

# PROVENCE

*Susan Kuznitsky Painting Workshop in Southern France*

*June 16-25, 2019*



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# SUSAN KUZNITSKY

CHARMING VILLAGES, PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE, LIVELY MARKETS, FRAGRANT GARDENS ...COME PAINT WITH ME IN PROVENCE. EACH DAY OF PAINTING WILL BE AN ADVENTURE AS WE DISCOVER ALL THE WONDERS OF THE AREA IN A RELAXED AND FUN ATMOSPHERE.



My work has been described as romantic, and what better place to find romantic subject matter than this region of France with its stunning light and color that has inspired artists for centuries.

This will be an unforgettable painting experience. Whatever your level of skill, you will have individual help with your specific challenges and artistic goals whether it basic painting instruction for beginners or practical tips and advice for more experienced painters. There will be demos daily in either pastels and oils. We will cover different plein air situations from vistas to architecture, gardens and whatever else we find! Some of the things I will cover include:

- Composition—what to leave in and what to leave out
- How to take photos as a base for future paintings
- Color and value relationship in both oils and pastels
- Capturing the feeling of light—I just love dappled light—to help create a mood

Over the years I have had the honor of having as mentors several living masters: Albert Handell, Richard Schmid and Joe Paquet. It is my joy to pass along to you all I have learned from these great teachers in my own way, from my own experiences teaching weekly classes and workshops over the past several decades.

To learn more about Susan, please visit her website at [www.susankuznitsky.com](http://www.susankuznitsky.com).

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# PROVENCE ART EXPERIENCE

MATHIEU BROUSSES: YOUR HOST, GUIDE, DRIVER AND INTERPRETER.



Provence Art Experience is the way to discover Provence like nowhere else.

My name is Mathieu, and Provence Art Experience is my labor of love for both art and my beautiful region of Provence. I was born and raised in Arles, Provence. I studied biology and film making. After 10 years in Paris working for the movie industry and television networks I came back to Provence to enjoy life, my wife and son, rebuild and live in a 200 years old house near Aix en Provence.

I know Provence and its people like the back of my hand. With Wendy Higbee Carando I co-founded the Provence Art Experience in 2015. Art is part of my everyday life.

I will be doing everything so you have a memorable stay and a remarkable experience!

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# ITINERARY

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 16

### *Arrival in Arles*

*Welcome to your Provence Art Experience!*

Mathieu will pick you up at the Marseille Provence Airport (MRS) and drive everyone to the guest house We will settle in, visit the surrounding commodities and take a stroll around Arles. In the afternoon—depending on the time of your arrival and how tired everyone is from their travels—Susan will give a demo to get everyone in the mood! Then we will have our first gourmet dinner by our chef in the evening!



## MONDAY, JUNE 17

### *Saint Rémy and Saint Paul le mausolé*

*Van Gogh rest house lovely garden*

We will spend the day at Saint Rémy de Provence. The morning will be devoted to painting in Saint Paul le mausolé: famous Van Gogh's rest house. The afternoon will be dedicated to visiting the town of St. Rémy, where you'll find all the charm of a typically Provencal way of life. In the evening we will have a gourmet dinner at the guest house where our chef will be waiting for us starving artists!

The monastery is best known for the fact that Vincent van Gogh stayed here from May 1889 to May 1890. During this period of his life he painted three of his most notable works: The Irises, Starry Night and Self-Portrait.

While wandering through the narrow winding streets you will discover fantastic old fountains, shady squares, picturesque restaurants and elegant boutiques.



## **TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

### ***Les Baux de Provence***

*A listed heritage site, and simply beautiful!*

Les Baux is one of the most picturesque villages in France, and can only be visited by foot. It is filled with ancient houses that have been carefully restored, beautiful Renaissance façades and several magnificent “hotels particuliers” which today serve as art galleries or museums. Susan will give a demo in the olive tree orchard—Van Gogh is supposed to have painted in this exact location. Then, find your preferred view and paint quietly under the shade. Later, we will visit the village and discover the amazing «les carrieres de lumieres»: The light quarries, and its breathtaking light and art show.

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## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

### ***Roussillon***

*The plein air painting will be memorable again!*

Situated in the heart of one of the biggest ochre deposits in the world, Roussillon is famous for its magnificent red cliffs and ochre quarries. It is said that there are 17 shades of ochre daubed across the houses of the village, drawn from the palette of the old ochre quarry next door. We will visit the conservatory of pigments at L'Usine Mathieu. The stages of the washing process, the kiln and the mills were restored to help visitors understand the steps in the treatment of the mineral, from its extraction to its shipment throughout the world.

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## **THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

### ***Rest day in Arles***

*“Lavender is the soul of Provence” –Jean Giono*

A well-deserved rest day in Arles! After 4 days of intense experience, you will need a slow and easy day. Maybe stay in our beautiful guest house and just wander in Arles as you please.

Summer in Provence is a time when the region's fields are bursting with colour and fragrance, as perfumed lavender and dazzling sunflowers are in full bloom.

The lavender starts blooming from around mid-June to the beginning of August when it is harvested.

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

### *Aix en Provence and the Sainte Victoire mountain In the footsteps of Paul Cézanne*

The capital of 15th century Provence, today Aix is known as the Florence of Provence. Protected by the Montagne Sainte Victoire which rises to 1,011m, it is surrounded by a countryside full of authentic Provençal houses and traditional French style gardens. We will paint where Cézanne used to go every day to paint Sainte Victoire and visit the gorgeous Hotel Caumont or the collection Planque (paintings by Pablo Picasso, Jean Dubuffet, Edgar Degas, Paul Gauguin, Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Vincent van Gogh, Paul Klee, Raoul Dufy, Georges Braque, and Paul Cézanne).

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

### *Arles*

### *The biggest and most colorful street market in Provence!*

Van Gogh stayed here with his friend Gauguin...With its open squares and bustling cafes linked by narrow streets lined with attractive houses and shops, you will find that in Arles the main star is the town itself. We will discover the charms of this incredible city and find the best subjects for your painting session of the day. You won't want to miss a visit to the Arles outdoor market—one of the biggest you will see with vendors selling delicious food (mediterranean, greek, spanish, etc), cheese and meats, ceramics, fabric, spices, cookies and sweets.

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 23

### *Luberon, Fontaine de Vaucluse, and Lourmarin Enjoy the discreet charm of the hill towns*

Squeezed into the sharp end of a narrow valley, Fontaine de Vaucluse takes its name from the beautiful and mysterious spring feeding the river Sorgue. Lourmarin's streets meander past fountains and tightly packed houses, giving the impression they are circling the impressive belfry (Castelas) at the highest point of the village. Here you'll find typical Mediterranean architecture, with winding narrow streets, lovely old restored houses, and well-shaded public squares where you can immerse yourself in the gentle Provençal ambience and set your easels where you like.

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## **MONDAY, JUNE 24**

*The abbaye de Sénanque and the lavender road  
A jewel nestled in Luberon*

We will enjoy a lovely and delicious pique-nique in the lavender fields where we will set our easels. Perhaps the most famous lavender shot in Provence is of the field in front of Senanque Abbey near Gerdes. The color, the texture, and the scent of a lavender field encapsulates for many the essence of Provence.

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## **TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

*Homeward Bound  
Departure Day / Marseille Airport (MRS)*

Mathieu will drive you to the Marseille Airport (MRS) and will accompany you to the check-ins and make sure you are on the right plane. When you board for your return trip home, it is our hope that you take with you the most memorable souvenir of Provence in your hearts and on your canvas!

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### **A NOTE TO OUR DEAR ARTIST PARTICIPANTS:**

Depending on the weather (rain or heatwave) we might have to swap some dates and adapt this itinerary. A selection of other locations has been carefully handpicked by your hosts and your artist instructor for a tailored optimal painting experience. We have administrative authorizations to paint in many famous places if the rain shows up.

Our goal is to provide you the best experience possible, and so we will discuss—as a group—any significant modification to the itinerary. Driving around in Provence can be very tiring so having more than one rest day where we only stay and paint in or near Arles can be life saving in summer!

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# LODGING

## OUR DAILY GATHERING SPACES

*The Heart of The Group Experience  
Our Amazing Kitchen and Dining Area*

This 400 year old house is right in the old town center of Arles, still very calm as it is pedestrian only. Here is a view of the street itself. The blue shutters in the foreground on the left side of the street is Our House. The house has 3 floors and has been entirely renovated.

Together we will enjoy the spacious kitchen, the “Kingdom” of our personal Chef, and gather to enjoy our breakfasts and gourmet dinners in the cozy dining room. The extendable table can easily accommodate larger group comfortably.



## LODGING EXPERIENCE 1: THE FARM HOUSE

### *Rural Guest House*

*100 year old farm house, 5 minutes from Arles*

This hundred year old house has a beautiful pool with a view on the olive tree orchard. The perfectly groomed garden by Marylise and Frederic, the owners, is a delight. It is situated near the beautiful Abbey of Montmajour and the secretive and well hidden Castelet dolmenic hypogeum: the «Fairy Cave».

- 4 Rooms, 2500 square feet (250 m2)
- Each spacious room has its own bath/toilet
- Bed linens, hair dryers, and towels are provided
- Access to washing machine

The house has been renovated with great care and taste in the most «Provençal» tradition. Hundred years ago it used to be a sheep pen. I guess the sheep didnt have this kind of luxurious accommodations by then!



## LODGING EXPERIENCE 2: THE TOWN HOUSE

*Guest house in the old town center of Arles*  
*Sophisticated pied a terre*

On the rooftop you can enjoy a sun bath, a lunch or a very trench aperitif before dinner with one of the best view of the Roman amphitheater, or as the locals call it «Les arenes».

- 4 rooms, three with air conditioning, however even the remaining room stays cool and fresh even in summer thanks to its very thick stone walls
- Each spacious room has its own private bath with a sink or two, a shower, and toilet
- The patio offers a view of the private garden, while the 2nd floor offers the patio view



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# Application form

Susan Kuznitsky & Provence Art Experience in Arles  
Provence - Southern France - June 16 to 25, 2019

Please note that you will be booking to fly on June 15 and arrive in the morning of June 16. And you will be booking your flight home on the morning of June 25  
(To and from Marseille airport MRS – we organize all airport transfers)

To confirm a reservation it is necessary that this form is filled in and signed, then emailed to:

[mathieu.brousses@gmail.com](mailto:mathieu.brousses@gmail.com) / [mathieu@provence-art-experience.com](mailto:mathieu@provence-art-experience.com)

Participants information (both if spouse attending)

Contact name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Adress \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone day \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies or anything worth mentioning \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

If you join us you embark for a 10 days / 9 nights memorable artistic journey!

Your **all-inclusive** Provence Art Experience includes:

- **Your lodging** in a 400 years old house in the old town center of Arles with all the modern comfort and amenities or in a beautifully renovated traditional house (a former oppidum: a celtic settlement in the IVth century!) with a pool in the middle of an olive grove.

(See the itinerary page 12 to 16)

- **All your meals with beverages** (wines): breakfasts, lunches and gourmet dinners by our chef!

- **Airport transfers** as well as **everyday local transportation**,

- The organization of the **plein-air sessions and lessons** by your artist instructor Susan Kuznitsky,

- The **wine tastings**,

- The **tickets for the must-sees**

- 24/7 presence of Mathieu Brousses as your host, driver, interpret, guide and provider of all you might need!

It does not include:

- The round trip flights and the insurances.

### Our fees:

For an artist in a single room: 3,750 euros

For 2 artists in a double room: 7,000 euros

For a non-painter in a single room: 3,350 euros

For an artist and a non-painter in a double room: 6,700 euros

For a couple of non-painters in a double room: 6,350 euros

The dollar-euro exchange rates have been slightly unstable lately so to guarantee our level of services our prices are in euros. However **you will be able to pay either in dollars or in euros** on our website with a PayPal account, a credit or a debit card.

A deposit of US\$ 950 per person is due with this application form to insure reservation

***It includes (see itinerary): all meals, lodging in the guest house, plein air demos, must-see tickets, everyday local transportation and airport transfers. Final payment is due 3 months before the workshop.***

Questions? [mathieu.brousses@gmail.com](mailto:mathieu.brousses@gmail.com) / [contact@provence-art-experience.com](mailto:contact@provence-art-experience.com)

Payments and deposits (credit card, debit card or PayPal account):

on the website : <http://www.provence-art-experience.com/deposit-and-balance-due-payments>

All enrolled participants will receive written confirmation and farther workshop information. The workshop is offered based on a minimum number of participants. We may cancel this workshop if the minimum number of participants is not met 150 days prior to intended start date. In this case alternate dates may be offered or all payments returned.