

ITINERARY

First and foremost we have a spectacular home for 2 weeks; there is no requirement to pack up or move to a rigid itinerary. There are picturesque villages nearby, as well as the cities of Chalon, Beaune, and Dijon with local markets and historic sites. Most days, however, will be devoted to enjoying the ambience of French village life, painting the local area, playing golf or practising how to "parlez francaise" to assist with your travels. Arrangements will be made to visit nearby towns, villages and special restaurants in the region as well as local cultural events. The Autumnal weather is perfect for painting and all the other activities on offer from the Chateau.

PRICES

The cost is \$6,550 AUD for the 2 weeks, twin share. Airfares are not included in the price. We can arrange pick up from Le Creusot MO TGV station or Chalon sur Saone Railway Station. However there is plenty of parking at the Chateau if you hire a car.

To make a booking or enquiry please contact Jan Lack on +61 3 9822.2678 or email the gallery: janlack@eclipticgallery.com.au

A deposit of \$1,000 will be required at time of booking with the balance to be paid by June 13. After this date no refunds can be given. You must ensure you take out COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE prior to payment. In the unlikely event that the trip is cancelled, a full refund will be given.

The cost includes all breakfasts, 10 dinners, 10 lunches including wine/beverages at the Chateau, painting tuition and all painting materials. Some meals may be picnic lunches at painting sites, and the few meals not provided at the chateau will be at local restaurants where guests pay for their own selections.



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"The back garden of your home and the village of Mercurey"

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Holiday in France

A Chateau nestled amongst the vineyards in the Village of Mercurey, Burgundy France

September 1 – September 15, 2012

*Painting, French Cuisine,
Wine tasting, Golf*



A ONCE IN A LIFETIME HOLIDAY

In 2012 Ecliptic Gallery will host another painting holiday in France (our 8th since 2005). Characteristically, guests can choose what they want to do at their own pace, whether it be painting, French cooking, visiting famous vineyards, cycling, playing petanque or lazing by the pool. Possibly starting "that book" we all have within us or taking time to play golf, enjoy a canal cruise or indulge in a little retail therapy.

Importantly you will be able to relax and enjoy the unique ambience of French village life in Autumn. When you arrive, you unpack and have two full weeks of holiday. Evening aperitifs provide a gentle end to the day before dinner at the chateau or visiting local restaurants in the villages nearby.



OUR CHATEAU IN BURGUNDY

Our Chateau is at the very heart of the Burgundy Region's classic vineyards. It is a short stroll through these vineyards (200M) to the Village of Mercurey

The Chateau has traditional French style charm with all modern comforts including ensuite bathrooms, heated pool, a beautiful outdoor dining area with summer kitchen and fully equipped gym and sauna. You will be able to enjoy the regional dishes prepared by our French cuisiniere Toma along with the wonderful wines from Burgundy as well as other regions of France.

For those interested in French cooking Toma is happy to have you discuss and work with him to learn the intricacies of the French cuisine. You will share some memorable experiences with new friends.



Walk through the vineyards to Mercurey our local village



One of 8 beautifully furnished ensuite bedrooms Delightful salon with 19th Century paintings

GOLF, CYCLING, CANAL BOAT

For those with a passion for golf there are good quality courses nearby at Le Creusot and Chalon where equipment and rounds can be arranged. We also have good quality touring bicycles for the more energetic. A canal boat is also available for those interested in taking a short cruise. Just let us know what you would like to do.



ART TUTOR - YOUR ART QUEST

Our tutor this year is Angelo Quabba, an Austro/Italian artist in the prime of his career who has won many awards in Australia and his native Italy. He is a passionate and versatile artist with an open, encouraging and caring approach to any artist whether experienced or a "raw beginner". The quest is the most important thing. Tuition will be a combination of demonstrations and group/personal sessions to suit the needs of guests, the light and weather conditions. All painting materials, including easels, paints, canvas etc. will be provided so you don't need to pack any equipment except your preferred brushes and pallet knives.



Angelo