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Dr FM Wilson-Copp Art History Class
Provence – in the footsteps of Cézanne & Van Gogh
18th – 24th May 2017

Day 1 Thursday, 18th May

We meet at our designated pick up points (please see attached Client Information) and transfer by coach to London Heathrow Airport for our direct scheduled British Airways flight to Marseille.

On arrival in Marseille we are met by our tour manager and transfer to the **3* Bristol Hotel** in Avignon for a six night stay. A welcome set menu three course dinner without drinks is included in a restaurant close to our hotel this evening, and the remaining five nights are on a bed and breakfast basis.



Day 2 Friday, 19th May

Our **guided walking tour** of the UNESCO listed town of **Avignon** takes in sights such as the ramparts and the Petit Palais. During our tour we see the four remaining of the original twenty two arches of the famous Pont St Bénézet, better known as Pont d'Avignon. The sights are viewed from the outside only during the guided tour.

This afternoon we visit the **Angladon-Dubrujeand Foundation**, a large museum of art collected by the Parisian haute couture designer Jacques Doucet. Located in a beautiful 18th century building, the museum is home to a wonderful collection of paintings by artists such as Van Gogh, Monet, Cezanne, Sisley and Modigliani.

Day 3 Saturday, 20th May

Our **guided walking tour** of **Aix-en-Provence**, Cézanne's birthplace and where he lived for all but 20 years of his long life, takes in the splendour of this elegant town with its beautiful old buildings, magnificent squares, fountains, street cafés, markets, art galleries and boutiques. We discover the life and landscapes that inspired Cézanne and also visit his studio which has been preserved as he left it complete with many of the objects he painted. The sights are viewed from the outside only during the guided tour.

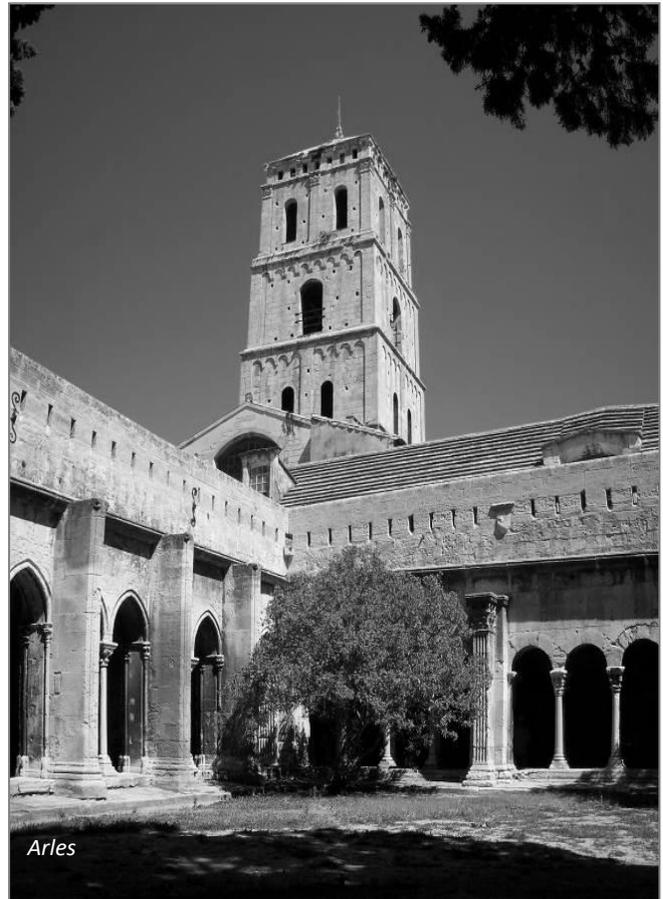
This afternoon we visit **Musée Granet** in Aix-en-Provence. Our **audio guided tour** introduces us to over 300 works of art, including paintings and drawings by Degas, Renoir, Monet, Cézanne, Van Gogh and Picasso. *NB. audio guides are subject to availability on the day and cannot be reserved.*

Day 4 Sunday, 21st May

The delightful town of **Arles** is home to the magnificent Roman Cathedral of Sainte Trophime and where Van Gogh is said to have eventually lost his sanity. Our **guided walking tour** on arrival takes in the exterior of Espace, the hospital where Van Gogh stayed and painted some of his most famous works of art. The sights are viewed from the outside only during the guided tour.

This afternoon we enjoy a **guided tour** at the **Vincent van Gogh Foundation**, located in a grand 15th century mansion. In the fifteen months the Dutch painter spent in this small town between 1888 and 1889, he managed to produce 200 paintings. The colours of Provence enthralled Van Gogh, triggering a productive frenzy described by historian Ronald Pickvance as the 'zenith' of his artistic activity.

We then continue to Les Baux de Provence for the **Carrières de Lumières** show. The performance comprises thousands of digitised images of works of art that are projected onto all the former quarry's surfaces, moving to the rhythm of a musical soundtrack.



Day 5 Monday, 22nd May

This morning we walk to **Palais des Papes**, standing as the mighty symbol of the church's influence throughout the western Christian world during the 14th century.

In the afternoon we visit the nearby 13th century **Musée du Petit Palais**, once the Archbishop of Avignon's residence. The museum is home to a fine collection of Romanesque and Gothic sculpture, and medieval paintings, with works by Botticelli and Carpaccio.

Day 6 Tuesday, 23rd May

On arrival in Nimes this morning we visit the **Musée des Beaux Arts**. This fine arts museum houses an eclectic collection of Dutch, French, Italian and Flemish works, notably Jacopo Bassano's 'Susanna and the Elders', and the 'Mystic Marriage of St Catherine' by Michele Giambono.

This afternoon we visit the 2,000 year old **Pont Du Gard**, considered by the Romans as the best testimony to the greatness of their Empire. Made from blocks of stone, hauled into place by slaves using an ingenious system of pulleys, at 49 metres it was the highest bridge the Romans ever constructed.

Day 7 Wednesday, 24th May

After checking out of the hotel this morning we travel to Marseille.

After a short **walking tour of Marseille** on arrival, we visit **Musée Cantini** with museum guides, housing the 20th century art collection of sculptor Jules Cantini, and Surrealist, Cubist and Fauve paintings.

In the afternoon we continue to Marseille Airport for our direct scheduled British Airways flight to London Heathrow Airport. On return to the UK our coach will take us back to our original pickup points, with an approximate arrival time to the 1st drop off in Cirencester of around 20h30, traffic permitting.



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Group Organiser

Your group organiser, Mr John Beattie, will be travelling with you on the tour. If you need to contact John before departure, his home telephone number is 01983 615 769. Should you have an emergency on the day of travel, John can be reached on his mobile 07982 253299. Dr Frances Wilson-Copp will also be travelling with you on the tour.

UK Airport Transfers & Pick Up Points

The coach, from Pulhams Coaches, will be departing as below. Please be ready at the relevant pick up point 10 minutes before departure:

- 1) **07h30:** Cheltenham – Bus Station, Royal Well Road, Cheltenham, GL50 3PB
- 2) **08h10:** Stroud – Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AF
- 3) **08h45:** Cirencester – The National Express bus stop by the Beeches car park, London Road, Cirencester

If you have not already done so, please contact John as soon as possible to confirm where you will board the coach, on 01983 615 769 or by email jacb.arthistory@gmail.com .

Flight Details – British Airways from London Heathrow Airport (Terminal 3) to Marseille

Thu, 18 th May 2017	BA 368	London Heathrow / Marseille	13h05 / 16h00
Wed, 24 th May 2017	BA 369	Marseille / London Heathrow	16h50 / 17h50

Check In

British Airways do not allow tickets booked as a group to check-in on line, you will therefore check in at the airport in the traditional manner. **The airline recommended check-in time is currently a minimum of 2 hours prior to your flight departure time.** On arrival at the airport please make your way to the British Airways check-in desks on the departure level of your terminal. You can check-in using the automated machines by placing the details / photo page of your passport into the automated check-in machines and following the on screen instructions that will ask for your flight number and route. There will be British Airways staff available to assist if required. Once you have completed check-in and have deposited your luggage please proceed directly through security into the departure hall. Due to high security at London airports we suggest you proceed to security as soon as you have completed check-in procedures. **Passengers arriving at the departure gates within 35 minutes of the flight departure time will not be allowed to proceed.**

Paper Flight Ticket – Travel2

Your paper flight ticket, which has Travel2 stated at the top, is enclosed. This paper ticket replaces the old style card flight tickets. **The paper ticket will be required upon check-in at both airports and must not be mislaid.**

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR FIRST NAME AND SURNAME ON YOUR E-TICKET ARE EXACTLY AS THEY ARE WRITTEN ON YOUR PASSPORT (MIDDLE NAMES WILL NOT BE SHOWN). IF ANY DETAILS ARE INCORRECT ON YOUR E-TICKET PLEASE CONTACT TAILORED TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY ON 020 7064 4970. **Any visa requirements (not necessary for EU passport holders) are the responsibility of the individual traveller.**

Passport

VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED. In line with current airline regulations we have submitted your passport details to British Airways. Should your passport details have changed from those stated to us (either on your booking form or subsequent correspondence) please telephone us immediately on 020 7064 4970. Visa requirements (not necessary for EU passport holders) are the responsibility of the individual traveller.

Hand Luggage

British Airways allow a maximum of one piece of hand luggage per person not to exceed 56cm long x 45cm high x 25cm deep including wheels, handles and side pockets, PLUS one laptop, handbag or briefcase per person, which must not exceed 40cm x 30cm x 15cm, including the handle and pockets. Please do not take hand baggage larger than this size. The maximum hand luggage weight allowance with British Airways is 23kgs but you must be able to lift the bag/s into the overhead lockers without assistance. A copy of the current directive for hand luggage, as issued by the Department for Transport is enclosed. If you are unsure of current guidelines before you travel please telephone Tailored Travel on 020 7064 4970.

Hold Luggage

Checked luggage allowance is one bag per person not to exceed 23kg in weight. Should you have more than one bag, or exceed this limit, you will be charged an excess baggage fee by the airline. Maximum baggage size is 90cm x 75cm x 43cm (35.5ins x 29.5ins x 16ins), including the handle, pockets and wheels.

Airline Food

In common with many airlines, British Airways no longer serve complimentary meals or drinks on board their aircraft. A light menu of sandwiches, snacks and drinks from Marks and Spencer will be available to purchase on board using a debit or credit card (not cash), or you can purchase your own supplies in the departure lounge before boarding. Should you wish to take your own supplies from home please ensure you comply with the carriage of liquids regulations outlined in the enclosed Hand Luggage Guidelines.

Hotel Details – 3* Bristol Hotel, Avignon

Address: 44 Cours Jean Jaurès, 84 000 Avignon

Tel. 0033 490 16 48 48 | Fax: 0033 490 86 22 72 | Web: www.bristol-avignon.com

Arrive: Thursday 18th May 2017, for 6 nights

Depart: Wednesday, 24th May 2017

3* Bristol Hotel in Avignon is centrally located within the city walls and a ten minute walk from Le Palais des Papes. Facilities at the hotel include a lounge and bar. All rooms are en suite and feature television, telephone, hairdryer, mini bar, and an in room safe.

Meals

Breakfast at the hotel throughout the stay.

A set menu three-course dinner without drinks is included in a restaurant near the hotel on the first evening. *Drinks and any additional meals are payable locally.*

If you have not already done so, please inform us of any dietary requirements at least one week prior to your departure by calling 020 7064 4970 and speaking to Petra or by emailing petra@tailored-travel.co.uk.

Single Room Supplement

This entitles you to a room on your own with one single bed and private bathroom, with an appropriately smaller square footage, or you may be given a twin or double room for sole occupancy. Please do not expect to be allocated a double or twin room.

Twin Rooms

A twin bedded room may mean the bed will have two mattresses and two sets of bedding but the mattresses may be in one frame, i.e. the room will not necessarily have two separate beds with a space between them. This is standard throughout France.

Tour Manager

You will be accompanied by our professional tour manager, Mr Terence Rodrigues, for all transfers and daytime excursions in France. Terence will meet you at Marseille Airport on arrival and will accompany you back to the airport on the last day.

Entrances Fees

Entrance fees to the following places of interest visited as part of the itinerary are included in the cost of your tour:

- Angladon-Dubrujeand Foundation
- Musée Granet
- Vincent van Gogh Foundation
- Carrières de Lumières
- Palais des Papes
- Musée du Petit Palais
- Musée des Beaux Arts in Nimes
- Pont Du Gard
- Musée Cantini

Visits made during the guided tours in Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Arles and Marseille will be from the outside only, unless stated above.

Extras to Your Tour

- Drinks with the included dinner on day 1, which may be purchased as required.
- Meals not included as part of the itinerary.
- Donations to any churches or Cathedrals and entrance fees to places visited during your free time.
- Gratuities (please see 'Tipping' section that follows).

VOX Guiding System - Days 2 to 6

We will be using the 'VOX' audio guide system, a lightweight set of listening devices used to enhance guided tours. This means you will be able to hear the guide clearly during the tour. You will be given a receiver and a single earphone on your first full day – please take care not to lose either during your stay. The earphone is disposable, or yours to keep if you prefer. Some people prefer to use their own personal earphones which will work in the same manner - with sound transmitted through one earpiece - provided they have a standard universal jack for use with modern mobile phones and personal stereos/ipods.

Itinerary

This is a busy itinerary designed to show you as much of the region as possible in a short time and for this reason there may be some early starts from the hotel. If you feel you would prefer not to join one of the days out please ensure you inform your group organiser or tour manager that morning, or the evening before, to avoid unnecessary delays to your fellow travellers.

The programme is subject to change due to local conditions and other events beyond our control such as inclement weather, so in the event of such a change we would respectfully ask for your patience, understanding and co-operation.

Guided tours in the historic city centres will be on foot, and will be kept to a reasonable length and distance to accommodate, wherever possible, the needs of the whole group. If however, you feel unable to join each walking tour please alert your tour manager who will arrange a meeting place with you for the end of the tour.



Museum Visits

As you are no doubt aware, many of the museums you are visiting are vast and could easily entertain you for the whole day. Our guided tours are therefore designed to show you the highlights of each gallery with some free time whenever possible to enjoy the exhibits at leisure.

Please note, many museums and galleries across France do not allow entry with bulky items such as rucksacks, which cannot be left in the cloakroom. We therefore suggest that you leave any such items on the coach before each visit.

Group Visits

Dividing into smaller groups before entering cafés and / or restaurants will improve the service you will receive and will avoid long queues and waiting times. Due to the size of the group we will split into two parties for some of the city tours and at some museums and galleries.

Parking

Please note that there are often strict guidelines as to where coaches can stop and park in many towns and cities. This can restrict the movement and use of our coach in some areas. We ask for your understanding and patience in this matter.

The coach is not included on days 2 and day 5 in Avignon and visits will be made on foot, as all of the major sights, such as Musée Angladon, Palais des Papes and Musée du Petit Palais are within walking distance from the hotel.

Local Time

The time in France is one hour ahead of that in the UK. Please adjust your watches on arrival.

Currency

The currency in France is the Euro. The current exchange rate is approximately £1.00 = €1.15.

Weather / What to Wear

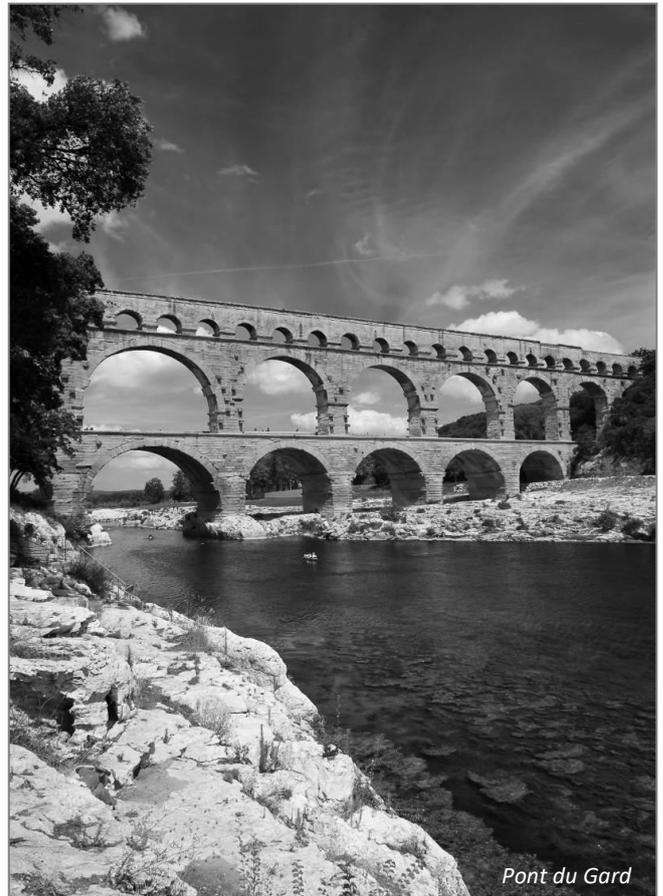
The average temperatures in the Provence area for May are shown below. We suggest layered clothing that can be shed or added to as the temperature changes; you may wish to have sunscreen, sunhat and sunglasses with you, and a raincoat or umbrella may also be useful. Respectful dress is required when visiting religious sites, i.e. cover shoulders and knees. Comfortable shoes are an absolute must of course!

Min Temp: 12°C Max temp: 23°C Avg. rainy days: 12

If you have access to the internet, an up to date forecast can be obtained before you travel by visiting websites such as the BBC.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

The EHIC card allows you to receive free or reduced cost medical treatment overseas. If you already have an EHIC please ensure it is still valid and has not passed the expiry date. If you do not hold an EHIC you should apply immediately online at: www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC or by telephone on 0300 330 1350. Please note that the EHIC is not a comprehensive insurance policy, it only covers certain medical expenses and does not cover repatriation to the UK. Be aware that some travel insurance companies insist that you carry an EHIC. Please ensure you have your travel insurance documents with you on the trip and please ensure your passports have your correct next of kin listed.



Your Security

In common with all countries throughout the world, France has its share of petty crime. Please keep your handbags and wallets securely about your person, storing any valuables in the hotel safe. Remember to retrieve any valuables from the hotel safe on your last morning before leaving. Please take special care in busy tourist areas where pickpockets are known to operate.

Tipping

For those of you who feel your tour manager and driver(s) have provided a professional service and would like to tip, we advise a rate of around £12 - £14 per person for the tour manager for the tour and €2 per person per day for the driver. Please note that tipping is entirely optional and is for professional, friendly service. The above rate is offered as a guide only. Tips for good service at the hotel are also always welcomed.

Tour Feedback

If you wish to share feedback and photographs with your group following your return from the holiday, please go to www.tailored-travel.co.uk and log in to your tour by clicking 'view my tour' and entering reference *drwc171*. Then click on applicable tab entitled 'reviews' or 'photos'.

Participants' List

(I will add later in the case of changes)



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Hand Luggage Guidelines – British Airways

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The bag/s may NOT contain:

- Pressurised containers - these must be placed in your hold baggage
- Sharp objects such as scissors or needles - these must be placed in your hold luggage.
- Cigarette lighters. These are also NOT permitted in hold baggage or through the security search but may be purchased airside if required.

A limited quantity of liquids, i.e. gels, lotions, pastes, liquid cosmetics, foams and foodstuffs are allowed. However, all liquids must be in individual containers not greater than 100ml capacity. They must be placed in one transparent re-sealable bag, i.e. 'zip-lock' bag or bag with pressable seals, not larger than 20cm x 20cm (8 x 8 inches) and fit comfortably inside the bag so it can be fastened closed. Only one bag per person is allowed. Larger bags or sealable bags, such as fold over sandwich bags are not allowed. Containers over 100ml, even if only partially filled, are not permitted in hand luggage. Each passenger must remove the clear plastic bag from their hand luggage so it can be x-ray screened separately. Whilst most airports have a supply of these bags, they are not obliged to provide them and do not always have supplies available. We suggest you take your own to avoid delays. Zip lock bags can be purchased at most supermarkets and from stationers.

Essential medicines sufficient for the trip are allowed. Amounts fewer than 100ml should be placed in the transparent plastic bag, with other liquids. If container is larger than 100ml this should be presented at security for x-ray inspection. There is no limit on the amount, however you may be asked to verify the liquid by tasting, or provide verification for the product, such as a doctor's letter.

Electronic equipment such as mobile phones, e-readers and digital cameras may be carried in hand luggage but should have enough charge to be turned on/off before passing through security. If the device cannot be switched on/off it may not be allowed onto the aircraft and you will need to liaise with the airline as to arrangements for its return to your possession.

Walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search.

You may be subject to a hand search by security team and be required to remove footwear for x-ray screening.

After the security checkpoint and once in the departure lounge you may purchase any item in any store and take it onto the aircraft as normal.

To help progress through security search points and to ease your journey, you are encouraged to minimise your hand luggage by placing most items in your hold luggage and only carrying items of value or that you will require whilst on board the aircraft in your hand luggage.

If you have access to the Internet, further information and updates are available from the airline's website: www.britishairways.com. Any changes to the above policy will also be reported on national television and radio.

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