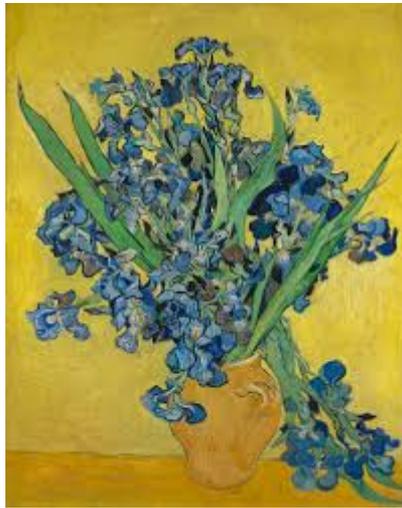


Encore Provence!

Another gorgeous side of the region: Van Gogh's Provence
June 6 - 10, 2019

We're making plans in yet another favorite part of Provence and we hope you'll be part of it.

While there are many more parts of Provence we have to show you, this time the focus is on the area where Van Gogh found his inspiration les Alpilles.



Day 1
Thursday, June 6

Arrival Day



We're off to a new part of Provence! Les Alpilles is a gorgeous sub-region with stunningly beautiful villages, a rich Roman history, and a touch of Spanish influence.

Our destination is a lovely enclave of a hotel with spacious rooms, a swimming pool and an outdoor kitchen. Because the property is such an accommodating place to make your home-away-from-home, this tour will be a little slower-paced. We're delighted to take on the Provencal tempo, and you'll appreciate taking time to relax on the grounds and homesteading your own part of this lovely property.

This evening you are invited to a private "Apero Dinner," a wonderful buffet of tapas style regional and seasonal fare, accompanied by plenty of local wines. It will take place in the extraordinary home of our hosts, an eclectic and talented artist/photographer couple quickly gaining international reputations for their work. You

will also have the opportunity to shop their curated stock of vintage, and antique items, as well as their art.

Day 2
Friday, June 7

Arles!

Today we explore eclectic Arles, which is currently giving birth to its third Golden Age. The first Golden Age we'll discover at the 2000 year old Roman Arena, and the stunning Amphitheatre of the same era. The 19th century saw its second great era with the arrival of Vincent Van Gogh.

Designer Christian Lacroix is a son of this small city. In recent decades Arles has become home to the national school of photography. Van Gogh finally has a proper home in this city that inspired his most famous works. We will be visiting the Fondation Van Gogh today. This, combined with the current construction of the Frank Gehry "Luma" building, which will house a world-class art center is taking what has been a somewhat sleepy city into the international spotlight.

We will be lucky enough experience this burgeoning city before it's on the tip of everyone's tongues. No matter its pedigree, Arles remains a fun-loving and casual Provencal town. Expect the usual le Trip experience here of friendly people, fabulous shopping, and great places to eat and drink.



Van Gogh's "Cafe Terrace At Night" next to the cafe today where you can have a drink.

Day 3
Saturday, June 8

To Market!



Breakfast at the hotel.

Today is traditionally the biggest market day of the week. We will spend the day taking in local markets, the famous ones and the pop-up ones in our region. We'll go where the calendar takes us - which will be in some gorgeous cities and towns.



At the end of the afternoon we'll head back to base camp to take advantage of our outdoor kitchen and lovely large garden. Each room has its own patio and outdoor table. If you choose you can cook up a simple meal from your marketing, or take a short walk into the village and treat yourselves to a meal out. Either way it will be a welcome time to relax and unwind!



Day 4
Sunday, June 9

Markets Encore!



It's Sunday, a sacred day in French countryside. After breakfast at the hotel, we head to part 2 of our antiquing weekend. We're planning to leave time for regional pop-up markets (we'll be in France during one of the peak times for vintage markets) - the details for which will be known a couple of months before the trip. Today we can be spontaneous, like Sundays are supposed to be. It promises to be a stunning day of taking in lots of beauty.

A relaxed farewell dinner in the evening to celebrate the special journey we just shared.



Day 5
Monday, June 10

Departure Day

This is sweet sorrow day. After breakfast bid a fond farewell to our new travel friends and, if you're leaving, to this new side of Provence. Transfer to MRS airport, Aix en Provence or Avignon TGV train stations provided until 11 a.m.

But wait! If you're looking for a longer tour of this part of Provence, additional days are available to you. See a couple of sample days below. You would stay at the same hotel and we simply continue the adventure. Cooking classes, wine tastings, historical visits and more can also be arranged. Contact Jill@leTrip.org for more ideas and pricing.

Tour includes:

- 5 days/4 nights accommodation
- Ground transportation
- Transfer from Aix en Provence
- 4 Meals
- Daily continental breakfasts, with coffee, tea, or yummy hot chocolate!
- All excursion & entry fees
- Guide & Interpreter Services
- Transfer to Marseille airport, Avignon, or Aix en Provence TGV train station

Cost: \$1650*
Single Supplement: \$325

To claim your spot there is a deposit of \$500. Contact Jill@leTrip.org for the details.

Payment 1 of \$575 is due February 5, 2019

Payment 2 of \$575 is due March 6, 2019

All payments are non-refundable. Many clients have sought trip insurance to cover their investments in case of a concern of emergency or illness.

***Tour price is based on a dollar value of \$1.20/1 euro. Should the dollar value be lower than that rate at the time of the tour, a supplement based on the actual dollar value will be due.**

See below to see what's in store for those staying on for more days.

Sample Day for Tour Extension

Les Baux de Provence & St. Remy



The stunning village of Les Baux de Provence.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today we'll take in two fabulous destinations, starting with the extraordinary beauty of the hilltop village of Les Baux de Provence. After a visit of



the village we'll take in "Starry Nite," the critically acclaimed immersive art show with that projects masterpieces to several stories high. We will be walking "through the canvases" of some of Van Gogh's famous paintings, to a musical score.

Lunch together in St. Remy de Provence, another stellar destination. We will have free time for shopping in addition to some pre-arranged visits to wonderful boutiques. St. Remy is a village with fantastic boutiques, a great little museum, and a few consignment shops where the well-to-do ladies bring last season's clothes. Let Jill know if any of these speak to you and she'll bring you there!



We complete our day out at a touching experience of the visit to the assylum Van Gogh lived in for a year towards the end of his life. It remains a place of healing and rich history. Fortunately for Van Gogh it was a rare place that would practice humanistic forms of therapy in that era. The year he spent there was one of the most fruitful and peaceful in his life.

Sample Day for Tour Extension

An Up-Close Visit with Passionate Artisans

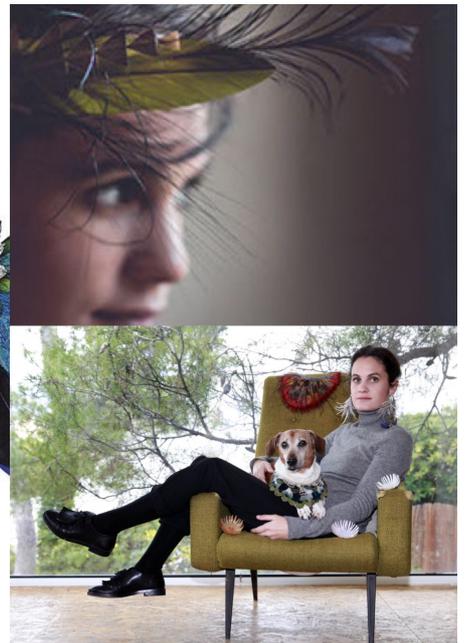
Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning we'll experience bucolic



Provence as we have the opportunity to be guided through one of the most important mainstays of Provençal food, and therefore its culture: the olive orchard. Fortunately for us we will be guided by a passionate young farmer who has inherited the occupation and property from his ancestors. This is a rare chance to experience the real beauty of this ancient and crucial activity in the region - all in the breathtakingly beautiful backdrop of the Alpilles mountains. (Your tour guide while scouting this felt like she had been in a wonderful meditation after this experience.)

Later in the day we are treated to Monsieur's other half: Madame. Madame Prune Faux is one of the few surviving feather craftspeople of plumasserie today. (Plumasserie was brought into vogue by Marie Antionette and reached its apex in Paris fashion in the early 20th century.) Prune has been supplying world-renowned haute couture houses in Paris with her artistry for their creations and has now set up workshop in a gorgeous room in the ancient family farmhouse. We have a special private crafting session under her instruction as we make our own feather pin.



...or is there something else you have in mind? Let's talk!
Contact Jill@leTrip.org

Appointments and activities subject to availability of our hosts. We will substitute activities of equal caliber in case of change.

Le Trip has been making American visitors feel at home in France since 1999, with a focus on vintage shopping, wine and food themed journeys, with warmth & fun as the priorities . Be prepared for open-armed welcomes and beauty beyond imagination.

