

# 'Colours of America' Art and Painting Tour 2015

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Presented by

**Pamela Fairburn of Pamela Fairburn Art  
in conjunction with Trendsetter Travel**

We invite you to venture with us into the vast and colourful landscapes of South-West USA on this small-group tour. Our 2015 Colours of America Tour is designed for those looking to paint, draw and photograph the stunning canyon and desert landscapes of Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. Non painters are equally welcome to participate in a varied itinerary that includes painting workshops, excursions, gallery and studio visits.

Our exciting journey includes driving iconic Route 66 and exploring two superbly scenic wonders of the world: the Grand Canyon and the vivid red rock Canyons of Sedona. We will also visit the museum of one of America's most famous artists, Georgia O'Keeffe and enjoy a specially designed tour of revered architect Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West house and studio in Phoenix. The numerous galleries of Canyon Road, Santa Fe and the pueblo of Taos will provide inspiration as will visiting and painting with local artists.



'Rim of the Canyon' – original painting by Pamela Fairburn

Our programme will offer you spectacular locations to paint & draw and includes Pamela's art workshops, demonstrations and positive critiquing.

Trendsetter Travel & Cruise Centre has secured fabulous accommodation for the tour. Our hotels are stylish, full of character and wonderfully located! You will certainly enjoy great stays but also appreciate convivial company and delicious food in places we know to be very special.

This bespoke tour builds on the wonderful painting tours we enjoyed in 2012 and 2014 to France and Spain. Come with us to explore the colours of the New World of America. Perfect for new and repeating guests.

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## Days 1 & 2 Las Vegas

The Art Tour begins in spectacular fashion in Las Vegas. See the colours and bright lights of Las Vegas Nevada, tour, shop, see a show, walk The Strip!

ACCOMMODATION: Mandarin Oriental. Five-star luxury in a modern, non-casino hotel. (2 nights)



Bright Lights of Las Vegas



The Grand Canyon



Painting on the Rim

## Days 3 – 5 Grand Canyon

Drive by coach on Historic Route 66 to the Grand Canyon and stay on the rim of Grand Canyon in the historic El Tovar Hotel\* for 3 nights. We will have ample time to paint the awe inspiring Grand Canyon, enjoy painting demonstrations and visit local galleries & shops. The light, the scale and the changing colours of the Canyon will stay with you always!

ACCOMMODATION: El Tovar Hotel\* or associated Lodge. Now a National Historic Landmark, this elegant 4.5-star hotel has location, location, location – right on the rim of the canyon. (3 nights)

*[\* first in, best dressed as our allocation at this special hotel is limited to 9 rooms]*



Red Cliffs of Sedona



Desert Painting



Cathedral Rock, Sedona

## Days 6 – 9 Sedona, Arizona

After leaving the Grand Canyon you will travel by coach through beautiful forested mountains to the historic lumber-getting town of Flagstaff for lunch and a cultural museum visit. Our entry to Sedona is through breath-taking Oak Creek Canyon where you will be amazed at the red rock outcrops and cliffs surrounding this town. Discover the colours of the desert and the unique red canyon landscape for the next 4 days. Be inspired by painting workshops and tours. Contrasting with the desert rocks you will appreciate the creek-side location of our hotel nestled amongst the trees.

ACCOMMODATION: L'Auberge de Sedona. A 4.5-star Resort Hotel in its own woodland paradise, this centrally located creek-side hotel is in cool contrast to the rocks of Sedona. (4 nights)

## Days 10 – 14 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Farewelling Sedona we coach to Taliesin West, the desert located architecture graduate school, studio and former home of one of the world's most influential architects, Frank Lloyd Wright. Delight in its Art and Architecture.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West



Canyon Road Galleries



Colours! Gemstones of New Mexico



Jewellery and Unique Shopping

We then fly to Santa Fe via Albuquerque, to arrive early evening. Stay 5 nights in a classic adobe hotel in the old town centre, with plenty of time to explore this unique art-filled town. Here we will visit local artists' studios and the museum of renowned American Artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. In historic Taos we will see where American Art was born and visit the Pueblo, a Native American Reservation which has been continuously inhabited for 1,000 years. Painting workshops will be held in the scenic hills surrounding Santa Fe. Enjoy browsing the wonderful galleries and the art and crafts markets where jewellery is abundant and the shopping is unique.

ACCOMMODATION: The Inn and Spa at Loretto. The 4-star Inn and Spa at Loretto sits at the end of the historical Old Santa Fe Trail. The Inn is ideally located just one block from downtown, minutes from the Canyon Road art galleries, museums, boutiques, shops, and restaurants. (5 nights)



The Inn and Spa at Loretto



Santa Fe Adobe



Plein Air Venue, Santa Fe

### Optional Extension: New York City

Days 15 – 18 (9 - 13 June)

Our tour officially finishes in Santa Fe. However for those hankering for some east coast excitement, we are offering a 4-night add-on to the city that never sleeps – New York. Our days will be full with painting in Central Park, museums and art gallery visits and perhaps a Broadway Show or two (at additional cost).



Times Square, NYC



The Solomon Guggenheim Museum, NYC



Central Park Vista, NYC

**PRICE: 14-Night Tour, ending in Santa Fe**

From US\$6,530.00 per person, twin share

From US\$8,600.00 per person, single

**PRICE: 4-Night New York Extension**

From US\$1,200.00 per person, twin share

From US\$1,880.00 per person, single

**INCLUSIONS**

Accommodation as specified, on a single or share twin basis (see Note below)

Breakfast daily, two lunches and seven dinners including welcome & farewell dinners

Touring by coach as specified

Sightseeing entries and gratuities

Flights: Phoenix to Albuquerque | For Extension Tour only: Santa Fe to New York City

Art tuition: workshops, demonstrations & critiques.

**NOTE: EL TOVAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

El Tovar Hotel (at Grand Canyon) accommodation is currently limited to 9 rooms and the stated price is for the lead in room. Final tour price will differ slightly according to room type to a maximum of US\$120 extra per room/night. While Trendsetter will seek to obtain extra rooms, if this is not possible the overflow will be accommodated in nearby Lodges.

**NOT INCLUDED**

Travel Insurance (MANDATORY)

Flights, other than those specified above

Meals & Beverages, other than those noted above

Items of a personal nature

Art materials & art equipment



Tour leaders Pamela & Ross

***Pamela Fairburn** is a Sydney watercolour and mixed media artist and art teacher who has been working in the Visual Arts and Art Education arena for over 35 years. Pamela has been involved in numerous group and solo exhibitions and her paintings and won many awards and prizes. Her love of travel combines with her painting expertise and tutoring in this next Art Tour; 'The Colours of America'. She has previously led many inspiring art tours both overseas and within Australia.*

*Pamela holds a Bachelor of Education (Art) and a Graduate Diploma in Professional Art Studies. She is an active member of the Lane Cove Art Society, the Ku-Ring-Gai Art Society, Willoughby Arts Workshop and continues to be an Exhibiting Member of the Royal Art Society, Sydney.*

***Ross Fairburn** is a recently retired commercial builder who is now acting as a tour assistant. Holding a Bachelor of Architecture, Ross has a keen interest in both art and architecture. He brings a male perspective to Pamela's art tours.*

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