

# James Kroner Germany Plein Air Workshop 2024

## Berchtesgaden and the Romantic Road



August 12<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Destination

Students will arrive in Munich, Germany on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Munich (MUC) International airport. This workshop will conclude on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 with departures out of Munich International Airport. All airfare will be the responsibility of each participant.

Upon arrival in Munich, participants will travel together as a group to the Bavarian Alps town of Berchtesgaden. Students will stay in Berchtesgaden in locally owned villas for the first half of the workshop. This places us in an ideal spot for painting locations including nearby Salzburg, Austria. The beautiful and majestic snow capped Alps create stunning diagonals flowing down into the emerald coloured Alpine Lake Konigsee, and nearby Ramsau bei Berchtesgaden draws you in with its postcard views. Because of its history the Bavarian royal family, the House of Wittelsbach, stayed in the Augustine monastery and several artists came to the area which gave rise to the Malereck or “painters corner.” In this region there are many quiet and serene locations for plein air study.

Berchtesgaden is a quintessential Bavarian Alps town on the south eastern border with a historic Altstadt (old town), high quality shops, restaurants, bakeries, cafe's and some of the most delicious ice cream worthy of a still life painting.

The second half of the workshop we will stay in the "Romantic Franconia" region in yet another idyllic location, Dinkelsbühl, a 13<sup>th</sup> century medieval walled town with 4 gated entrances, 16 towers, a fortress from the 10th century, picturesque lanes and cobblestone streets. Students will stay in locally owned villas and travel out to nearby plein air locations. This well preserved old world German town offers us many painting sites both within the Altstadt and the surrounding countryside with views looking back at the medieval structures and gothic turrets.

Within the town is everything we need for a wonderful stay - bakeries, restaurants, shopping, and places us in the perfect spot for plein air day trips to spots like Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Wolframs-Eschenbach and Nuremberg.

On the last full day of the workshop after the critique we will visit the small Bavarian village of Lindorf to enjoy a day of relaxation and an authentic German Dinner prepared by a local host family and friends of James.

## **Enrollment-Summer 2024**

The program can accommodate up to 12 students along with 5 non-workshop participants. Any student signing up after the full enrollment cap is met will be put on a waiting list in case of cancellation. Spouses or significant others may also attend with participants. (Note: to see all costs for spouse or significant others participating, please see program fee costs.)

Class Setting:

All landscape/cityscape painting instruction will be completed on location. Classroom will be provided for the workshop while in Germany in case of rain or inclement weather situations.

## **Workshop Package included in Fee:**

- 8 Days Workshop Instruction with James Kroner including 3 demos.
- All transportation while in Germany including transportation to and from airports. All evening excursions, all painting locations, all van/shuttle transportation.
- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner, and daily breakfast.
- All public travel fees and museum fees while in Germany.
- All lodging while in Germany. Includes 3-star hotels, and rentals.
- 24-hour emergency care assistance.

## **Total Cost per student:**

Note: Maximum total price per student is dependent on Euro Rate at enrollment due date. The maximum total costs per student are based on a Euro exchange rate of 1 Euro = \$1.15. If the Euro rate rises significantly prior to the departure date, some extra charges may apply. Similarly, if Euro rates drop significantly, some refunds will be applied.

- **Workshop Double Occupancy: (shared room lodging) – \$4200**
- **Workshop Single Occupancy: (single room lodging) – \$4600**
- **Non-Workshop Companion: Double – \$3200 or Single \$3600**

(Note: total cost DOES NOT include airfare, or some meals)

## **Additional Costs**

- Meals that are not included in workshop fee.
- Other incidentals and spending money.

## **Deposit Policy and Application Procedure**

All application forms should be submitted to James Kroner by May 15th 2024. An initial deposit of \$500 will be required with each application. James Kroner will bill each student for the remaining balance of the program fees owed. Full payment and confirmation of enrollment numbers must be received by July 1st 2024. Any student applying after the application deadline of June 15th will be accepted on a space-available basis. James Kroner reserves the right to decline applications or assess a processing fee if full program fees are submitted after the final payment deadline. James Kroner also reserves the right to withdraw any student that has not paid in full by the final payment deadline and/or the final departure date.

## **Refund Policy**

Should a student withdraw on or before a date 60 days prior to departure, they will receive a full refund less a \$300 administrative fee. Any student withdrawing from the program between 30 and 60 days prior to departure will receive a full refund less \$500. No refunds will be offered between 30 and 0 days of departure; however, a student may transfer his/her reservation to another student if they are unable to attend.

In the event the U.S. State Department issues a travel warning that advises U.S. citizens not to travel to Germany; or if students are already in Germany and the state department advises all U.S. citizens to leave Germany, the program will:

If the program has not yet begun, cancel the program and refund all fees paid less \$300 per student administrative fee.

If the program has begun and the program suspends: In the event that the students have to return early due to a suspended program, each student will receive a pro-rated rebate of fees paid for the portion of the program not completed less a \$300 administrative fee. Students will be solely responsible for their respective cost of return flight.

Note: It is strongly encouraged that each participant purchase "Travel Insurance" from a local travel agency or airlines affiliate.

## **Payment Procedures**

\*\*Please register early to assure your place, as we believe this will be full before the May 1st deadline.

Students participating in the 2024 Germany plein air workshop can expect the following:

- \$500 Application/Deposit Fee – Due May 15th – Due with application and photo. Made payable to James Kroner. Please register early to ensure your place.
- Workshop fee payment in full – Due June 15th- Made payable to James Kroner.

Applications and all deposits should be mailed to:

James Kroner  
150 E Banty Ln.  
Union, WA 98592

You may also email applications to [jkroner@live.com](mailto:jkroner@live.com)

To pay by Venmo, PayPal or check:

- If paying by check, please address to James Kroner
- If paying by Venmo please send to @James-Kroner-1 (phone number may be required when sending by Venmo: 415 875 0154)
- If paying by PayPal please send to [janellekroner@gmail.com](mailto:janellekroner@gmail.com). If paying by PayPal, please add 3% surcharge to your payment OR use the "Friends and Family" option through PayPal.

## **Workshop Itinerary – 2024**

- Day 1 - Monday August 12th  
Arrival at Munich International Airport (MUC)  
Travel to Berchtesgaden, Check in to lodgings,  
Relax  
6:30 – Welcome Dinner (included in workshop fee)

- Day 2 – Tuesday August 13th  
 Class 1 - Painting the Alps  
 8:00 - Breakfast (included in workshop fee)  
 9:00 – Demo by James  
 12:00 - Lunch  
 1:00 - 5:00 Painting Alpen views in Berchtesgaden  
 6:30 - Dinner in Berchtesgaden
  
- Day 3 – Wednesday August 14th  
 Class 2 - Painting Ramsau bei Berchtesgaden  
 8:00 - Breakfast - (included in workshop fee)  
 9:00 - 12:30 – Class 2 painting  
 1:00 – Lunch  
 2:00 – 5:30 – Class 2 Painting  
 7:00 - Dinner in Berchtesgaden
  
- Day 4 – Thursday August 15th  
 Class 3 – Painting Königssee  
 7:30 - Breakfast (included in workshop fee)  
 9:00 - 12:00 - Class 3 Painting  
 12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch  
 1:30 - 4:30 - Class 3 Painting  
 6:00 - Dinner
  
- Day 5 – Friday August 16th  
 Class 4 – Painting in Salzburg  
 7:30 – 8:00 – Breakfast (included in workshop fee)  
 8:15 Travel to Salzburg  
 10 – 1:30 – Class 4 Painting in Salzburg  
 1:30 – Lunch  
 2:30 – 5:30 – Class 4 Painting in Salzburg  
 6:00 - Dinner in Salzburg  
 Return to lodging in Berchtesgaden
  
- Day 6 – Saturday August 17th  
 Travel Day to Dinkelsbühl  
 8:30 – 9:30 – Breakfast included in workshop fee  
 9:30 — Travel and check into Dinkelsbühl lodging  
 12:30 - Lunch  
 2:30 - Walking tour and relaxation  
 6:00 Dinner
  
- Day 7 – Sunday August 18th  
 Class 5 - Demo Painting Dinkelsbühl  
 7:30 – Breakfast (included in workshop fee)

8:30 Demo  
12:00 - Lunch  
1:30 - 5:30 - Class 5  
6:30 Dinner

- Day 8 - Monday August 19th  
Class 6 - Nuremburg  
Breakfast – (included in workshop fee)  
8:00 – 12:00 – Class 6  
12:00 – 1:30 – lunch  
1:30 – 4:00 – Class 6  
7:30 – Dinner
- Day 9 – Tuesday August 20th  
Class 7 – Painting in Wolframs-Eschenbach  
8:00 - Breakfast - (included in workshop fee)  
9:00 – 12:30 – Class 7  
12:30 – 1:30 – Lunch  
1:30 -4:30 – Class 7  
6:00 - Dinner
- Day 10 - Wednesday August 21st  
Class 8 - Painting in Rothenburg ob der Tauber  
8:00 - Breakfast – (included in workshop fee)  
9:00 – 12:30 – Class 8  
12:30 – 1:30 – lunch  
1:30 – 4:30 – Class 8  
6:00 - Dinner in Rothenburg
- Day 11– Thursday August 22nd  
Critique and travel to Kircheim  
7:30 - Breakfast – (included in workshop fee)  
9:00 – 12:00 – Final Critique  
12:30 - 1:30 – lunch  
2:00 - 4:00 – Travel to Kircheim  
4:00 - Check into lodging  
5:30 – Farewell Dinner and evening with special hosts.
- Day 12 – Friday August 23rd  
Travel to Munich  
8:00 - Breakfast - (included in workshop fee)  
9:00 - Drive to Munich  
1:00 - Relaxation  
7:00 - Dinner

- Day 13 – Saturday August 24th  
Departure Day  
a.m. Departures out of Munich Airport

## **Additional Helpful info for Germany and Traveling Abroad**

There are many different ways to take and to use money while you are abroad. Some options include ATMs, credit cards and wire transfers. We do not recommend the purchase of traveler's checks for Germany since they are NOT widely accepted.

### **Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) Card**

If you have a major debit card (Visa or Master Card), there are ATMs in major (and lots of minor) cities in Germany. Withdrawing money using your debit card is a lot more cost-effective than making wire transfers and safer than bringing a lot of cash with you. If you plan to withdraw money from a U.S. bank account, make sure that there are ATMs in your host city, which are on NYCE, PLUS, or CIRRUS. It is critical that you consult with your bank before you leave home as your bank may put a hold on your card if they see unusual card activity. Let your bank know you will be studying abroad and the dates of your stay while in Germany. Be sure to check with your bank on usage /withdrawal fees and costs that may occur while overseas.

### **Credit Cards**

Credit cards often give you the best exchange rates, though many small restaurants, stores, and cafes do not accept them. Make sure to find out which card is most commonly accepted in your host country. Again, it is critical that you consult with your credit card company before you leave home to avoid cut off or blocking systems that may be activated due to unusual activity on your card. Be aware that credit card fraud is a reality all over the world. Be cautious: tear up or save receipts, don't give your credit or debit card number over the phone, etc. and make sure to carry with you all credit card phone numbers for abroad cancellations in case you need to cancel a card.

### **Wire Transfers**

Banks, American Express offices and commercial agencies will wire money to a bank account or an agent abroad in 3-4 business days. There may be a large transaction fee both to send and to receive the money. Ask about these fees both at home and abroad before wiring money.

### **Carrying Money**

Money belts, which you wear inside your clothes, are a good idea. Another recommendation is to split your money in different places while traveling. Keep some in an out-of-sight, safe place where you are staying, some in your money belt, and some in a wallet in your front pockets. Never keep anything of value in your back pockets or other easily accessible places. Make a copy of all important documents or credit cards in your wallet. If you misplace or lose your wallet, you will have the important numbers in order to cancel and reorder the cards

## Passports

When traveling outside the United States, you need to carry a passport (and possibly a visa). A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. Your passport must be valid for at least six months after your return date from your host country. You cannot travel with an expired passport. Apply for your passport early! Normal processing time is at least four to six weeks!

## Visas

A visa is a stamp or a document inserted into your passport, which authorizes you to enter and travel within a particular country. The government of the country that you wish to enter grants visas. Visa requirements vary from country to country and also depend on the length and purpose of your stay.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Steps to Take to Protect Your Health Abroad

- Make an appointment with your primary care physician and/or mental health practitioner to discuss any health needs and services you will require abroad
- Review your current medical insurance coverage. Bring Insurance coverage cards with you
- Review or fill out the Emergency Contacts on the application form.

### Additional Health Precautions

#### **Prescription Drugs**

If you require special prescription drugs you must take an adequate supply with you and know how to administer them. You should also carry a copy of the prescriptions, including the generic names for the drugs, and written instructions from your physician in case of emergency. It may also be useful to have a translation of your prescription in the local language. If a medication is unusual or contains narcotics, carry a letter from your doctor attesting to your need to take the drug. If you have any doubt about the legality of carrying a certain drug into a country, consult the embassy or consulate of that country first. Pack medications in your carry-on luggage. It is appropriate to notify your on-site coordinator of any medications you are taking or any special health problems.

#### **Safety**

Germany has little violent crime. Petty crime, however, is always a potential even in some parts of Germany. Berchtesgaden/Dinkelsbühl is safe by U.S. standards, however, when traveling in large cities, you should exercise caution with your belongings. A few tips are:

- Bring a money belt for safekeeping of documents and money.
- Use your front, inside pockets. Never keep valuables in your outer pockets of your jacket or in your backpack.



- Always keep your purse zipped shut and clutched to your chest or worn across your body. This is especially important while in crowded areas such as the subway or buses.
- Never carry your original passport with you unless you will be staying at a hotel, however, you should always carry a photocopy of your passport.
- Keep a copy of your credit card numbers and the phone numbers to cancel each card. Keep this information separate from your wallet.

### **Contact Information**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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