

Simple, Beautiful Vintage Collage in Santorini

with artist/instructor

Chris Randall

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Chris is passionate about collecting vintage paper, photographs, linens and china, so we'll begin to explore pathways to use the ephemera we've discovered from our everyday life, travels and experiences in collage works. Chris will have a variety of items from "grandma's trunk" that she will bring out a little at a time to ooh and ahh over, and yes, even share! Coffee-dye, tea & walnut staining and color washes will be on the menu. Our first course is customizing our papers, lace, fabrics and trims. 2nd course relax and share your story. Dessert? If wine isn't enough, we will be out on a search for the best gelato. We will begin creating our one-of-a-kind hand-bound journals. It will be loaded with envelopes, pockets and different types of paper. We will have fun saving all our brochures, maps, menus, receipts and tickets and collage them this week in our journals. You will learn to make charming vintage image transfers (several different techniques). We will have many images to choose from and we will update our journals as well. Vintage Scrapbook Collage Classes are also on the menu!

Workshop is open to all levels. Whether you are a novice just learning or a professional needing advanced problem solving,

Chris's individualized instruction will address needs at your level and push you to the next step in your personal development.

Accommodations are intended as follows:

Fira...Hotel Nissos Thira

Note: Accommodations may change based on availability.

Picture Yourself...

*painting among the sights and sounds of beautiful Santorini:
Crystal blue water, vineyards, centuries-old buildings,
narrow winding streets, bold color and vibrant sunlight.*

Feel Yourself...

*in the warm ambiance of Santorini, overlooking an ancient
volcanic caldera, claimed site of the lost city of Atlantis,
originally fortified by the Minoans, claimed by the Romans,
touched by the Venicians, almost unchanged for centuries,
one of Greece's jewels.*

Experience...

*the joy of learning and gaining collage skills and confidence
with the expert instruction of a professional instructor and the
camaraderie of a small group of learners.*

Enjoy...

*great Mediterranean food, delightful wines, new friends,
breath-taking vistas, history and the hospitality of the people
of Santorini.*

Read more about this workshop below...

About "Simple, Beautiful, Vintage Collage"

Sunday Morning

Chris' first passion is collecting vintage photographs, linens and china, so our 1st stop will be shopping in Santorini where we will discover ephemera and then spend the week creating it into our own treasures! Later, we'll begin to explore pathways to use the ephemera we've discovered from our everyday life, travels and experiences in collage works. Chris will have a variety of items from "grandma's trunk" that she will bring out a little at a time to ooh and ahh over, and yes, even share!

Sunday Afternoon

Coffee-dye, tea & walnut staining and color washes will be on the menu. Our first course is customizing our papers, lace, fabrics and trims. 2nd course relax and share your story. Dessert? if wine isn't enough, we will be out on a search for the best gelato.

Monday Morning

We will begin our fabulous morning creating our one-of-a-kind hand-bound journals. It will be loaded with envelopes, pockets and different types of paper. We will have fun saving all our brochures, maps, menus, receipts and tickets and collage them this week in our journals. It would be a great idea to keep it with you throughout the week and jot down thoughts, favorite foods and happenings each day. Take photos of your "new best friends and make a page to place them on once the photo is developed. Draw something you see or take a rubbing, just let your creative juices flow! You will adore your book when you get home and your friends will be green with envy then you can tell them all about the workshops what a wonderful experience you had.

Monday Afternoon

Continuation of morning topic and collage clipboard frames.

Tuesday Morning & Afternoon

Vintage Scrapbook Collage Class I, II. Bring several great VINTAGE photos of real or "borrowed" relatives (if you do not have photos or can not find any to borrow just to color copy try eBay-look under vintage photos. You need at least a dozen old vintage photos to work with for several scrapbook pages. Make sure you copy the sepia photos on a color copier to keep the rich sepia tones of the original photograph. PLEASE DO NOT bring original photos! I will bring some color copies as well. Copies may also be made in Cortona.

Wednesday - Full day Caldera Cruise

Thursday Morning & Afternoon

Card Collage and Rubber Stamp Art. Using our coffee, walnut-ink, and tea stained lace and trims along with rubberstamps, buttons, old keys ,and dozens of vintage items Jill will have, we will use a culmination of many techniques and apply them to a " mini-canvas" called a

card! We will have more beautiful photos of Tuscany as well and the surrounding areas to "transfer" onto our cards along with bits of souvenirs we are picking up as we explore the countryside. I will bring plenty of stamps to play with. Participants are encouraged to bring a set of small alphabet rubberstamps, as well as favorite words or phrases for yourself and two dozen blank ivory or white large or medium cards (you can get them any art & crafts store). These cards are works of art, that is why I refer to them as "mini-canvases"; you will love them! You will learn to make charming vintage image transfers (several different techniques). We will have many images to choose from and we will update our journals as well.

Friday Morning & Afternoon

The last day's workshops will open your eyes to a new way to see things through a relaxing workshop featuring "Memories in Italy- Mini Round-Robin". We will pass our Scrapbook Journals on to another artist in the group and share our creations; each one adds to it their own memories- then you get to keep the gift made from all at the end of the workshop as a remembrance of new friends and your trip.

During the week we will visit the towns and villages of Fira and Oia (pronounced Eee-ah) and the local museum featuring wall paintings from the ancient city of Akrotiri. We will also take a day cruise to explore the inner islands, with optional visits to hot springs, the volcano, as well as the island of Thirasia.

And, in true Toscana Americana Workshops style, we will explore the local Greek culture, cuisine and wines while dining in local cliff-side restaurants 1000 feet above the water!

This is bound to be a wonderful week with plenty of opportunity to create in a relaxed and inspirational setting!

Santorini...

Santorini is one of the cycladic islands, created by the eruption of the volcano 1500 B.C. (thought by some to have brought about the end of the Minoan civilization and speculated by some as the famous island of Atlantis). Due to this, the island offers a versatile landscape with on the one hand steep darkish rock

formations and on the other hand beaches and small white villages. Besides that, there are several interesting monuments and the active volcano of course. Thira offers, besides remnants from several eras, ruins of the old Roman baths, theatres and markets.

Santorini is a group of islands in a circle about 10 KM across - the rim of a large volcano that is still producing small islands in the center. Steep slopes lead to the central area and gentle slopes lead to the sea that circles the island. It's really a group of islands even though it is usually discussed as if it were one. Settlements are scattered around the island as a series of small villages.

The famous white buildings are huddled close to one another on and over the cliff of the central caldera. Hiking paths and trails lead all over the island, but a charming time can be had walking the paths that interconnect the settlements and exploring the shops. Visitors can take ferry boats to the central island(s) to visit the new land and soak in hot springs.

All-inclusive enrollment options include:*

*Six days of discovery and collage on
the Island of Santorini: Its landscape, people and culture
Seven nights accommodations** in historic Fira*

Local museum

*All meals****

(continental breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Daily wine tasting opportunities

*Day cruise into the caldera to visit hot springs,
volcano and the nearby island of Thirassia*

A farewell wine tasting dinner

**Air travel is not included and is the responsibility of each
participant. Santorini is served by airlines from Athens.*

*All-inclusive starts at US\$2749.00 per person,
double occupancy.*

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**All-inclusive plans are Hotel plans only.*

***Hotel Nissos Thira or equivalent. Based on availability
***Included with "All-inclusive" plans only
All guests are responsible for handling their own luggage/baggage...
...we suggest to pack light.*

Itinerary

(Itinerary in progress, subject to change)

3 Saturday– Arrival in Fira, Santorini

- Arrival and Check-in in Fira (Participants are responsible for transfers to hotel)
- 7:00p Welcome to Santorini wine & chocolate tasting at Zafora.
- 8:00p Dinner at Zafora

4 Sunday - Fira

- 9:00a-1:00p Morning session
- 1:00p Lunch
- 3:00-6:00p Afternoon session
- 7:00p Wine tasting at Zafora
- 7:30p Dinner in Fira at Cesare

5 Monday - Fira

- 9:00-1:00p Morning session
- 1:00p Lunch
- 3:00-6:00p Afternoon session
- 7:00p Wine tasting at Zafora
- 7:30p Dinner in Fira at Noussa

6 Tuesday - Oia

- 9:00a-1:00p Morning session
- 1:00p Lunch
- 3:00-6:00p Afternoon session
- 7:00p Wine tasting
- 7:30p Dinner in Oia at Alykona

7 Wednesday - Full-day Caldera Cruise

- 11:00a Depart by bus for Athinios Port
- 5:30p approx. return to Fira
- 7:00p Wine tasting at Espresso Caffè
- 7:30p Dinner in Fira at Ouzeoi

8 Thursday - Akrotiri

-9:00a-1:00p Morning session

-1:00p Lunch

-3:00-6:00p Afternoon session

-7:00p Wine tasting at Zafora

-7:30p-Dinner in Fira at Dionysus

9 Friday - Fira

-9:00a-1:00p Morning session

-1:00p Lunch at Posiedon

-3:00-6:00p Afternoon session

-7:00 - Wine tasting at Zafora

-7:30p Farewell Wine Tasting Dinner at Zafora

10 Saturday – Departure- Morning Check-out & departure

Note: Toscana Americana reserves the right to alter this itinerary.

All times are approximate.

Arrange departure taxi through Hotel front desk.