

James Kroner Switzerland Plein Air Workshop 2024

August 27th – September 1st 2024

Lake Lucerne



Destination

Students will fly into either Zurich International Airport or Basel International Airport, Switzerland and make their way to the city of Lucerne on August 27th 2024. This workshop will conclude on September 1st 2024 with departures out of Zurich International Airport or Basel International Airport. All airfare will be the responsibility of each participant.

It is NOT recommended to rent a car in Switzerland but to take public transport which is easier than a car. Therefore during the instructional days of the workshop (28-31st) we have accounted for this and we will travel and return as a group to painting destinations by boat and train, making this workshop the most affordable.

Upon arrival in Lucerne, participants will travel to meet at the host hotel. Daily we will meet for breakfast and adjourn to our painting destination. James will give two demos throughout the 4 painting days. During the class students will receive individual instruction according to their own experience level. There will be a critique at the end, followed by a home cooked Swiss dinner by our host. Prior to the workshop, students will receive the supply list in advance for packing your supplies for travel.

The workshop will take place in and around the beautiful Lake Lucerne as we travel to paint the Alps and other nearby Swiss towns and mountain views. Lucerne has everything we need for a wonderful painting destination.

Enrollment-Summer 2024

The program can accommodate up to 10 students along with 10 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 Switzerland in case of rain or inclement weather situations.

Workshop Package included in Fee:

- 4 Days Workshop Instruction with James Kroner including 1 -2 demos.
- All transportation from the 28th-31st while in Switzerland. All group related transportation during the workshop that includes: evening excursions, all painting locations, all by boat and train.
- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner, and daily breakfast.
- All public travel fees and museum fees while in Switzerland.
- Hotel lodging during workshop dates.
- 24-hour emergency care assistance.

Total Cost per student

Note: Maximum total price per student is dependent on Swiss Franc (CHF) Rate at enrollment due date. The maximum total costs per student are based on a CHF exchange rate of 1 CHF=\$1.14 USD. If the rate changes significantly prior to the departure date, some extra charges may apply. Similarly, if exchange rates drop significantly, some refunds will be applied.

- **Workshop Double Occupancy: (shared room lodging) - \$1900**
- **Workshop Single Occupancy: (single room lodging) - \$2200**
- **Non Workshop Companion: Double - \$1000 or Single - \$1300**

(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 \$250 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 June 15th 2024. Any student applying after the application deadline of June 1st 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 \$250 administrative fee. Any student withdrawing from the program between 30 and 60 days prior to departure will receive a full refund less \$400. 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 Switzerland; or if students are already in Switzerland and the state department advises all U.S. citizens to leave Switzerland the program will:

- If the program has not yet begun, cancel the program and refund all fees paid less \$250 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 \$250 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 15th deadline.**

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

- \$250 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

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. 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 - Tuesday August 27th

Arrival to Zurich International Airport or Basel Airport

Travel to Lucerne

Check into lodging

Relax

6:30 – Welcome Dinner (included in workshop fee)

Day 2 – Wednesday August 28th

Class 1

8:00 - Breakfast (included in workshop fee)

9:00 – Demo by James

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 Paint

6:30 - Dinner in Lucerne

Day 3 – Thursday August 29th

Class 2

7:30 - Breakfast (included in workshop fee)

9:00 - 11:00 – Boat Tour Painting destination

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – 5:30 – Class 2 Painting at destination

6:00 Return to Lucerne

7:00 Dinner

Day 4 – Friday August 30th

Class 3

7:30 - Breakfast (included in workshop fee)

9:00 - 12:00 - Painting

12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 - Painting
6:00 - Dinner

Day 5 – Saturday August 31st

Class 4

7:30 – 8:00 – Breakfast (included in workshop fee)

9:00 – 1:00 – Painting

1:00 – Lunch

2:00 – 5:30 Critique

5:30 Return to lodging

6:00 - Swiss Homemade Dinner by our host, Jessyca

Day 6 – Sunday September 1st

Departure Day

Departures out of Zurich or Basel Airports

Additional Helpful info for Switzerland 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 Switzerland 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 Lucerne. 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 Switzerland. 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

Switzerland has little violent crime. It's safe by U.S. standards, regardless 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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