

**Plein Air Watercolor Workshop & Tour in Suzhou, CHINA**  
**with Keiko Tanabe, NWS**  
**April 15 – 25, 2016**



*This workshop is a unique and rare opportunity to paint en plein air (outdoor) in and around Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. Particularly known for its criss-crossing canals and classical gardens, Suzhou has many sites with natural beauty and historical significance, several of which we will have a chance to visit and paint. It is said that, if Shanghai represents the future of China, Suzhou is where one can experience the nation's past and present between sipping green tea and munching on rice cakes. The waterside city's history dates back 2,500*

*years and is often dubbed the "Venice of the East." I am happy to invite you to this special painting workshop & tour which is organized by the Ming Gallery of Art in Suzhou.*

Keiko Tanabe is an award winning watercolor artist. Her atmospheric watercolors capture a sense of time and place. Through her use of color, textures, and signature brushwork, Keiko's landscapes and cityscapes beautifully convey both the exotic and the simple scenes of the many places she visits. Since 2011, Keiko has completed successfully more than 90 workshops and numerous live demonstrations around the world.

This workshop is designed for those who would like to learn methods and techniques to capture the essence of a landscape while working en plein air. Keiko, an experienced plein-air watercolorist, will assist you on a daily basis with complete demos and individual guidance. A class critique will end each afternoon.

For more information and inquiries, contact Keiko Tanabe:

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**Price for Artist in full attendance:** US\$3,100.00 for the entire period excluding airfare and incidentals

**Price for Companion in full attendance:** US\$2,900.00 for the entire period excluding airfare and incidentals

**What is included in the price?** Daily painting instruction, daily excursions (all ground transportations, tickets to the sites and one English-speaking Chinese chaperon from the Ming Gallery), 10 nights' accommodation at a four-star hotel (shared twin or double room), all daily meals (16 - 24 April), transfers from/to Shanghai Pudong International Airport

**What is NOT included in the price?** Round-trip airfare to/from Shanghai, passport and visa to travel to China, travel and medical insurance (strongly recommended), personal art materials (A material list will be sent to you upon registration), single room supplement, incidentals.

Single room supplement: US\$400.00

**How to register:** Please fill in the registration form and email or mail it to Keiko Tanabe. Deposit of US\$500.00 via PayPal, directly to the Ming Gallery, is required upon registration to reserve your space. The balance of payment is due by February 15, 2016. No refund of deposit will be granted after registration closes on January 1, 2016. However, a full refund of deposit will be made before or on January 1, 2016, should the Ming Gallery decide to cancel the workshop entirely due to lack of enrollment (15 participants minimum).

Deadline for registration is January 1, 2016.

Keiko Tanabe

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**Itinerary** (subject to change due to weather or other circumstances)

Friday April 15\* - Transfer from Shanghai to Suzhou (Ming Gallery will arrange 3 trips from Shanghai Pudong Airport to Suzhou, road travel time 2.5 hours away). *\* It is strongly advised that the international participants arrive in Shanghai as groups on April 15 or before April 15 in order to facilitate transfers to Suzhou as well as to get adjusted to the new time zone.*

Saturday April 16 – Morning: Han Shan Temple. Noon: lunch. Afternoon: Tie Ling Pass/Feng Qiao Maple Bridge. 18:00 Dinner.

Sunday April 17 – Morning: Tiger Wetland Park. Noon: Chinese lunch. Afternoon: Continue painting. Dinner: Wetland farmer's cuisine.

Monday April 18 – Morning: West Hill. Lunch: Village cuisine. Afternoon: Shi Gong Shan, possibly with sunset viewing. 18:00 Dinner.

Tuesday April 19 – Morning: Tiger Hill Scenic Park. Lunch: picnic. Afternoon: Continue painting. 17:00 Dinner at Song He Lu, followed by an evening stroll at Shan Tong Street. 20:30 Return to hotel.

Wednesday April 20 – Morning: Zhou Zhuang water village (UNESCO World Heritage site). Noon: lunch. Afternoon: Continue visiting Zhou Zhuang. 18:00 Dinner.

Thursday April 21 – Morning: Visit to Suzhou Museum. Noon: Lunch. Afternoon: Humble Administrator's Garden. 18:00 Dinner.

Friday April 22 – Morning: Lotus Garden. Noon: Lunch. Afternoon: Stroll on Ping Jiang Trail. 18:00 Dinner.

Saturday April 23 – Morning: Jinji Lake, Li Gong Di. Noon: Lunch at Li Gong Di. Afternoon: Continue painting. 18:00 Dinner.

Sunday April 24 – Morning: See pandas. Visit to the Silk Embroidery Museum. Noon: Village lunch at Lake Tai. Afternoon: Tai Lake National Wetland. 18:00 Dinner.

Monday April 25 - Departure to Shanghai for return flights.

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Price for Artist: US\$3,100.00; Price for Companion (Non-Artist): US\$2,900.00;  
Single Supplement: US\$400.00

Your name:

Your address (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country):

Your email:

Your phone number:

Your emergency contact:

If you are traveling with a companion, would you prefer a double \_\_\_\_\_ or a twin room \_\_\_\_\_?

Your companion's name:

If different from yours, your companion's address (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country):

Your companion's email:

Your companion's phone number:

Your companion's emergency contact:

Upon the receipt of your reservation request, a PayPal invoice for a US\$500 deposit will be emailed to you from the Ming Gallery. The balance of payment is due by February 15, 2016.

Cancellation Policy: If you unexpectedly need to cancel your trip, the policy is as follows:

- Up until January 1, 2016: FULL REFUND minus the necessary banking charges via PayPal
- Up until February 15, 2016: REFUND minus 10 per cent handling fee PLUS the necessary banking charges via PayPal
- After February 15, 2016: NO REFUND

If the trip is cancelled due to low enrollment or unforeseen circumstances, all payments received to date will be refunded (minus the necessary banking charges via PayPal) and this constitutes full settlement. The Ming Gallery of Art and Keiko TANABE will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparation for the trip, such as airline tickets, travel delays, flight cancellations or health problems.