



21 nights arriving on May 18 departing June 17, 2018

3900 Euros

La Bonne Etoile, Fontaine-Fourches France

General Trip Conditions

Trip Price: 3900 Euros

All rates are per person double occupancy, based on a group with 8-10 trip members. All rates are quoted in Euros. The final payment, 60 days before arrival, will freeze the exchange rate for the agreement.

Trip Price includes:

- 21 nights of lodging
- All meals, drinks, and gratuities onsite
- Airport transfers for arrival and departure scheduled on arrival and departure dates
- Use of workshop rental vehicles for those added as additional drivers
- Fuel allowances for all local excursions
- Optional instructional sessions by request conducted by KIPPY HAMMOND
- Unlimited studio time
- Studio easels and taborets
- En plein air excursions in the beautiful French countryside
- Internet access and access to laundry facilities
- Accompanying family member receive reduced prices
- Plenty of loving critiques and a group vernissage.
- Alums qualify for 5% alum discount
- Immediate family members staying in the same room qualify for 10% discount
- Excludes airfare to Paris
- Single room surcharge \$350 (only two available)

Trip Price does NOT include: Painting supplies, airfare, airport transfers outside of scheduled trips for group, excess baggage fees, forwarding of baggage, baggage loss, charges for inoculations, medical expenses, travel insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, optional trips, meals away from the group, special arrangements, airport taxes.

If you have any problems with the online registration, contact Kippy or Ann Dodys at <mailto:workshops@labonneetoile.com> for personal assistance.

Reservations and payment schedule:

- Register online through EVENTS tab at the top of www.labonneetoile.com/blog (Or click this link to redirect you now [Open Studio 2018 Enrollment](#))
- To confirm your enrollment an initial payment of \$500.00 is due at time of registering. Your slot will be reserved for one week pending receipt of deposit.
- A second payment of \$1000 is due 30 days after registration.
- You will be invoiced for the balance of the trip costs and final payment due, 60 days prior to arrival at La Bonne Etoile.
- All rates are quoted in Euros. The final payment, 60 days before arrival, will freeze the exchange rate in US Dollars for the agreement.
- To calculate final amount a simple formula can be used. ***Workshop price in Euros X Exchange Rate (on 60th day before arrival) LESS \$1500 from previous payments.***

FOR ADDED FINANCIAL SECURITY, PAYMENT AND BANKING INFORMATION WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE EMAIL UPON COMPLETED REGISTRATION

Cancellation policy: In the event of cancellation, payment will be refunded, less the following:

- Registration fee 50.00 Euros per person.
- Less than 120 days and more than 60 days prior to arrival; 250 Euros
- Within 60 days of arrival, no refund unless there is a waiting list and place can be filled. In this case the registration fee of 50.00 Euros charge is not refundable

Travel Insurance: We do not provide travel or cancellation insurance of any kind. If you wish to purchase it on your own, most companies require that you purchase it within two weeks of the date on your check for the initial trip payment in order to get full coverage, including coverage of pre-existing medical conditions. If you are thinking of getting insurance, you should find a plan and understand the conditions for payment prior to sending your deposit.

Travel insurance is available from several insurance carriers to provide protection in a variety of situations. For example, if you are unable to make the initial departure or forced to leave the trip prior to the end. Medical expense and accidental injury protection, baggage insurance and medical evacuation coverage are also available and advised.

Some US insurance companies, including Medicare, do not cover medical expenses outside of the US so be sure to review your personal insurance coverage and options.

Some participants may have travel insurance included in their normal health coverage, it is advisable to discuss this with your insurance agent. We have used Multinational Underwriters, Inc. www.mnui.com in the past. There are many effective, inexpensive policies to be found by searching the internet under “travel insurance”.

*******Special notes concerning air transportation*******

- It is advisable to wait until the workshop is confirmed before making travel arrangements unless you plan to complete a trip to France in any case during that period of time.
- In making your air travel arrangements do remember that your departure date from the US will be **MAY 26, 2018**, arriving at Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris on **MAY 27, 2018**.
- Most flights into CDG airport from the states arrive in the AM. Because we will be using a commercial bus company for your shuttle, we request that you try and schedule your arrival time approximately between 8:00 and 12:00 AM and your departure in the late morning or early afternoon.
- **In scheduling departing flights please try and avoid early departures. Note: Your departure from La Bonne Etoile will be scheduled five hours prior to your flight time.**

Flight Arrangements to Paris Charles DeGaulle Airport and return to US are the sole responsibilities of the participants. Cheaper rates may be found by flying through cities other than Paris but you need to weigh the savings by the inconvenience and hidden expenses of negotiating another airport. Direct flights to Paris from the United States are offered by Delta, American, Northwest, US Air, AirFrance, TWA, Continental. For anyone flying on frequent flyer miles, early booking is essential.

Travel Documents/Health Requirements: U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you are responsible for determining and fulfilling any visa requirements. You should begin now to obtain your passport as it can take up to five weeks to obtain and may be required at the time of airline ticket purchase. Be sure to check your existing passport dates carefully and allow yourself plenty of time to renew if necessary. Airline travel requirements are very strict on this issue. Passports must be valid for at least three months beyond your planned **date** of departure from the Schengen area (France is part of the Schengen agreement)

Check with the Public Health Department for current recommended or required vaccinations.

Special considerations:

- Any dietary restrictions must be discussed with La Bonne Etoile staff before registering. Concessions may result in an additional charge.
- For most of the painting locations chosen, the bus will be very close at hand. If you should choose to paint on location in Troyes, Provins, or Sens you will be expected to carry your supplies with you. Europe in general is more physical than the United States, there are required steps in the metro, train stations, and some museums.
- Unfortunately, this trip is not wheelchair accessible. La Bonne Etoile has one flight of stairs to the bedroom area as well as a stair access to the painting studio. Exceptions may be possible but only by a written understanding in advance by La Bonne Etoile staff.
- Note: There are resident pets, for those with allergies to cats, please contact La Bonne Etoile before registration.
- Arrangements can be made with La Bonne Etoile for additional days outside of scheduled workshop. These are invoiced at 120 Euros per day and the tariff includes all meals.
- Airport or Paris shuttle service outside of arrival and departure dates will be invoiced at 130 Euros per direction.
- You will be expected to handle your own luggage upon arrival at La Bonne Etoile, so pack according to your ability to do this independently. If this is a physical hardship for you, it is essential you discuss this with staff before enrollment.

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New for 2018 For the more adventurous guests who like to have their own wheels, we will assist in two ways to make this possible. If you would like to rent a car at the airport and have no need for shuttle service we will credit your account by 160 Euros towards your rental. If you choose to rent a car after arrival to La Bonne Etoile, we will assist your pickup and dropoff locally.

Responsibility: La Bonne Etoile, operator of this trip, the travel agent, trip escorts, trip organizers, sponsors and assistance act only as agents for the passengers in regard to travel whether by railroad, bus, motorcars, boats, airplanes, or animal rides and assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle or through acts of default of any company or persons engaged in conveying the passengers or in carrying out the arrangements of the trip. We can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay or changes in train or other services, sickness, weather, strikes war, quarantine, uncontrollable events or other causes such as not meeting the trip minimum. All such losses will have to be borne by the passengers as trip rates provide arrangements only for the times stated. Baggage is at owner's risk. The trip organizer accepts no responsibility for securing, handling, or possession of passports or travel documents; nor for the accuracy of information given regarding such documents. It is the responsibility of the passenger to make sure that he/she is in possession of the proper travel documents and is in compliance with the current carrier and government regulations. Right is reserved at our sole discretion to withdraw any trip, and to make any changes in the itinerary we deem necessary or desirable, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the trip at any time should such person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity or general deportment impede the operation of the trip or the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other trip members.

To enroll click here: [La Bonne Etoile 2018 Open Studio Workshop](#)

If you need a printed copy of the enrollment, contact workshops@labonneetoile.com