

A special week-long painting course in watercolours with **Keiko Tanabe**: 24-31 May 2014









For centuries artists have drawn their inspiration from the Tuscan landscape and you could find few better places to enjoy your art and improve your skills than our beautiful historic watermill, set beside the curving banks of a river in a gentle, wooded valley.

"An enchanting place - I really loved it, endless delightful subjects to paint"
"From the moment I stepped into my apartment and saw and heard the
river, I realised it was going to be very special"

## "We've been on many painting holidays, but this was the <u>best ever</u>."

You will stay in stylish bedrooms in elegant buildings around the sunlit courtyard. You'll take leisurely breakfasts and mouth-watering evening meals in our new courtyard dining room (and also dine out in nearby restaurants to sample traditional dishes and local wines). The mill's gardens, secluded millstream paths and riverside walks are all yours to enjoy.

## Your tutor: Keiko Tanabe





Keiko Tanabe was born in Kyoto, Japan but now lives in San Diego, California. Each of her paintings captures a story in everyday life of ordinary people in different corners of the world. She says: "Watercolour painting is a creative tool to capture the simple truth in our everyday life that may be overlooked but tugs at my heartstrings. It is also a vehicle to communicate my artistic vision on the joy of living and the ingenuity of human creations."

Keiko is a much sought-after instructor and has led more than 40 workshops around the world. They are designed to give students a better understanding of methods and techniques to make watercolour paintings that are full of light and atmosphere. Her picture above is of the *Duomo* in Milan.

We should emphasise that <u>everything</u> is included in the cost of your holiday at the watermill: tuition, accommodation (including all linen and towels), predinner aperitifs, all meals (including dinners with wine at charming local restaurants) and all local transportation (including transfers to Pisa airport and an excursion by train to Lucca or the Cinque Terre).

You get to Pisa, we do the rest!

\*\*\* If you book now you can secure a place on Keiko's 2014 course at 2013 prices \*\*\*. These start at £(GBP) 1,236 (about \$US 1,900) per person per week (based on two people sharing), with a generous discount of £(GBP) 200 (about \$US 300) for a non-painting partner. Single rooms are £(GBP) 1,323 (about \$US 2,010), or £(GBP) 1,416 (about \$US 2,150) with *en suite* bathroom.

There's more about the watermill and our courses on our website: <a href="www.watermill.net/painting-holidays">www.watermill.net/painting-holidays</a> or you can get further details from Bill or Lois:

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