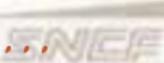


Path of an Artist Tour 2015



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PARIS MONT 1 ET 2 → PAUILLAC

A composer avant l'accès au train

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Dép 20/02 à 08H55 de PARIS MONT 1 ET 2
Arr à 11H55 à BORDEAUX ST JEAN
PERIODE NORMALE TGV 8411
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Dép 20/02 à 12H08 de BORDEAUX ST JEAN
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*Path of an Artist Tour 2015
avec Nancy Willis*

Le Sojourn



...a perfect excuse to explore the world and your creative mind at the same time.

...an experience designed to open your eyes to the particular nature of French sensations - the city, the landscape, the light, the food, the wine, and the pace - and refract that experience into your painting.

Travel with insider and artist/Francophile Nancy Willis, who knows where to stay, where to eat, and when it is time to paint. Take advantage of her French connections and follow her path as you feed your own artistic spirit and indulge your creative longings.

All of Paris Awaits You...

SUNDAY · JUNE 14 | MONDAY · JUNE 15

Day One: Check into three-star charming hotel in très chic 6th arrondissement. Take a little nap or step out your door into the pulse of Paris. Rendezvous for an aperitif and take a stroll to dinner at a left bank artist hang out (included).

Visuals: le très jeune mode, aromatics from florist stands, best Italian gelato, art galleries and bustling cafes, cobblestone, Caillbotte steel blue tin roofs.



Day Two: Meet après breakfast for stroll to Musée, stopping in galleries along the way. À liberté for afternoon. Let the painting a commence on the banks of the Seine. We will bring our paints and let the world pass us by on the Ile de Cite. Picnic like an Impressionist while you record the bateau mouche and flow of life at twilight (included).

Visuals: Young and old love strolling the banks. Willow trees lounge and sway in the breeze. Sounds of moving current and big sighs from the Pont Neuf.



Liberté and the Artist

TUESDAY · JUNE 16 | WEDNESDAY · JUNE 17

Day Three: Savor your last day in Paris a liberté to make art, view art or do some shopping. We will rendezvous at twilight for a boat cruise on the Seine and see why they call it the city of light (included).

Day Four: One last morning in Paris. YUM! We will take a high speed train to Montpellier, on the TGV and welcome the decompression of southern France. We will travel by car to Collioure, stopping as we want for a coffee or the view. After settling in for a little repose, we shall reconvene for dinner (included).



Needs a Little Salt or Another Anchovy...

THURSDAY · JUNE 18 | FRIDAY · JUNE 19

Day Five: Derrain, Picasso and Matisse all painted there and you will see why. This gorgeous port city is rich in atmosphere, restaurants and anchovies. We will stay in a 4-star hotel with views of the town and harbor. The day is yours to stroll along the waterside path into town or order another glass of rosé while painting from your red chaise lounge.

Day Six: We will venture out to explore along the coast stopping for lunch to taste the influence of nearby Spain with a local winemaker (lunch included). Luxuriate with a nap, or dip in the pool, the Mediterranean to refresh.





Visuals: windswept landscape peppered with terraced vines and kiwi trees. Open-air markets/brightly colored textiles and fishing boats, terra cotta roofs and cool pink and violet skies.



The Mediterranean Good Life Continues...

SATURDAY · JUNE 20 | SUNDAY · JUNE 21

Day Seven: Spend the morning picking up some gourmande souvenirs or do a little painting from the terrace before heading off to Montpellier. We will settle in to our charming hotel in the heart of the old city of Montpellier complete with a terrace over a garden restaurant and the sounds of church bells nearby. Cobble streets, narrow alleys, open plazas lined with trees, cafes and fountains wait for you to discover. We will dine with the locals at famed regional restaurant L'Entrocôte (included).



Day Eight: Spend the morning at the antiques flea market around the corner and the afternoon painting in the formal gardens at Chateau Flaugergues. We will get an insider's tour through the 17th century chateau and conclude our afternoon with a tasting of Languedocian wines and light dinner (included). In honor of the summer solstice on June 21st, all french cities fill the streets with musicians to ring in summer, so the night is your to discover.



Visuals: Majestic chateau towering above formal terraced gardens with bamboo hideaways, blue and ochre urns and cypress spires.

I Think I Could Live Here...

MONDAY · JUNE 22 | TUESDAY · JUNE 23

Day Nine: After offering the public your version of La Vie en Rose the night before you might want to sleep in or get more local painting in before heading to the beach in the afternoon. Ooh, la la life is good at the edge of the Mediterranean. Painting on the sand until dusk, informal dinner at the beach (Picnic lunch included).

Visuals: White sand, soft dunes, the clear blue refreshment of the Mediterranean. Blue and red umbrellas and the gentle lapping of waves. Succumb to the light and water.



Day Ten: Let your paintings dry while you visit the Musee Fabre, one of the finest museums in the Ile de France. The last day is yours to savor comme tu veut. Farewell soiree and dinner on the terrace of the chateau.



Visuals: A look of très content on le visage, and beauty once again is ours to behold. Flickering candlelight illuminates the courage, strength and happiness within.

Savoring the Moment...

THURSDAY · JUNE 24



Day Eleven: Depart from MLP or the Montpellier Train Station for destinations unknown and new stories to be told.

Meet your Tour Insider...

NANCY WILLIS

ARTIST | DIRECTOR



Artist Nancy Willis lives and works in the Napa Valley. Willis works with themes of connection and place across paint, printmaking, and video mediums. She has created series about the bed, the dinner party and the chandelier. Willis is currently curating Nourish, an exhibition about the intersections between food and art.

Willis teaches painting and printmaking at the Napa Valley College and Nimbus Arts and the Principals of Design at the Culinary Institute of America. After annual trips to French friends vineyards, Willis successfully launched Path of the Artist painting tours in 2007 leading artists through an intimate view of Paris, Bordeaux and Bergerac. Willis advocates good wine and long dinners for all artists and can be found looking to stir things up in and out of her studio in St. Helena.

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WAITING FOR TRUFFAUT
oil on canvas 2012

“I rarely give myself the freedom to paint, sketch, eat and laugh as I did on this trip. I was ready to go again as soon as I got back.” Sue Bradford ~ Napa



“The path of an artist is a path of delights – visual, sensual, shared. Whether sketching as a group on a drizzly terrace over the Mediterranean or by yourself in a sunny allee, time invested in rediscovering yourself on Nancy’s tour is time well spent and time you’ll never forget. You and your comrades in art will forever be bonded in light and laughter. (And speaking of laughter, you will never laugh so much, often or hard as you will on this trip.) Just say “oui!”

Caroline Siemers ~ LA/Oakland

“Nancy’s skill as a painting teacher combined with her passion for France and her personal contacts there made this a matchless experience for me.”

Allie Timar ~ Napa

Le Prix



UMBRELLAS OF CARNON PLAGE

The tour includes three nights in 3-star accommodation in Paris, three nights in 4-star accommodation in Collioure and four nights in charming hotel in the city center of Montpellier. Indulge yourself with daily breakfast, six dinners, two lunches, two wine tastings, one tour, airport transfer from CDG to hotel, train from Paris to Montpellier, transportation to Collioure, painting instruction, transportation from Montpellier to MLP airport or train station for departure, museum fees, local transportation*, tax and gratuities all included. Just say oui!

Some painting/creative experience is suggested.

\$4350* double occupancy. \$600* single supplement. **additional charges could occur based on ascent of the Euro.*

\$500.00 deposit due immediately to secure your space. Balance due April 9th or by arrangement

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