

Give yourself an 'art break' and learn how to fuel your creativity with travel.



Dear Fellow art lover,,

Want to learn how successful artists have used their passion for travel to get more creative?

I did, especially since painting and travel are two of my faves.

Give yourself a one minute 'art break' and find out more here .

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Holly



Holly Van Hart

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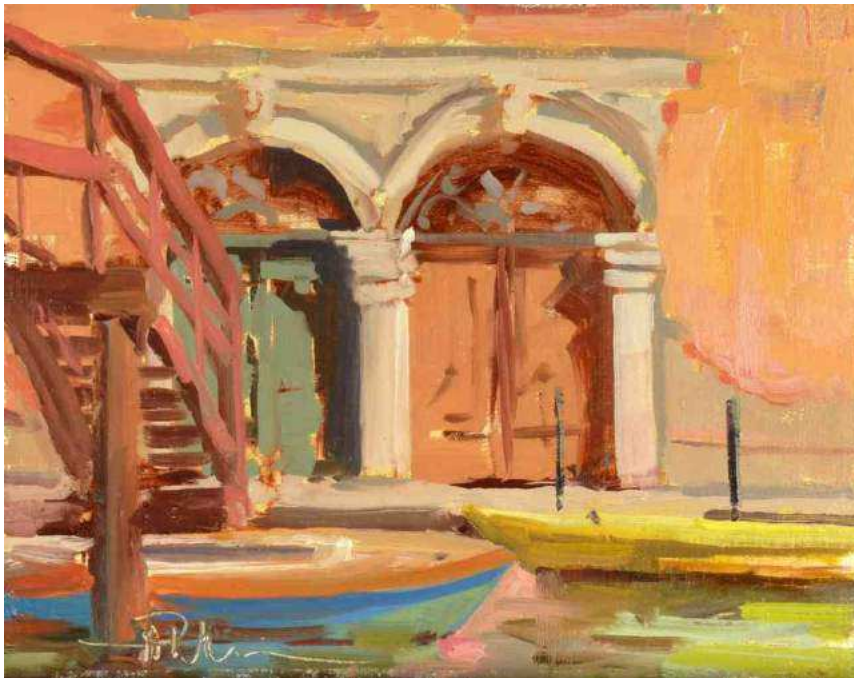
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Fueling Creativity with Travel

Does travel fuel *your* creativity? It does for me! Let's look at some examples of how successful artists have used their passion for travel to ratchet up their creativity -





"Parking in Venice", Lori Putnam

[Lori Putnam](#) is a modern American impressionist from Tennessee, past Vice President of the American Impressionist Society, and winner of a long list of prestigious painting awards.

Lori paints and teaches in gorgeous places such as Italy, Ireland, and Norway. What strikes me most about Lori's work is its amazing freshness and masterful brushwork.

Take another look at "Parking in Venice" (above), and notice much Lori accomplishes with so few strokes.

Could Lori get that level freshness if she never ventured out of Tennessee? Perhaps. But Lori says much of her inspiration comes from travel, and I believe her work proves it.



"Back Bay Afternoon", Camille Przewodek

[Camille Przewodek](#) is a 'California plein-air colorist', a Signature Member of the Oil Painters of America, and (like Lori Putnam) holder of many prestigious painting awards. Camille has traveled and painted throughout the US and Europe.

What I love about Camille's work is the way she captures outdoor light using striking colors. Just look at her use of blues and purples in the "Back Bay Afternoon" above. Wow.

Camille says that transformation is at the heart of her paintings. Each time she paints a scene she approaches it without baggage, with an almost childlike vision. Does travel enable that childlike vision? You bet!



"Red Sailboat on Fallen Leaf Lake", Holly Van Hart

This last work (very humbly put after the two above it) is mine; it was painted on the beach of a charming little lake in California during a weekend getaway.

What I love about travel - whether to a lake in California or to a brand new country - is that it opens my mind to new types of beauty and experiences. Capturing the beauty and the feeling of openness with oil paints is my challenge and passion.

Now, if I could just sprinkle in the exceptional freshness of Lori Putnam's work, and the amazing sense of light and colors of Camille Przewodek's work, life would be perfect!

Does travel fuel your creativity, in your work, your hobbies, or some other way in your life? We want to know! [Click here](#) and tell us how.

btw, if I'm slow to reply to your comments, it's because my family and I are [in the middle of a trip across North America](#). Internet access is a bit sporadic, and we're busy biking and painting :)

All the best,
Holly

Quote of the Day:

"If travel is like love, it is, in the end, mostly because it's a heightened state of awareness, in which we are mindful, receptive, undimmed by familiarity and ready to be transformed." - Pico Iyer

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