

## Enjoy nature and develop your artistic skills in a true rainforest eco-lodge in Costa Rica.

### One week paint classes in Costa Rica with the painter André van Melle

Painters will be inspired by this tropical paradise: sea, beaches, flowers, trees, landscapes and typical houses, with breathtaking sunsets, blue skies or wonderful equatorial clouds.

Join Andre van Melle in his animated classes and practice/learn the basics/use tricks for plain air painting:

- To sketch
- To build the composition
- To catch the “moment”
- To apply the tones even with changing light
- To balance the colours

You will be painting outdoors 3 to 4 hours in the morning or in the afternoon.

According to your experience level, you will be guided to subject selection and quick drafting in a relaxed but efficient way.

Max of 4 students per class will assure dedicated time to both beginners and established painters.

Alternating morning and afternoon classes will allow you (and your party) to enjoy other local activities and tours: jungle walks, swimming, horseback riding, biking and relaxing along the pool surrounded by birds, monkeys and other interesting jungle wildlife. And best of all, there are practically no mosquitoes!

Andre van Melle has been teaching for many years now and his impressionist paintings are owned by collectors in several countries and in various galleries.

“...Tiskita is my preferred place to welcome my students as this is where everyone inevitably feels “pura vida” as Nature here is still the “Boss”...”

#### **Medium:**

Oil or acrylic (watercolour for sketching only).

#### **Material:**

You bring your own material.

We can provide an easel if need be and oil paint diluents. Small plastic or glass containers are available.

Bring your sketch book and pencil, charcoal or other sketching material.

Canvas pads are easiest to carry. Saran wrap is available for not completely dry paintings.

Canvas size: 12"x 16" ( 30 cm x 40cm) are convenient sizes for a 3-hour class, but if you prefer larger sizes, that is also OK.

Note that temperature (28 degree C/ 83 degree F) and humidity will make paint and support react differently than you are probably used to. Retarder for acrylic is recommended.

**No store nearby to buy any artist material!**

**Schedule:**

Your painting time at Tiskita will be integrated as follows.

Day 1: welcoming, information and installation

Day 2: class and painting near the lodge

Day 3: painting in the village

Day 4: painting at the beach

Day 5: painting horses or...

Day 6: painting in the forest: waterfall, rivers, or...

Day 7: Handing out of certificate and farewell

Note: Schedule might vary according to weather and your personal needs:

Classes given in English, French, Spanish, German, or Dutch

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**Transport**

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