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A 14–day tour following in the footsteps of the painters who sought inspiration in the dazzling light and vibrant colours of the south of France.



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In the 1870's the Impressionists gathered in the cafés and cabarets of Montmartre to plan their exhibitions, but by the last decades of the 19th century they had disbanded and were searching for new directions for their art. Their fascination with light and pure colour brought them south, away from the grey light of Paris to what were then the simple villages of Provence and the Côte d'Azur.

Travels Through Time will take a small group of around 15 people on this 14 day tour to evoke the sights, sounds and smells of the vivid landscapes of the south of France, and will follow in the footsteps of the painters who sought inspiration in its dazzling light and vibrant colours. Using Nice, Aix-en-Provence and Toulouse as our bases, we will explore the landscapes and little villages immortalized by Renoir, Monet, Cézanne, Dufy, Van Gogh, Matisse, Leger, Chagall, Cocteau and Toulouse Lautrec.

Around Nice we will visit small perched villages such as Biot, St Paul and Vence as well as luminous coastal towns such as Cap Ferrat, Villefranche, Cagnes sur Mer and Antibes where Picasso, Renoir, Matisse and Fernand Leger

Painted. Moving to our second base in Aix en Provence among the lavender, sunflowers and cicadas, we will follow in Cézanne's footsteps and retrace Van Gogh's turbulent séjour in Arles, St Rémy and Saintes Maries de la Mer in the Camargue. After visiting the spectacular landscapes of the Baux, we will travel to our last base, Toulouse, from where we will discover its wonderful museums and the spectacular sights of Albi, Cordes sur Ciel, Carcassonne and the surrounding countryside sprinkled with ruined chateaux of the Cathars.

The tour will be led by Sylvia Sagona, specialist in 19th century French art and literature, who has been taking lecture tours to France for the past twelve years.

Tour Price Includes

- 13 nights accommodation in charming 3 or 4 star hotels in the historic centres of Nice, Aix en Provence and Toulouse, including daily breakfast
- All museum and monument entrances
- Guided tours and lectures including a pre-tour briefing
- Local transport by bus or train
- Private coach transport between hotel locations and for day excursions
- Course materials and maps

Price

\$6650 (double or twin per person)

\$1350 (single supplement)



Note : The prices listed above are for land content only and do not include transfers to and from airports.

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