

‘Inspired by the Impressionists’
Provence Tour

Art League of Ocean City
June 14-24, 2020
with Nancy Ellen Thompson



Experience Magical Provence

A journey you will never forget!

Join us!

Lavender, vineyards, olive trees, thyme, fresh figs, medieval villages, markets and sun-filled landscapes!

Discover why the region was such an inspiration for artists like Van Gogh, Picasso, Cezanne and Monet.

Following in the footsteps of the Impressionists in Provence, we will visit many important and beautiful towns and villages:

-St Remy where Vincent Van Gogh spent the last months of his life. We will visit Saint-Paul-de-Mausole monastery, the hospice where the painter produced some of his most famous works, such as the Sunflowers.

-Aix-en-Provence, a thriving cultural center. Here we will visit Cézanne's studio, left just as it was when he painted there.

-Arles, a Provencal city called Little Rome. Centuries ago, it played an important role as a colony of Julius Caesar and today is a great museum of a city. This is the city where Vincent

van Gogh created his most important paintings and lost his ear. Also, Picasso and his museum, to which Picasso, in love with Arles and in bullfights, donated a number of his works and thus initiated the creation of a museum of the art of his own name.

June is lavender season! We will sketch beautiful fields and visit the lavender museum in Senanque Abbey. It is one of the most photographic places in France. Of course, we make time to explore vineyards and have a wine tasting of French wines. We will photograph and sketch at the most beautiful villages of Provence as Gordes and Russillon featured in the movie 'A Good Year' with Russell Crowe and Marion Cotillard (based on the Peter Mayle book).

These are only a few of our planned attractions which may change according to weather and availability.





Workshop Includes:

- 10 days accommodation
 - Tuition
 - Fine food and wine
 - Transportation with day trips
 - French Cooking class with private Chef
 - Local cheese tasting
 - Wine tasting in the local Chateau
- and much more...

Excludes:

- Air fare
- 5 Lunches on your own

Balanced itinerary with time to sketch, explore and relax.

As our motto says, 'Eat, Create, Travel'.

Plenty to do for non-painting partners!

Cost : 3995\$

Price based on double-occupancy.

\$500 Deposit required to hold your space.

Only 12 spaces available!

Our Coordinated Pick Up & Drop Off Point: Marseille Airport or Train Station

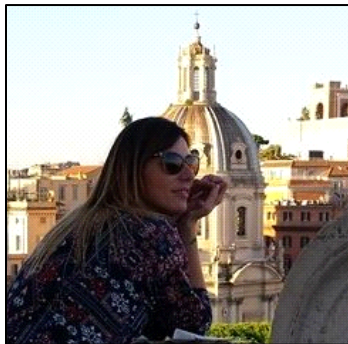


This workshop is being arranged through followtuscany.com. Karolina will follow up on all questions about the workshop, accommodations, activities, food issues and all other details. **She will** handle all booking arrangements, enquiries, and will receive payments of deposit and balance payment from the students directly.

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Accommodation:

Our home for 10 days will be an old XIXth Provençal villa set facing the Lubéron in little countryside village called Robion just in the heart of Provence. It will be a wonderful starting point for our incredible escapades.

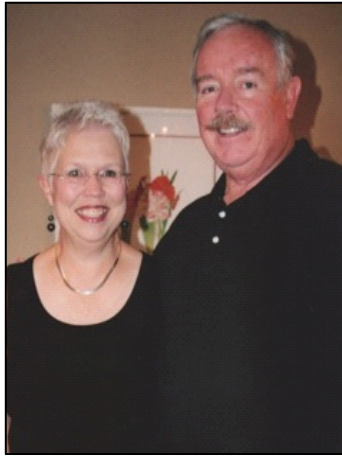
The villa has been refurbished and is spacious and with comfortable bedrooms with A/C. There are 7 bedrooms ensuite, with comfort, tranquility and relaxation. There are lots of spaces to spend time on your own, if desired, to sketch, swim, or simply relax. For our enjoyment, there is a spacious kitchen with open dining area to enjoy every French meal prepared by our own Chef.







About the Artist Nancy Ellen Thompson



Teaching art is a way of life for me. I'm always a teacher and always a student, even when I'm not in a classroom setting. I believe that anyone who wants to learn to paint or sketch, can do it. I teach all levels...beginner classes to master class. I love introducing sketching and painting to new artists because it is a pleasure to see how surprised they are by their own talent. Teaching accomplished artists is particularly exciting because it allows me to help others find ways to take their work to the next level and to keep their work fresh and evolving.

Traveling with my husband, Dick Thompson, and my art is a large part of my life. A South Carolina native, we now have our home and my studio on the eastern shore in Snow Hill, Maryland. I regularly travel the United States and Europe teaching workshops. I attended Columbia International University in Columbia, South Carolina. In addition to living in the US, I have lived in Suriname, South America and traveled to Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, England, Germany, Ireland, Greece and France.

I am represented by [Bishop's Stock Gallery](#) in Snow Hill, Maryland and [City Art Gallery](#) in Columbia, South Carolina and have work in numerous private collections worldwide.



Full Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival To Marseille Airport

Transportation to the Villa

Welcome gathering/Dinner

Day 2

Breakfast home

Relax, sketch, paint and photography with Nancy

Lunch at home

Afternoon Cooking class

Dinner

Day 3

Breakfast home

Visit Senague Abbey visit

Lavender Museum in Coustellet

Fontaine de Vaucluse/Lunch on own

Time to sketch or photography on own

Back home for Dinner

Day 4

Breakfast home

Sketching and Painting session with Nancy

Lunch at home

Afternoon Wine tasting in local winery

Dinner home

Day 5

Breakfast home

We start day with visit to:

Musée du Calisson, Confiserie du Roy René

Aix-en-Provence :

Museum Granet visit

Old town exploration/time on own/lunch on own

Afternoon :Atelier Cezanne visit

Back home for dinner

Day 6

Breakfast home

Village des Bories Visit (famous with stone houses)

Gordes town /Lunch on own

Russillon village (ochre color)

Famous from 'Good Year' movie

back home for dinner

Day 7

Breakfast home

Painting/sketching session

Lunch at home

Afternoon cheese tasting

Dinner at local restaurant

Day 8

Breakfast home

In the morning St Remy with the map in your hand :

Republic square,Rue Chohe Nostradamus Street,Old Town

OPTIONAL: Van Gogh trail-We will supply the maps its a 1.5 km distance walk from town

Lunch on own

Transfer to:

St. Paul de Mausole hospital (wher artist spend his last year of life)

Arles:

Group visit in Reattu Museum Pablo Picasso arts

After time to explore on own with a map in your hand:

Old town,Roman amphitheatre in Arles, Ancient Roman theatre, Palace de la Republic, Cafe

Van Gogh

Back home for Dinner

Day 9

Breakfast home

Avignon trip

Exploring town on the 'Petit Train'

Open tour on the little train to see the best things in Avignon and you can go back and visit on your own:

-(PALACE OF THE POPES, PETIT PALAIS MUSEUM, ROCHER DES DOMS MIN, ST BÉNÉZET BRIDGE, PLACE CRILLON, CALVET MUSEUM COLLECTION LAMBER, PLACE DES CORPS SAINTS, ANGLADON MUSEUM, PLACE SAINT PIERRE, PHILIPPE LE BEL TOWER, FORT SAINT ANDRÉ, SAINT ANDRÉ ABBEY, CHARTREUSE, PIERRE DE LUXEMBOURG MUSEUM, ISLAND OF LA BARTHELASSE, PORTE DE LA LIGNEST. MARTHE UNIVERSIT)

After the guided tour: lunch and shopping time on own

Back home for Dinner

Day 10

Breakfast home

Last painting session with Nancy /bringing your sketches and photography together to consider small paintings

Lunch home

Afternoon wine tasting with local producer

Gallery of Art/Aperitif

Gala Dinner

Day 11

Breakfast

Departure at 10.00

Until we see you again!

Please note that we reserve the right to change the itinerary due to weather and availability.