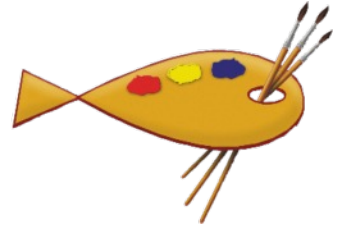


Why have you come...

....on a Painting Holiday?



People paint and come on painting holidays for different reasons but we all come because we have an interest in the natural world and a desire to be creative.

We love to see a sunset sky, a misty dawn, beautiful foliage or a stunning view. We are so inspired by the beauty of nature that we wish to express this on paper in various forms to capture what we have seen in the natural world.

Here at Alpha Painting Holidays we love beautiful scenery and are pleased to share some of the beautiful painting locations with you. Like you, we marvel at

"The Beauty of God's creation"

and this is one of the things that excites us so much about these holidays as we wish to communicate this through our holidays in this beautiful part of the world.

His creation is absolutely stunning. The variety of landscapes and nature on our doorstep in Britain is amazing and here in the West Country there is so much to be admired having such diverse and unique scenery. From the Somerset levels and the Mendip Hills to the wilds of Exmoor and Dartmoor and stunning coastline of Devon & Cornwall. Further a field you have the mountains of Wales, the Lake District and Scotland.

Throughout Europe you have the Alps in Switzerland, beautiful mountain ranges in Provence and stunning southern Spain not to mention the mind blowing coastline of Portugal with the amazing light and colour of the Algarve and the magnificent west facing north coast.

Across the world there are awesome sights such as the Rockies, Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef, not to mention tropical islands, beautiful seas, lakes and rivers and yet there are amazing intricacies in flowers, fish, insects and many hidden beauties plus all wildlife large and small from a cute little kitten to a big cat, large elephants, and menacing birds of prey.

What is it that attracts us to such beauty and creativity? In the Bible it says that God's invisible qualities exist in His creation, which makes sense as He created it, which is what probably attracts us.

His creation has led people to worship because it is so amazing. However, some people worship creation itself, which the Bible also warns against saying "we should worship the Creator not creation". Other people worship different things or beings but who better to worship than the person who created creation itself.

This is not to say that we can't marvel at God's creation because He made it for us to enjoy but we must always remember who is behind it because **through creation we can see what God is like.**

**He was extravagant with His creation,
He made it beautiful and diverse,
He showed His awesomeness and power in creation, He made it infinite,
yet He showed He is interested in the little things, intricate creatures, plants and obviously
He is a creative God and being made in His image
we have that same desire to create and enjoy creation.**

We hope that these locations will inspire you to appreciate creation, inspire you to be creative and perhaps inspire you to appreciate the Creator and to enjoy what He has created for us.

If anyone has seen a beautiful landscape, a stunning sunset, awesome waves on the coast, a beautiful flower or a cute little animal **he has seen God**. Now not only can we see God through creation but we can know Him personally through Jesus. Knowing a God who created all this beauty is an exhilarating experience and will even surpass the feelings we feel when we see a beautiful landscape.

If you have been inspired by this leaflet and would like to talk to anyone about God, creation, life and the universe feel free to talk to us.