

Learn to paint your favourite holiday destination.

Ready to start painting your favourite holiday destination?

We've collaborated with artists from Cork & Chroma to share their tips for creating beautiful paintings using watercolour or acrylic paints:

- First of all, painting should be fun and stress free! If you're feeling nervous or stressed, it can be nice to start off 'warming up', just painting some blended colours or random shapes, to take the pressure off achieving any kind of finished result and get into the painting groove.
- When choosing your image to paint, we recommend picking a scene that has few people and objects in it. Focus on big, wide photos with a lot of natural elements like sunsets, mountains, oceans or trees.
- Choose an image that you feel connected to. When you feel an emotional response to what you're painting, inspiration will flow much more easily, and each brushstroke will contain more care.
- Keep a small cup of water and an old washrag nearby to help clean and dry your brushes.
- When using acrylic paint, let each layer dry completely before trying to add more paint to the canvas. Remember that wet paint will blend into wet paint, so if you would like a brand new layer of colour, the layer underneath must be dry. If using watercolours, work while the colour is still wet.
- If you want to paint on a canvas, it might be a good idea to do a quick 'practice run' of your piece in a visual diary. This way you can get a good feel of what will sit where, and what colour palette you might like to use without feeling the pressure of a pure white canvas.
- Use your creativity and let your imagination be your guide! If you're painting a vineyard from your last trip to Italy, what's to stop you from making the clouds in the sky represent the delicious spaghetti you ate on that trip?! If you're painting the green hills of Ireland, maybe hide a little lucky shamrock within the trees of the background. This is where the real fun begins, when you can loosen up your mind and be free to enjoy the process.



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Inspired by the work of Eddy from Cork & Chroma.

Cork & Chroma have studios in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney. The brainchild of lead artist, Hillary Wall, and her husband, B.J. Wall, the studios provide a creative night out where you can relax with friends and play paint under the guidance of an experienced artist.

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