

An Encore performance

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back at La Bonne Etoile 2009



Urania & Friends
Pastels en plein air
In the French Countryside and
Monet's Garden in Giverny
June 23 – July 7 2009
La Bonne Etoile Maison d'Artistes

This year's workshop will begin at La Bonne Etoile and will wrap up with a painting excursion to Monet's Garden in Giverny where the group will stay two nights. While at La Bonne Etoile mornings will be devoted to instruction and demonstrations by Urania Tarbet. Afternoon and evenings will be loaded with painting, both in the studios and *en plein air* in the French countryside.

To enhance your workshop studies, the in-home and restaurant dinners, as well as all the excursions have been chosen to help you experience the local flavors of France that are not evident from a tour bus. This particular region of France, while a very big French tourism destination, isn't as highly visited by English speaking tourists, so, guides will be added to our group from time to time. The cities chosen are not so large that anyone who chooses to slip away and wander will not feel intimidated.

Whether you return to the states exhausted, having taken part in every class, excursion, and every extra minute in the studio or balance your stay with rest and relaxation as top priority, our hopes are that you leave La Bonne Etoile inspired. Inspired in your art and your spirit, having acquired new skills in creativity and foreign travel

The all-inclusive land package price of 3320 Euros covers the following:

14 nights of lodging, including 12 nights at La Bonne Etoile and 2 nights Giverny
Meals, drinks, and gratuities, with the exception of lunch in Paris and lunch on brocante Sunday.

10 instructional sessions with Urania Tabet,

Painting in Monet's Garden one full Monday

A host from La Bonne Etoile will accompany your group for the duration of your stay

All ground transportation costs, including airport transfers, excursions

Unlimited studio time

En plein air excursions in the beautiful French countryside

Internet access and access to laundry facilities.

Much more....

Supplies and air transportation not included.

Just a few of the highlights for your trip:

Monet's Garden *"It is necessary to go on a pilgrimage to Giverny, this sanctuary teeming with flowers, in order to understand the Master better, to grasp the sources of his inspiration and to imagine him still alive among us" (Gerald Van der Kemp, first curator of Claude Monet Foundation.) We will have reservations to paint in the gardens on a Monday when they are closed to the public.*

Paris - This one-day excursion is to try and give you a few bearings and "land legs" for future trips to Paris and not an all-inclusive visit. We will continue our "impressionistic journey" to the Musee D'Orsay or the Musee de L'Orangerie where we will view Monet's Les Nymphes.

French cuisine – Chef Marc Bost will be returning for the fourth year to make every meal a real treat during your stay.

Brocantiing -*During the summer months, France's countryside is filled with local festivals and small brocantes. These are a combination flea market/ garage sale/ festival with a mixture of local citizens and professional merchants. Going to the brocantes every weekend seems to be a French tradition; you will see Parisians out for the weekend and locals, all looking for the treasures to be found. This is a real treat that is always a hit with Americans though probably not on any tours.*

Market Day -*The weekly market in Bray-sur-Seine will be scheduled for those that would like to browse and take pictures. This particular market is a real treat, even for those familiar with European open-air markets.*

And much, much more.

Please feel free to visit our website www.labonneetoile.com and the director's personal website www.kippyhammond.com to get a great sense of the adventure that we are planning for you.

Price is based on double occupancy. The quoted amount is in Euros, US \$ amount will be frozen at the exchange rate on the date when final balance is due.

Trip Price does NOT include: Painting supplies except for banned liquids, airfare, airport transfers outside of scheduled trips for group, excess baggage fees, forwarding of baggage, baggage loss, charges for inoculations, medical expenses, travel insurance, museum admissions, optional trips, meals away from the group, special arrangements, and airport taxes.

How do I make reservations?

Contact us via email to reserve your space, khstudios@yahoo.com

We will send you the General Trip Agreement.

Fill out the General Trip Agreement with your personal information and sign

Include check or money order made payable to Kippy Hammond for \$1500.00

Mail signed agreement and deposit to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076 within five days of initial reservation in order to secure confirmation.

What is the method and scheduling of the remaining balance?

The balance is due April 23, 2009

Because the balance due is to be calculated with the daily exchange rate as of April 23, 2009, you will need to recalculate the foreign currency exchange for the total of 3320 Euros into US Dollars and deduct the \$1500 deposit to obtain the remaining balance.

This payment may be paid in the equivalent dollar amount by check or money order, payable to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076.

Any additional charges during your stay will be only upon your request and approval. This amount must be paid before departure from La Bonne Etoile.

Copies of paid invoices will be supplied on request. Please indicate the name you wish to be invoiced under if it is different from the name on your checks, khstudios@yahoo.com

Arriving early or departing late is an option, room and board to be based on 110 Euros per day with special add-on excursions planned in response to individual requests and available time. Here are a few options to consider:

Provins- *The ancient fortified city of Provins sits atop a ridge overlooking the Seine valley and the Champagne chalklands, roughly equidistant from both Paris and Troyes. The town has a famous outline, dominated by a tower and the dome of Eglise St-Quiriace. Provins' role as an important center of commerce was confirmed in the 12C when it became one of the two capitals of the County of Champagne.*

Troyes *is a charming, medieval city. We will begin the day with a guided walking tour with an English-speaking tour guide. You have a choice to explore the numerous museums and churches in the ancient city or to sketch within helping distance of the instructor.*

Sens *This rather small town was important well before Caesar came to Gaul. The Cathedral St-Etienne is Sens' outstanding glory. Begun before 1140 it is the oldest of the great Gothic cathedrals and the attached museum houses the most outstanding Gallo-Roman collection in France.*

Château de Vaux le Vicomte - *This beautiful château is the precursor of Versailles and is a favorite of those that know French history. Rick Steves rates it in the top ten of the most underrated sites in Europe. We will continue our day to Moret sur Loing where Thomas Sisley painted and enjoy a dinner at La Palette, a wonderful restaurant.*

Plus the Champagne region with visits to the great champagne houses in Epernay and Reims, Vezelay, Joigny, Fontainebleau, Chartres, and more.