**Painting Adventure in Mexico**

**Materials list for Painting in Mexico with Gretchen Lopez-**

**The following should be packed in your check in case. I will have information for you on how to label your supplies…**

I pack most of my clothes into my carry on, which is my back pack. Once I get to my destination, the backpack serves to carry my supplies, clothing goes right into my check in. This is the most recommended carryon back pack (and this fits right into the overhead), the “Mother Load” from Ebags. It’s a real workhorse and gets great reviews, I own two.

Plein air paint box- The Sienna Paint box, Strada (comes in three sizes, a little pricey though), Guerilla Painter Cigar Box, Open M, or Joshua Been has a good kit. There are many out there to choose from. Keep it light and make sure it can fit into your pack….

Tripod for your paint box

Plein Air Umbrella- recommend- “Best Brella” folds small enough to put in your check in.

Bungee cords for windy days, utility tool

Paint- Duo Aqua water mixable oils- two each of titanium white, burnt sienna, ultramarine blue, Indian yellow, cadmium red light, alizarin crimson or napthol red and Quick Drying Medium Gloss medium for water mixable oils. Please stick to small tubes 40ml or 50ml.

Brushes- Synthetic hog bristle- #2 #4 #8 and #10 flats...#4 and #6 brights…

Soft Synthetic- Qualita Colada wash brushes from Jerry’s Artarama- !/2 inch and an inch

Metal Palette knives- Diamond shape, a two inch blade for mixing paint and a smaller to paint with.

**Linen panels or pads**- Centurion Acrylic Primed Linen Canvas pads for all mediums- 9x12 or 11x14. Get some parchment paper to put in between your paintings.

Plein Air Butterfly Ultra lightweight oil primed panels…these are pricey but might be well worth it. With a beautiful finish for oils, and lighter than any other panel, they come ten to a pack -11x14’s - 174.00 Available through Jerry’s Artarama

Raymar Feather Lite Panels for Plein Air- go online to Raymar.com. These are light weight and the size I recommend is 9x12.

If you don’t mind the extra weight, use panels and get to [www.Panelpak.com](http://www.Panelpak.com). Order five small paks to fit ten small panels. Each Pak holds 2 wet panels. I traveled with these to Spain for my 2017 workshop. Since we have four days of painting, keep it fun and supplement with drawing or painting smaller with 8x10’s?

Raymar has wet panel carriers, but, Panel Paks, though pricey, did the trick, plus they do take a beating!

Masking tape, small trash bags (I pack my shoes in these), wet wipes, container for water (Walmart has a container which folds down in the camping area) paper towels.

**Water Colorists! your supplies are a snap to pack!!! But pack them in your check in luggage.**

Small travel kit- there are so many choices. I used a small travel watercolor case with 18 pans for color, simply called the “Water Color PALETTE”, I tool mine to Hawaii.

I recommend tube paints over the cakes- Holbein Tint, burnt umber, burnt sienna, cobalt blue, French ultramarine blue, Don Andrews turquoise, dioxazine purple, alizarin crimson, opera pink, Quinacridone red, cadmium red medium, aureolin yellow, Carr yellow, transparent yellow oxide, Halloween orange, and Pat’s Coastal Blue. Most of these are available through Cheap Joe’s, and are from the American Journey line.

Brushes- 1-1/2” Neptune wash, #8 Neptune Mop, 1-inch Neptune Oval wash, #8 round, the Neptune brushes are available at Visible Difference in Flagstaff.

Pitt artists pens in Sanguine or Sienna.

Fold down container for water, paper towels, small pack of Tissues for lifting color from your paper, natural sponge for texture.

**Paper- I recommend a small Water Color Block by “Fluid” no worries ab=out stretching your paper. Choose 140lb cold press, full cotton content.**

**Easel- a portable water color easel might be of great benefit, although there are many to choose from, make sure you get a lightweight aluminum easel.**

**Last but not least-** Painting Itinerary, passport, ID, maps, schedule for air, sunscreen, folding sun hat, tech stuff- phone chargers/world traveler adaptor, walking shoes, RFID waist stash to carry money-passports-ID……I would leave all valuable jewelry items at home.