

PAINTING HOLIDAY EQUIPMENT LIST

Watercolour Materials:

Here is a list of basic equipment that you may like to bring with you on your painting holiday. Please adjust or amend it as necessary, and include any of your favourite drawing or painting materials.

Paper:

Watercolour Block 9" x 12", 12" x 16" or 16" x 20".
300 g/m² (140 lb). Not surface. Arches, or Saunders Waterford are both excellent makes.

Paints:

'Artist's Quality' watercolours in small tubes are the best, as these allow you to mix large amounts of colour for washes. Or if you prefer, use pans of colour in a folding palette. These are more suitable for smaller paintings and sketches. Winsor & Newton 'Artist's Quality' are among the best watercolour brands.

Suggested colours:

Cadmium Yellow
Cadmium Red
Alizarin Crimson
Cerulean Blue
Cobalt Blue
French Ultramarine
Viridian
Hookers Green
Raw Sienna
Burnt Sienna
Raw Umber
Burnt Umber
Payne's grey
Winsor Violet

Brushes:

Preferably round, sable watercolour brushes in sizes 3, 8, and 10 or 12. It's important that these brushes are of good quality and that they form a point when wet. Sables are expensive, so good substitutes are those made from a mixture of real and synthetic hairs.

A flat 1" brush for larger washes

A 'rigger' is also a useful addition, and include an old brush for softening dried paint on your palette.

Other Materials:

HB pencil and sharpener

Masking tape

Masking fluid in a small bottle (if you like to use it). I apply this with a metal 'ruling pen', which can be adjusted to produce the desired width of line. An alternative is a traditional dip pen with a metal nib. Both of these can be easily cleaned.

Tissues/Kitchen towel

Large, plastic palette with several mixing wells, or a fold-up palette

A small spray bottle to hold water, for re-wetting your painting

Container for water

Putty rubber

Lightweight box or bag for carrying materials

You may wish to include a lightweight, folding, aluminium easel

A lightweight chair and drawing board will be provided

Drawing Materials

An A4 sketchbook

Pencils: HB, 2B, 4B, 6B

Pencil sharpener

Small ruler

Putty rubber

Plastic rubber

You also might like to consider watercolour pencils, water-soluble sketching pencils, or simply coloured pencils.

Digital camera

NOTE: Be sure that all art equipment is packed in your hold luggage. Your camera can be stored in your cabin bag.

Don't forget to bring a hat, sun-cream, sensible shoes, a lightweight shower-proof jacket and anything else that you may need to make yourself comfortable.

If you need any more information or advice on materials, please feel free to call me on 01635 200619 or 07765 867035. My email address is kevinscully@btinternet.com

I look forward to meeting you and hope you have a very enjoyable painting holiday.

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