

## Comments From Past Artaquarius Holidays

"The art weekend was just marvellous! Thank you for all your thoughtful and hard work. It was all a lovely experience and so interesting to do the artwork in lovely surroundings with the history of Portencross so near."

... Anne



"Thank you so much for the lovely time we had at your art weekend. The food you provided was first class and we have lovely memories of our time at South Banks House with you and the other guests."

... Betty and Willie

"Thank you for a fabulous weekend at South Banks House. The company, tutoring, food and lessons learned were fabulous. Keep up the good work! The setting is fabulous and I have been dreaming about turning my garden shed into a studio like yours! Dream on! Thanks again."

... Pam



"Thank you so much for providing such a wonderful opportunity to practice a hobby and to have such a relaxing weekend with good company and challenge too. Your home is delightful and your hospitality second to none."

... Maryel

## Venue

Artaquarius is based at South Banks House, a beautiful country house tastefully decorated with a wealth of period features and sits in the midst of a large garden featuring a unique rock-cliff backdrop, pond and studio. The house overlooks the sea, with stunning views of the Isle of Arran, the Cumbraes, Holy Isle, the Kyles of Bute and Ailsa Craig. Located in the hamlet of Portencross as featured on the 2004 BBC Restoration programme (for more information see [www.portencrosscastle.org.uk](http://www.portencrosscastle.org.uk)). The art weekends were also the subject of a 2007 Sunday Times Travel article, of which we are rightly proud.



Appointed in country-house style, South Banks House (the core of which was built around 1690) offers elegant, comfortable accommodation for up to 8 people in 3 double/twin rooms and 3 single rooms over two floors, with stunning sea views. There are 2 large bathrooms (with showers), 2 separate shower rooms and a large cloakroom wc. The house is centrally heated, with several log fires and fully serviced.

Relax in the garden before dinner or in front of a log fire in the reception room before dining in style, by candlelight, and enjoy the Arran sunsets.

Non-painting partners are very welcome and there are many interesting places to visit nearby or, just enjoy the ambiance of the house and garden and breathe in the sea air.

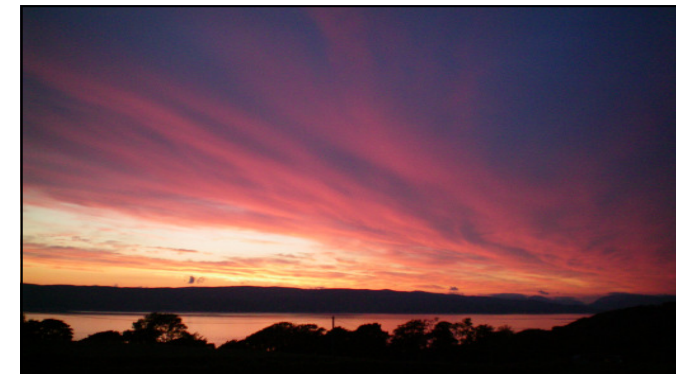


# Artaquarius

## Art Weekends in 2017



## South Banks House



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Artaquarius Weekends in 2017

- Date 1: Fri - Sun, 19 - 21 May 2017
- Date 2: Fri - Sun, 16 - 18 June 2017
- Date 3: Fri - Sun, 14 - 16 July 2017
- Date 4: Fri - Sun, 11 - 13 August 2017
- Date 5: Fri - Sun, 1 - 3 September 2017

Venue: South Banks House, Portencross, by West Kilbride, Ayrshire, KA23 9QA, Scotland.

Cost of 3-day break:

- Painters: £275
- Non painters: £215

A deposit of £100 (non-refundable, unless there is a waiting list) is required per person. The balance to be paid by dates below.

Art Break Date	Balance Due Date
Date 1	30 April 2017
Date 2	26 May 2017
Date 3	30 June 2017
Date 4	28 July 2017
Date 5	20 August 2017

Cost includes :

- Qualified tuition by Mary Attwood, BA(Hons) Visual Communication, PGCE Secondary Art Education.
- All artists' materials including easels. Please bring your own sketch book, drawing pencils and a small watercolour box (if you have one). A camera is recommended.
- Accommodation in comfortable, well-appointed bedrooms
- Delicious, home-cooked meals. Full Scottish breakfast, lunch, 3-course evening meal and home baking with morning coffee and afternoon tea.

When payment balance is received, map details will be provided (if required).

Refunds will only be offered if the dates you have booked are full and there is a participant waiting list to fill the cancelled place.

Please sign booking form and return with deposit (made payable to "W. V. Kolon") to:

Artaquarius, South Banks House, Portencross, by West Kilbride, Ayrshire, KA23 9QA

Proposed schedule (flexible, depending on weather):

On Friday, access to house will be from 3pm, with time for a walk to the castle and harbour before afternoon tea (about 4:30pm). Your tutor will join us for drinks before dinner, which will be served at approximately 8pm. All soft drinks are provided, but we ask that you bring your own wine or any other alcoholic beverages.

During the art weekend, you will walk down to the harbour to sketch Arran and Portencross Castle, using pencils and watercolours. You will learn to make your own handmade sketchbook to record the weekend and the beautiful local area. Beginning with many drawing techniques, experimental approaches with reference to various artists you will develop your use of paint and mixed media. From initial sketches you will leave the weekend with a sketchbook of inspiration to further your creative ideas.

On both mornings, a full Scottish breakfast will be served at 9am. Lunch at 1:30pm, with morning coffee and afternoon tea served in the garden (weather permitting).

On Sunday, departure will be between 5-6pm. (Arrangements can be made for an add-on overnight stay. Cost is £50 per double room and £38 single). Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Free wifi is provided too.

We pride ourselves on our friendly and informal approach to our weekends, which we hope you will find fun, relaxing and informative. We have conducted these weekends over the past 12 years and believe that we have created the right level of encouragement for aspiring artists. Whether you have had previous art experience or not, be assured of a warm welcome and a fun weekend.

Please call Audrey on 01294 823 949 if there are any queries

I would like to attend the South Banks House Art Weekend in (please circle below):

- Date 1: May
- Date 2: June
- Date 3: July
- Date 4: August
- Date 5: September

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone number:.....

Email (if available):.....

Number of places required:.....

(indicate if non-painter)

Additional names and addresses:

Any special requirements : (e.g. allergies, dietary, mobility).....

Amount paid as deposit:.....

(£100 per person)

*Please note: It is essential to take out holiday insurance when you book, to cover cancellation, personal accident, illness or loss of possessions. Artaquarius cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to your belongings and/or your illness or injury while with us. We also cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from circumstances beyond our control. We also reserve the right to cancel should there be insufficient participants, in which case a refund will be made. The house is not suited for guests with limited mobility as all bedrooms are on the 1st and 2nd floors.*



I accept the above conditions,

Signed.....