

# Painting the Portrait in Pastel



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LA BONNE ETOILE ARTIST RETREAT

FONTAINE-FOURCHES FRANCE

Learn to paint expressive painterly portraits in pastels using Alicia's unconventional approach to painting.

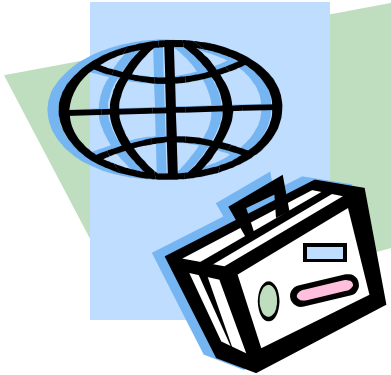
This course will offer you the opportunity to see the portrait and figure in a new way, and encourage freedom and spontaneity in each students work.

Through the use of live models and photographs, each student will learn how to interpret photos for life like portraits

*« I approach my paintings with the same spirit as my life, and therefore they are one and the same » Alicia Sotherland.*

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 3200 Euros covers the following:

- 12 nights of lodging
- Meals, drinks, and gratuities, with the exception of lunch in Paris.
- All instructional sessions with Alicia Sotherland
- 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.
- All model fees
- Much more....
- **This workshop may qualify for expansion to 14 days without an increase in price. Please wait until the enrollment numbers are verified before making flight arrangements.**

Supplies and air transportation not included.

Just a few of the highlights for your trip:

**Paris** - This one-day excursion is to try and give you a few bearings and “land legs” for future trips to Paris. A visit to the Musee d’Orsay is always a highlight as is just walking the streets of the most beautiful city on the world.

**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.

**Group choice between the Château de Fontainebleau or 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..

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

**Brocating** -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](http://www.labonneetoile.com) and the director's personal website [www.kippyhammond.com](http://www.kippyhammond.com) to get a great sense of the adventure that we are planning for you.

Arriving early or departing late is an option, room and board to be based on availability. The tariff is 110 Euros per day with special add-on excursions available in response to individual requests and available time.

**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. Expenses for one week sessions in parenthesis.**

**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 confirm a space in the workshop?

1. Download and complete the enrollment form at the following web address:  
<http://www.labonneetoile.com/workshops/2010SOTHERLANDartistpage.htm>
2. Email completed form to [Kristina@labonneetoile.com](mailto:Kristina@labonneetoile.com) or fax to 1-770-216-1541.
3. To confirm your enrollment a deposit of \$500.00 can be made in the following ways:
  - CHECK OR MONEY ORDER Payments may be made by check or money order, payable to: Kippy Hammond, PO Box 767130, Roswell, GA 30076.
  - MAJOR CREDIT CARDS or PAYPAL are accepted. Click on the BuyNow button on <http://www.labonneetoile.com/workshops/2010SOTHERLANDartistpage.htm> which will take you to PayPal. You do not need an account to use this service; you will have the opportunity to choose to pay by any major credit card. This only takes a few minutes and you are finished.

Do not hesitate to request assistance...we are here to help. [kristina@labonneetoile.com](mailto:kristina@labonneetoile.com)

## Reservations and payment schedule:

- To reserve a space and confirm your enrollment an initial payment of \$500.00 is due upon acceptance of this agreement.
- The second payment of \$1,000 is due within 30 days of initial enrollment.
- You will be invoiced for the balance of the trip costs and full payment is due within 60 days of arrival.
- All rates are quoted in Euros. The final payment, 60 days before arrival, will freeze the exchange rate for the agreement.
- To calculate final amount a simple formula can be used. **Workshop price in Euros X Exchange Rate (on 60<sup>th</sup> day before arrival) LESS \$1500 from previous payments.** An example would be 3250 Euros X 1.43 (exchange rate as of 9/07/2009) = \$4647.50 Total.....LESS \$1500 deposit = \$3147.50 Balance owed.

*PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE WORKSHOP NUMBERS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BEFORE BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT. YOUR GROUP MAY QUALIFY FOR AN INCREASE OF WORKSHOP DAYS WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN COST.*

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU WITH US!!**