



Workshop: Painting the Gardens of Madrid

In this three hour workshop, participants will be given a notebook to create an “artist’s diary” detailing the landscapes of Madrid. The route begins in the workshop La Griega where Carmen will teach basic techniques of oriental landscape painting. The young artists will then visit the Retiro Park to paint its lakes, trees, and lush gardens, and will wrap up the workshop with a relaxing boat ride in the famous Retiro Lake.

Stop 1- Carmen La Griega’s Workshop

We begin the day at Carmen’s workshop where she will give a 45-minute class on oriental landscape painting, giving a brief and engaging overview on simple brushstrokes, techniques, and composition. The young artists will fill the pages of their artist diaries based on these techniques, but still with the flexibility for their own unique style to make their journals come alive. After the workshop, we will then journey together to the Retiro Park gardens.



Stop 2- Retiro Park Gardens

Once inside the beautiful and expansive park, we will make various stops to allow the children explore and paint the distinctive landscapes which the park offers. Specific stops will vary based on the blooming season, but options include those presented on the following page.

Canon Tree

Almost 400 years old, the “cannon tree” is clearly one of the most unique trees in the entire city of Madrid. Surviving the most brutal winters and most scorching summers, the tree has served as a fortress during Napoleon’s invasion of Spain and during the Spanish Civil War, earning it the name “cannon tree.”



The Rose Gardens

With over 4,000 roses, this section of the park is sure to delight parents and young artists alike.

The Duck Pond

Located right outside of the Cristal Palace, the Duck Pond is home to the friendliest residents of Retiro Park. We'll be sure to bring a bit of bread to share with our friends as they let us paint their beautiful home.





Stop 3- A Relaxing Boat Ride

At our last stop, the artists will receive a well-deserved break as we spend the remainder of our time on the Retiro Lake, leisurely paddling and sharing stories of Madrid.