

# Andrew John Studio



Sunshine programme

Spring in Andalucía  
Summer in the south of France  
Autumn in Andalucía

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## About us

Andrew John is a life-time professional painter and tutor, a devotee of watercolour used in a pure, free and easy style. He has over thirty years of experience teaching students at every age and level of ability. He delights in sharing his skills developed over these years as a professional painter and his enthusiasm for this exciting medium is matched by his patience and understanding. He believes that painting '*en plein air*' is a pastime that has few rivals and that teaching by demonstration is the natural way to share his knowledge. To this end his painting holiday programme has been arranged where and when the weather is warm and reliable for painting from life in the real world outside of the studio.

## About our programme

Our holidays are well researched, well rehearsed and well established painting holidays.

For much of the year we live in our home on the Mediterranean coast of Andalucia where we welcome our guests to paint with us, the beautiful coastal countryside and famed White Mountain villages of Andalucia. We also invite you to join us on an historic and luxurious cruise on the inland waterways of Southern France – a holiday that we have run every year for over twenty years. At these two locations we can promise an exciting variety of stunning painting opportunity, excellent value and a very high quality of comfort and cuisine.

Our holiday destinations are well supported with a variety of activity for non-painters who are always a welcome part of our small groups. We have a maximum of just ten painters on our Spanish holidays and just eight on our French Canal cruise (there are four twin/double guest cabins on board Athos). We do not have any single supplement charges – singles are welcome on our Spanish holidays and we welcome painters at all levels of ability.

Please see the last page for dates and prices and contact details. We hope the following descriptions of our holidays are comprehensive. Please contact us if you need to ask any questions, seek any advice or discuss any availability.

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## About our 'Athos Cruise'

In the summer, we join *Athos* for a truly majestic cruise along the ancient waterway of The Canal du Midi. (Built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and now a UNESCO National Park – classified as an area of outstanding beauty).

At 180 tons and 100 feet long, *Athos* is the largest vessel capable of navigating the magnificent and historic waterway of the Canal du Midi in Southern France. On board there are four twin/double guest cabins, all of which have en suite bathrooms (shower and w.c.) and each is air-conditioned. There is a large dining area and comfortably furnished saloon and bar, there is a large sun deck with sun-loungers, sun-umbrellas, etc. and there are bicycles on board for guests who wish to explore the local villages or ride the wide towpaths. Our holidays are full board with three delicious meals a day prepared by our own resident chef. All wines, soft drinks and beers are included. A very special holiday and must be limited to just four couples sharing (Twin or double cabins – your choice).



A week on board is a dream for painters and ideal for non-painters too. Pampered by a crew of five, we cruise luxuriously and gently along this ancient tree-lined waterway built nearly three hundred and fifty years ago. We journey for typically five or six hours each day at walking pace whilst rural France drifts slowly by – stopping now and again for perhaps a wine tasting or some other distraction. We moor each evening for an overnight stay at chosen locations to provide us with plenty of opportunity for painting and exploration on shore. Our voyage will probably take us from Marseillan on the Etang de Thau, a large lake by the Mediterranean Sea where oysters and mussels abound and flamingos can be seen, to the small village of Salleles d'Aude not far from the ancient city of Carcassonne. *Each alternate week Athos will make the return journey and cruise from Salleles d'Aude to Marseillan.* In either case, you will be collected from and delivered back to Montpellier airport or railway station.

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We have not missed a year since we started in 1989. This year 2011 we will join *Athos* on Sunday 10th July and our cruise will finish on the following Saturday. It is normal that we fill these holidays up to a year ahead and we are now taking bookings for 2012.

## **Travel options for Athos:**

Train from St Pancras or Ashford International to Montpellier (9:00 am – 5:00 pm approx from about £170 return is an attractive travel option taken by several guests in previous years. [www.raileurope.co.uk](http://www.raileurope.co.uk) .Also, at the time of writing this brochure Ryan Air and Easy-Jet are advertising flights direct to Montpellier. By car, it is about ten hours drive, (best done over two days and secure parking at Montpellier can be arranged). Our transfer to Athos is from Montpellier Airport at approximately 4.00 pm. As mentioned, this holiday sells out quickly and we are fully booked for 2011 and still have some space for 2012.

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## About our Andalusia Holiday

Nestling in the foothills just a mile inland from the Mediterranean Sea there lies the small hamlet of Benajárfate Alto. Here will be found *La Finca del Niño*, our home for our 'Andalusia holiday' weeks in the spring and autumn (We have chosen times for beautiful and comfortable 'en plein air' painting weather at the beginning of May and October.

Just to the east of Malaga in an area called Axarquía is 'Spain as it used to be.' The house, built in the style of a traditional Spanish Hacienda is divided into four villas with all mod cons and comfort, all bedrooms have adjacent bathrooms. The villas surround a courtyard with central fountain and a mass of fragrant flowers and each has its own kitchen, lounge and private patio. There are wood-burning stoves and open fire places for the cooler evenings, patios for the sun-downers and a large swimming pool and tennis court for our exercise! All set in fifteen acres of fruit farm with the main crop being mango.



We will take you out on exciting painting excursions daily. Andrew will as usual provide painting demonstrations daily and expert help and tuition. At La Finca del Niño, the food is delicious and is prepared by our own cherished Spanish chef.

This is an inclusive holiday, all food, wine, accommodation, tuition, transfers and excursions. There are no single supplements and no hidden extras. Our prices do not include flights. DTI Regulations only allow us to advise on flights which of course we will do. There is a variety of return flights available to Malaga from a variety of U.K. airports. Early booking favours cheap fares.

We know this is one of the best value painting holidays on the market as is evident by the number of repeats we have each year. This is also a very suitable holiday for non-painting partners. The beautiful Anoreta Golf Club is just ten minutes away, there is Riding and Trekking on the door-step and the coast is in sight just a few minutes away down the hill.

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## About our own Spanish house

If you would like to come and relax in the sunshine or paint on your own, sit and think or just sit, or perhaps come with a few friends for a holiday in the hills..... join us at our own home on a self catering holiday.

We live for most of the year in Moclinejo this is a small picturesque White Mountain village (pop. 850) where we have our home “Casa de la Fuente” and adjacent to this, our guest house, “La Casita Azul”. This has accommodation for up to six and is an ideal retreat for a family or small group of friends.

Our two houses were built, many years ago on the site of, and formed in part, from an old Moorish castle; we enjoy commanding views over the Benagalbon valley to the Mediterranean Sea. There is a choice of private patios and a small garden with a very welcome plunge pool and a central al fresco shaded dining area. There is a large roof-top solarium patio from where Africa can be seen on occasions.



*Our house in Moclinejo*

Nestling in hills 1600 feet above the Mediterranean Sea, the rural village of Moclinejo is just 5 miles from the coast and half an hour drive from Malaga Airport. – This is a quiet paradise for painters, writers, walkers etc!

We offer our guest house ‘La Casita Azul’ for private rental (self catering) or small tutored inclusive painting groups (by arrangement to suit ). Our house has three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

We can arrange a car rental to suit your needs or arrange a taxi collection from the airport. Our village is connected to the coast and outside world with 5 buses a day. Please call to discuss or visit our web site:

[www.paintingholidays.com](http://www.paintingholidays.com) and click on the link “Spanish House Rental”

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## About Videos and DVDs

### “A WATERCOLOUR WEEKEND”

This video/DVD was filmed on location around Andrew’s home in East Sussex. Professionally made by S.E.E.B.A. Films, the 90-minute video or DVD depicts a typical summer weekend with Andrew painting, in real time, three of his favourite locations. This is instructional, particularly for those interested in *location painting* in the English countryside. This one-and-a half-hour video is available from Andrew John Studio at £20. Inclusive of U.K. postage.

### “WATERCOLOUR IN ANDALUCIA”

This is the latest of Andrew’s videos filmed on location around his home in southern Spain. Professionally made by S.E.E.B.A. Films, this 90-minute video or DVD shows Andrew painting five different location pictures (no untimely cutaways) in the *Mediterranean sunshine*. The subjects are typical of the beautiful and unspoilt Andalucía countryside where he lives for much of the year. It was filmed on one of Andrew’s popular holidays (page 5) and it gives a good over-view of this holiday.\* The one-and-a half-hour volume is available from Andrew John Studio at £20. inclusive of U.K. postage.

These instructional films are available in VHS format and in DVD format from stock.

\*If you order a copy of “*Watercolour in Andalusia*” now, either as a video or DVD and subsequently book the holiday with us within 3 months of this purchase, we will credit you with the £20 cost of the video or DVD.

**Call Local Rate 0845 644 8621**

**If calling from abroad ring +44 1323 736745**

Using the 0845 number above will connect you to us directly and it will only be the cost of a local call if calling from U.K. If you reach an answer-phone, please leave your contact number and we will call you back.

Our Telephone direct line number in Spain is +34 952 400 661

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## About Booking

Please telephone to talk to us first and establish availability. If calling from U.K. please use our local rate number below at any time. You might reach our answer-phone, if this is the case it is monitored daily, even when we are operating abroad, please do leave your number with a short message and we will call you back. It is better to discuss availability on the telephone. A reservation can be made immediately and held for a short period pending confirmation by payment of a deposit, see below.

When confirmed on a holiday, please complete the enclosed booking form so that we have your correct contact details etc. We regret that we cannot accept payment any longer by credit/debit card. We can however accept payment by cheque or by direct bank transfer which is our preference.

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**Terms and conditions. Please read carefully**

*For all our holidays a deposit of £200 per person will be required to confirm a place and the balance will become due 10 weeks prior to the start date of the holiday. Any payments, having been received by us, cannot normally be refunded or transferred in the event that you cannot for any reason attend or complete the holiday; we therefore strongly advise appropriate travel/holiday/cancellation insurance. If however, for whatever reason, and in the unlikely event that we have to cancel or alter any holiday a full refund of all monies received by us will be made or, an alternative similar holiday will be offered in lieu.*

*Department of Trade and Industry regulations do not allow us to purchase flights on your behalf.. Most airlines favour early bookings and are easily purchased on-line..*

*When confirming a booking, please ensure that we have a contact telephone number and postal address and if possible email address. Also, please advise us of any special needs (diet, medical etc) and if booking for our Athos cruise, your preference for single or double bed accommodation in your cabin..*

*All information that you submit to Andrew John is treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used for any purpose other than to supply you with details of the holidays and purchases available from Andrew John Studio.*

*Please visit our website for up-to-date calendar of events and information*

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## Our Holiday Programme for 2011/12

FROM	TO	HOLIDAY	PRICE £	NIGHTS
10.07.2011	16.07.2011	ATHOS	1175	6
01.10.2011	08.10.2011	ANDALUCIA	795	7
28.04.2012	05.05.2012	ANDALUCIA	795	7
08.07.2012	14.07.2012	ATHOS	1250	6
29.09.2012	06.10.2012	ANDALUCIA	795	7



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