

# Francesconi does France

## *“The Irresistible Provence Painting Tour”*

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS

- ❖ *Do you paint?*
- ❖ *How would you like to paint a scene like this?*
- ❖ *Do you like Van Gogh and Cezanne, mountain landscapes, canals and rushing waters, century-old villages, medieval towns?*
- ❖ *How about food and wine? Would you like to sit down to The Art of the Table every day for a week and toast your latest watercolor masterpiece?*



Quiet Harbor  
Tom Francesconi, nws, twsa

Join us for **Francesconi does France**, a unique watercolor workshop in the South of France, September 2010, led by **Tom Francesconi**, celebrated American watercolor artist. His work has been published in seven books, and he has written articles for *Watercolor* and *Watercolor Magic* Magazines. He has received numerous awards for his paintings in 41 national exhibitions. Tom has earned signature membership in five watercolor societies, including the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the National Watercolor Society, and the Northwest Watercolor Society. Along with his weekly classes in Chicago, Tom conducts watercolor workshops for art organizations and watercolor societies throughout the country.

**Francesconi does France** will include visits and painting at major sites in Provence, including the Luberon Mountains and environs, historically classified villages of this region and several medieval towns of Provence. Painting demonstrations will take place on location and at our lodging site, le Clos du Buis, a 3-Star provençal stone house in the village of Bonnieux.

In addition to painting, we will enjoy the culture of the region: walking tours of towns and villages, daily gourmet meals at our lodging site and at regional restaurants. And yes, there will be time for shopping for those who want to shop!

The workshop is being organized by Vistas in Education, Inc. (VIE), tour operator to France. On site guide in France will be Pat Choffrut, who participated in one of Tom’s workshops. Pat lived for 20 years in Provence and owned a tour company there. She is a member of the Northstar and Minnesota Watercolor Societies and the White Bear Center for the Arts.

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Saturday, September 4	<b>Departure from the USA.</b>
Sunday, September 5	Participants arrive in Paris. TGV (high-speed train) to Avignon. Bus transfer to Clos du Buis lodging site in Bonnieux. Dinner at Clos du Buis.
Monday, September 6	Morning painting class in Bonnieux, romantic hill town, nestled in the heart of the Luberon mountains. Afternoon painting in the village. Dinner at l'Arôme restaurant in Bonnieux.
Tuesday, September 7	A day in Arles, Roman city of Provence. Morning class followed by painting/sightseeing in Arles. Dinner at the Auberge d'Aiguebrun in the village of Lourmarin.
Wednesday, September 8	Painting the canals and village of Martigues; on-site painting class. Afternoon for painting in Martigues. Dinner at Restaurant Micocoulier in the village of Eygalières.
Thursday, September 9	A day in Avignon: sightseeing tour and on site-painting class. Options for painting, shopping, or visiting museums. Dinner at Restaurant Françoise in Avignon.
Friday, September 10	Morning visit to open-air market in Carpentras. Afternoon painting class and independent painting in Luberon mountain villages (Lacoste, Ménerbes, etc.). Farewell dinner at Clos du Buis.
Saturday, September 11	Bus transfer to TGV station in Avignon. TGV to Paris – check into Paris hotel. Afternoon of sightseeing and shopping. Dinner at the Eiffel Tower.
Sunday, September 12	Transfer on your own to the airport for your return flight to the USA.

**Please read the following information carefully and detach this page to keep with your personal records.**

<b>PROGRAM PRICES*</b>	\$2,815	Based on 15 – 17 paying participants, based on double occupancy
	\$2,695	Based on 18 – 19 paying participants, based on double occupancy
	\$2,575	Based on 20 – 22 paying participants, based on double occupancy
	\$600	Additional surcharge for single occupancy

**Price Includes:**

**Pre-departure materials**  
**On-site guide and translator, Pat Choffrut**  
**Roundtrip train (TGV) to Avignon & Paris**  
**Transfers to/from Bonnieux & train station in Avignon**  
**Transfer from train station to Paris hotel**  
**Land transportation by motorcoach in the south**  
**Hotel accommodations, including one night in Paris**  
**All breakfasts**  
**All dinners (with one glass of wine)**  
**Dinner at the Eiffel Tower**  
**Painting workshop fee**  
**Sightseeing tour in Avignon on *le Petit Train***

**Not Included:**

**Airfare**  
**Passport fees**  
**Lunches**  
**Extra beverages at dinner**  
**Local transportation and entrance fees in Paris**  
**Optional activities**  
**Tip for bus driver (\$20 per traveler)**  
**Medical and trip cancellation insurance**  
**Painting supplies**

\*In the event of fluctuations beyond our control, VIE reserves the right to adjust prices to reflect changes in exchange rates, in airfare costs or airline seasonality, in fuel surcharges, or in extraordinary inflation overseas.

<b>PAYMENT DEADLINE</b>	\$500	December 1	\$500	March 15
	\$500	January 15	Balance due	June 1

Completed materials and payments must be POSTMARKED by these dates to avoid incurring a non-refundable \$40 late fee. Returned checks will incur a non-refundable \$40 fee. **Please send payments, checks payable to VIE, to: Pat Choffrut, 12 Oakhill Court, Birchwood, MN 55110. Email: [rchoffrut@comcast.net](mailto:rchoffrut@comcast.net) Tel: 612 889-6342.** You will be notified by December 15 of the anticipated program price based on the number of participants before your payments are sent to VIE.

**CANCELLATION POLICY** All requests for cancellation must be made in writing to: Vistas in Education, Inc., 1422 W. Lake Street, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55408. The following cancellation fees apply:

December 16 – January 15	\$300	February 16 - April 1	\$1000
January 16 - February 15	\$500	After April 1	No refund guaranteed

**Please note that these fees apply REGARDLESS of the reason for your cancellation, including but not limited to: changes in personal or family plans; conflicts or threats of conflict, war, or other political unrest, this policy is necessitated by significant financial commitments that VIE is making on your behalf.**

# REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and return this form with a check for \$500 payable to VIE to:

Pat Choffut  
12 Oakhill Court  
Birchwood, MN 55110

*Please use full legal name as it will appear on your passport:*

LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH DATE YEAR

θ MALE U.S. CITIZEN:  
θ FEMALE θ YES θ NO

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## ROOMING REQUEST:

- I wish to share a double room with \_\_\_\_\_, another participant in the group.
- I am willing to share a room with another participant, if available.
- I wish to have a single room and will pay the applicable surcharge of \$600.

## OBSERVATIONS:

Medical: (Note allergies, dietary restrictions, medications, past history or specific instructions in case of emergency)

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature is required on the reverse side.**

## RELEASE FORM

I the undersigned hereby release VISTAS IN EDUCATION, INC. and its officers, employees or agents, as well as accompanying teacher, chaperons and guides (hereinafter "VIE AGENTS") from any and all responsibility as hereinafter enumerated; I further agree to release and to hold forever harmless the above named against claims and for all costs and fees arising out of or in any connected with the following:

- 1) Any and all claims of whatever nature for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity or expense arising from the use of any vehicle or services, strikes, declared or undeclared war, acts of terrorism, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations or from any act or omissions of any airline, railroad, bus, transportation, sightseeing, hotel or any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith;
- 2) Any injury regardless of nature or cause whether resulting or not in death to the undersigned, whether alone or in association with others;
- 3) Any damage or injury regardless of nature or cause to property of the undersigned whether real, personal, or mixed;
- 4) Any expenses and/or losses resulting from the participant's failure to obtain a passport or required visas;
- 5) Any financial or other obligations incurred by the undersigned during the trip, including without limitation obligations or liabilities incurred in France;
- 6) Any abnormal occurrences due to an "act of God."

It is further agreed that VIE AGENTS shall have full authority to take whatever action they deem necessary to safeguard the health, safety and well-being of the participant. VIE AGENTS shall have full authority to secure medical treatment for the participant. The expense for such treatment shall be the responsibility of the participant. This authorization includes the right to send the participant home for medical treatment at the expense of the undersigned.

VISTAS IN EDUCATION, INC. reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary or to adjust program costs to reflect changes in exchange rates, in fuel costs, or in extraordinary inflation overseas. VIE also reserves the right to cancel or alter the program due to insufficient participation or to other circumstances beyond its control.

**I the undersigned have read and understand the cancellation policy and I have read and understand the program registration materials and agree to abide by their terms and conditions.**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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