

ALONG THE FRENCH IMPRESSIONIST PATH



Come away with Voyages Millefleurs to the South of France and Paris. We start at Renoir's Les Collettes near Nice on the Cote d'Azur. We then nestle into a 300 year-old country home just south of Avignon to experience the brilliant colours of Provence. Enjoy the market of St. Remy before visiting Van Gogh's "Hotel Dieu" and follow his footsteps through Arles and Cassis. Cézanne's studio in Aix and the Mte. Ste. Victoire are a short drive away. Roman ruins and cliff top villages are in abundance as your guide helps you retrace the "impressionist path" in Provence. Ahh Paris! Spend time in the Montmartre cafés where these renegade artists got their start, the Musée d'Orsay & Orangerie as well as breathtaking Monet's Garden in Giverny!

Christina's Masterpiece Tour

June 6-17, 2019
10 days in Paris & Provence
\$CDN - Land & Air
based on 12-16 pax in double occ.
No Taxes!



ARTISTS

- *Renoir's Cagnes-sur-Mer*
- *Cézanne's Aix-en-Provence*
- *Van Gogh's St Remy de Provence; Arles; Auvers-sur-Oise*
- *Monet's Garden in Giverny; Orangerie*
- *Degas Renoir Manet Pissaro Caillebotte Morissot Paris Montmartre; Musée de Orsay*

Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due at time of booking.

Final balance is due on April 6, 2019.

Not included in this tour: Meals not mentioned in itinerary; tips and gratuities; travel and medical insurance; personal expenses; international flight

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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

LODGING with breakfast

- 2 nights in Nice
- 5 nights in Mas St Antoine
- 3 nights in Paris

MEALS

- Welcome dinner in Nice
- Pizza night around the pool
- Provençale reception
- Picnic lunch at Winery
- Farewell Dinner at 120 year old Chartier
- Luncheon at Café du Marché

TRANSPORT

- Fast train from Avignon to Paris (TGV)
- All ground transport in minibus while in Provence and around Paris
- Metro tickets in Paris
- River Cruise on the Seine

SIGHT-SEEING

- Walking tours of Avignon, Aix
- Monet's Garden; Auvers-sur-Oise; Musée d'Orsay; Orangerie; Cézanne's Studio; St Paul Maussole; Renoir's les Collettes

4 painting sessions with artist
(No experience necessary)
Christina Thoen, B.Ed Art
Major

Itinerary: Impressionist Tour of Paris and Provence

Thursday, June 6-International flight to Nice, France

Friday, June 7- Arrival in Nice on the French Riviera! Evening walk along the Promenade des Anglais and welcome meal before bonne nuit!

Saturday, June 8 This morning we will visit Auguste Renoir's "Les Collettes" a property he bought in the south of France where he lived with his wife Aline. Wander through his furnished house to see some of his original works of art still hanging on the walls. Photograph the ancient olive trees in the park surrounding the house. Continue on to the artist village of St Paul de Vence. Lunch in the famous Colomb d'Or where originals of Picasso and Matisse still hang on the restaurant walls. Time to visit some artists in their workshops. Return to Nice.

Sunday, June 9 -We will leave Nice this morning on the autoroute to Aix en Provence to visit Cezanne's studio. Enjoy the ambiance of this studio before our drive along the country road Cezanne used to walk to paint the famous Monte Ste.Victoire. Continue along the autoroute to the Mediterranean Sea to the small fishing village of Cassis. We will arrive around 1pm so you can catch lunch and have some free time to enjoy the beach or a boat excursion into the Calanques. Artist *SKETCH this colourful Mediterranean village* before continuing on to our country home just south of Avignon. Enjoy a provençale welcome reception.

Monday, June 10- This is your FREE day to relax at the Mas St. Antoine in their lovely gardens. Perhaps take in a Course Camarguese or other festivities on this Sunday afternoon. *SKETCH in the gardens of the Mas.*

Tuesday, June 11- Morning visit to the famous wine growing region of Chateauneuf-du-Pape to taste their world famous wines. Close by is Domaine de la Marotte where we will enjoy a picnic lunch of local produce in the vineyards. Return to Avignon to visit sites of this Papal city which dates back to the 14th century. This is a medieval walled city located on the Rhone River and is famous for its Pont d' Avignon and its summer theatre festival. This is your FREE AFTERNOON to enjoy shopping, site seeing and dining on your own in many of the fine restaurants recommended by Corinne.

Wednesday, June 12 - Morning departure for St. Remy de Provence to visit St Paul Maussole, the centre where Van Gogh was hospitalized during his last few weeks in Provence. Time to visit his "chambre" and the gardens surrounding the Cloistre. Shop for dinner provisions at the market in St. Remy. Not far away is Les Baux de Provence where you can enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking this 15th century village of the minstrals. Across the precipice is a beautiful view of the village on its limestone cliff with a panoramic view. *SKETCH this minstral village* from outside. Evening to relax and share a potluck supper at the Mas.

Thursday, June 13- This morning we will travel to the Roman city of Arles for a walking tour along the footsteps of Van Gogh. The last stop on our walk will be the Espace Van Gogh where he painted the gardens of this "Hotel Dieu". Enjoy a Pastis at the Café La Nuit followed by lunch. Our favourite, recommended spot is the Café Van Gogh which Van Gogh painted as "Café La Nuit". *Sketch Café La Nuit with Christina.* Enjoy a swim before a gourmet pizza night with wine around the pool.

Friday, June 14 - Early morning train ride on the TGV to the heart of Paris (2 hours 40 min.) Transfer to the Hotel des Arts and enjoy getting to know this Opera district. The Orangerie is on the agenda for this afternoon. Here you will see Monet's original large canvas water lilies. Many other impressionist artists are also found in this museum. Then we will take the metro to Sacre Coeur, a hilltop haven for artists in Paris dating back to the Impressionist Era. Time to meander in the square and enjoy the works of these artists while catching a relaxing beverage in one of the bordering cafes. Dinner on your own close to the hotel.

Saturday, June 15- This morning you will visit the Musée d'Orsay. This will take the whole morning as you see the original works of Van Gogh, Monet, Degas, Cezanne, etc. Close by is a funky little Café du Marché where we will enjoy a group lunch ordered off the black board in typical French style. Walk to the Eiffel Tower after lunch. Afternoon free to do sightseeing on your own or to SKETCH in one of Paris many parks. Dinner on your own in Paris.

Sunday, June 16- Excursion into the countryside to Monet's Gardens in Giverny. Time for INDIVIDUAL SKETCHING or photograph in these tranquil gardens and to shop in the boutique for interesting Monet souvenirs. Return to Paris via Auvers -sur-Oise to view Van Gogh's final resting spot. His famous "The Church at Auvers" is found on the road to the cemetery. Once back in Paris walk enjoy dinner in a 200 year old restaurant Chartier. Tonight there will be a Farewell River Cruise on the Seine.

Monday, June 17 Morning transfer to the Charles de Gaulle airport for the international flight back home. Au Revoir!