

Art trip to Barbizon and Giverny

In the footsteps of the Impressionists

6 days from 25.5. - 30.5.2024

Artists from all over the world came to Barbizon, the mother of all artists' colonies, to paint together in front of nature. With their open-air painting, they influenced the later generation of Impressionist artists. Vincent van Gogh painted his impressive last pictures in Auvers sur Oise. The highlight of the trip is a visit to Claude Monet's Japanese water lily garden in Giverny.

Expected programme:

Day 1: Arrival and check-in at the hotel

Day 2: Barbizon artists' colony

Artists used to decorate the Auberge Ganne in Barbizon with pictures painted directly onto the wall. Today's museum is not only a reminder of this time with their paintings. The artists found their motifs in the village surroundings and in the forest of Fontainebleau. Jean-Francois Millet painted the famous work Angelus Ringing in his studio in Barbizon.

Day 3: Fontainebleau Castle and Morêt-sur-Loing

The magnificent Renaissance castle of Fontainebleau, which was Napoleon's last residence, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the splendidly furnished rooms and stroll through the baroque garden. In Morêt-sur-Loing, the impressionist artist Alfred Sisley favoured painting the view of the picturesque old town, with its bridge and cathedral.

Day 4: Claude Monet in Giverny

In Giverny, you will see Claude Monet's home, his studio and his famous garden with the water lily pond. The walk through the small town takes you past galleries and boutiques to the chapel with the grave of Claude Monet and his family.

Day 5: Vincent van Gogh in Auvers sur Oise

In Auvers sur Oise, you will visit the barren death chamber of Vincent van Gogh in the Auberge Ravoux. Follow in the artist's footsteps on a walk through the small town to the artist's grave. You can also visit the magnificent studio of Charles Francois Daubigny, the house of Dr Gachet and the Absinthe Museum. In the castle, you can experience the exhibition "The Last Journeys" in honour of van Gogh's 140th birthday.

Day 6: After breakfast, you will travel home

Hotel Novotel Saint Quentin Golf National**** in Magny-Les-Hameaux.

This modern hotel is located south-west of Paris, close to Versailles, and has comfortable, air-conditioned rooms with private bathroom, satellite TV and WLAN. In the hotel restaurant with terrace, guests are spoilt with traditional dishes prepared with organic products. In addition to an outdoor pool, there is also a wellness area.

Services included: Travel in a modern coach; tour guide: Monika Öchsner M.A. (art historian); 5 x bed and breakfast; 5 x dinner in the hotel as a 3-course menu or buffet; local tax; entrance fees and guided tours lt. programme.

Price: double room per person € 1360,- (single room supplement: € 350,-)