

Toscana Americana Workshops  
2009 Season  
*Plein Air Capri, Positano  
& the Amalfi Coast*

This oil painting workshop with Victoria Brooks will emphasize working quickly and completing several oil paintings during the week long session. We will be using a direct approach, which the impressionists called "Alla Prima," or "all at once." One of the goals of this workshop is to learn to simplify and organize visual information to capture the essence of the moment. Your completed paintings will have a fresh, spontaneous feel. We will be working from life (plein air) for reference and inspiration to capture the ambience of these Mediterranean locations, and not just to "copy." You will produce new, unique, beautiful works of art!

Technique, composition, color and values will all be addressed, as a group and individually. This class is for all levels of painters. Victoria will be doing several quick demos, as well as giving, frequent, constructive class critiques.

***All-inclusive tuition,  
accommodations & meal plans  
start at US\$2999.00 single occ!  
US\$2899.00 double occ!  
Non-painters start at \$2599.00***

***This all-inclusive\* workshop  
includes:***

*Nine days of travel, discovery and  
painting of the Island of Capri,  
Positano, Amalfi & Ravello: Its  
villages, beaches, landscape, people  
and culture*

*Eight nights accommodations  
on Capri and Positano\*\*  
Escorted group travel Rome to  
Capri/Positano and return & local  
programmed transfers  
Continental breakfast  
& daily dinner\*\*\**

*Daily wine tasting opportunities  
Day cruise from Capri to Positano  
A farewell wine tasting dinner*

*\*Air travel is not included and is the responsibility of each  
participant. Group convenes and ends in Rome.*

*\*\*Included with "Hotel" plans only, see details*

*\*\*\*Included with "Group Meal Plans" only, see details  
Lunches are not included*

## *Victoria Brooks*

Through numerous gallery exhibitions and shows, art lovers around the world have come to admire and enjoy the art works of Victoria Brooks. She captures the essence of sun-drenched images typical of California in a vibrant, impressionistic style. Victoria's paintings are characterized by intimate moments set in romantic, richly conceived landscapes and seascapes. The result is a hauntingly personal connection with the viewer that resonates at the deepest emotional level. Her special talents are particularly evident in her expressive portraits where she reflects the mood and inner nature of her subjects.

After a successful career as an art director in television and motion pictures, she pursued her love of painting, which she has been doing for 20 years. In addition to being a talented studio artist, she is an accomplished plein air painter as well. She has won numerous "Best of Show" awards for her studio and plein air works. Victoria loves teaching oil and watercolor painting and is a favorite of art clubs for her informative art demonstrations. She teaches plein air painting workshops in California, Italy, France, Ireland and Greece.

Victoria is a Signature Member of National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society (NOAPS) and American Impressionist Society (AIS). She also is an Artist Member of the Oil Painters of American (OPA), California Art Club, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico and Plein Air Painters of Hawaii.

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*We convene in Rome and travel to Naples followed by a cruise across the Bay of Naples, and in the shadow of Mt Vesuvius, to the island of Capri. During the week we will visit the island of Capri, its village namesake and Anacapri. We will also visit the cliff-side villages of Positano, Amalfi, and Ravello. We will have quality time for plenty of painting at each of the towns we visit. And, in true Toscana Americana Workshops style, we will explore the local Italian culture, cuisine and wines while dining in local cliff-side restaurants 100's of feet above the water! This is bound to be a wonderful week with plenty of opportunity to paint "plein air" in a relaxed and inspirational setting!*



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