout the tour
- Full support of local tour manager
- Local Sightseeings
- Traditional cultural show tickets
- All entrance tickets

COST OF HOLIDAY

- Sharing room: £ 2500/per person
- Single room. : £ 2900/per person
(Exclude: Flight, Visa & Insurance)

NON Activity partner discount: £ 250/-

Deposit £250 to book your place on the tour

HOW TO PAY

Note the bank details for the bank transfer. Please quote your name as a reference.

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