



Akaroa

Plein aire painting tour

14-21st October
2026



Come and enjoy a week of *plein aire* painting in the beautiful Akaroa township and surrounding Banks Peninsula with me.

Tuesday 14th October – Tuesday 21st October (Limited to 6 artists) partners welcome

This will fill up fast so book NOW!

Info for Amber Emm Painting Tours

Amber Emm, your guide has 25 yrs. experience of teaching adults' art, as well as being an international Professional Artist. She can teach watercolour, acrylic and oils.

www.amberemm-art.com

We will be staying in the stunning colonial-gothic French Bay House in the historic heart of the French village of Akaroa. This house, one of the towns oldest and most photographed is two minutes from the seaside *plage* of what was once known as the New Zealand Riviera. Many restaurants and shops, a boutique cinema, the local museum and the famous Giant's House are a short walk away.



There are four stunning bedrooms with ensuites, and a fifth with twin beds and ensuite which can be shared by two artist friends with a commensurate reduction in price; two large living spaces to share and a picture-perfect cottage garden.

We will pick you up from the Christchurch airport then head out to the peninsula to our gorgeous stay, where we will enjoy a BBQ dinner our first night.

After breakfast each day we will head out to an especially selected locations to paint for approx. 4-5 hrs (painting materials all supplied, acrylic, watercolour, or oils), after which we will head to the nearest restaurant or back to Akaroa for you to get your lunch and browse for the afternoon.





Then we will re-group and all go out for dinner, or you can have dinner where you like, no pressure.

I will supply all the art materials - watercolour, oils or acrylics and teach/ guide you to create 5 lovely paintings to take home.

Please note you need a reasonable level of fitness as you will be standing painting for 4-5 hrs. and walking with backpack to locations, though it should be emphasised that on this trip there will be minimal walking.

A few highlights of our painting week -

Stunning private gardens with historic cottages opened especially for us.

Painting opportunities from the jetties and decks of local yacht and boating clubs.

The Akaroa Lighthouse

Boatsheds

A tiny exquisite historic church at the local Marae.

Secret gardens and ancient sheds.



PRICES:

King room with ensuite per Artist \$4785 inc GST. 4 available - Partners welcome \$2500

Twin share room with ensuite for 2 artists \$4345 each 1 available

Non -painting partners

There are many activities for non-painting partners which our host and hostess Timmy and Jackie will assist with, including a variety of walking tracks, boat trips, bike and mini mo-ped hire, the cinema, museum, and Giant's House.

As we only have an 8-seater van which we will be using each day to go to location it might be advisable to hire a car if you want to go and do your own thing

INCLUDES:

Pick up and drop off from Christchurch Airport

7 Nights stay at French Bay House

Double room or (one only) shared twin for two artists.

All breakfasts

2 dinners, arrival night and last night

1 Fully catered Lunch at the private home and Gardens of award-winning chef and cooking tour operator in Puglia and Italy, Lyn Baynes

The use of easel, brushes, paints, backpack, seat

6 Canvases or watercolour pad depending on the medium you choose to use.

Please note this.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfares

5 Dinners

5 Lunches

Alcohol

Contact me now for more information or future retreat dates.

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Amber and Tony Emm



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