



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF VINCENT VAN GOGH

 FRANCE / TAILOR MADE / 7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS

PARIS / SAINT REMY DE PROVENCE / MARSEILLE / AVIGNON / ARLES

DAY 1

Paris

Arrival in Paris, free time depending on arrival.

Overnight in Paris ***

DAY 2

Paris

First stop is the Musée d'Orsay, home to one of the world's most important collections of Impressionist paintings—including 27 works by van Gogh. After checking into your hotel, set off by bus for a tour of Montmartre, where van Gogh shared an apartment with his brother Theo from 1886 to 1888. Here, he made the acquaintance of artists such as Paul Gauguin, Camille Pissarro, and Georges Seurat—whose use of light, color, and brushstrokes had a profound influence on his own style. Dine at a typical bistro in Montmartre this evening.

Overnight in Paris ***

DAY 3

Auvers - sur - Oise

Vincent van Gogh lived in the French village of Auvers-sur-Oise near Paris, from 20 May 1890 until his death on 29 July of the same year.

He rented a room in Auberge Ravoux and regularly went to see Dr Paul Gachet, who became a friend. Vincent was highly productive in Auvers, he often went out into the countryside to work in the open air and painted numerous impressive landscapes.

Upon arrival enjoy a walking tour through Auvers where you will pass by the statue of Vincent and visit the Institut van Gogh which is located in a guest house where Vincent lived during his time in Auvers-sur-Oise. There is a small shop and reception on the first floor. Lunch in the restaurant on the second floor. After lunch continue the tour and see some locations where Vincent made his paintings all around Auvers.

In the late afternoon return to Paris for overnight and dinner.

Overnight in Paris ***

DAY 4

Avignon and Arles

Board the TGV at the Gare de Lyon and continue south to Avignon in just three hours. Take a leisurely walk through the beautiful streets of Avignon with a local guide, seeing the exterior of the Palais de Papes, once a fortress and palace and the seat of the Papacy during the 14th century and the famous Pont d'Avignon.

DAY 4

Visit the Musée Angladon, housed in a private mansion and featuring a small collection of 19th- and 20th-century works, including those of Vincent van Gogh. Continue to nearby Arles this afternoon and check in to your hotel in Arles ***

DAY 5

Arles

Set off on a guided walk through Arles famous for its stunningly preserved Roman coliseum. During his short time in Arles, van Gogh produced more than 200 paintings as well as 100 drawings and watercolors. Lunch in a local cafe, enjoying typically Provençal flavors. This afternoon, visit the Foundation Van Gogh in the city. Evening at leisure

Overnight in Arles ***

DAY 6

Saint Remy de Provence

After his intensely creative time in Arles, Van Gogh committed himself to an asylum in St.-Rémy-de-Provence, a lovely Provençal town. Stroll the Van Gogh Trail, where you will find 21 reproductions of his works. Lunch and souvenir shopping at the local market.

Visit to the Saint Paul de Mausole Monastery, the asylum in which he painted some of his most memorable works, including The Irises, Starry Night, and Vincent's Room in Arles. While the monastery is still a working psychiatric institution, parts of the site are open to the public, including a small museum.

Farewell dinner in a local restaurant and overnight in Saint Remy de Provence or the nearby Les Baux de Provence.

DAY 7

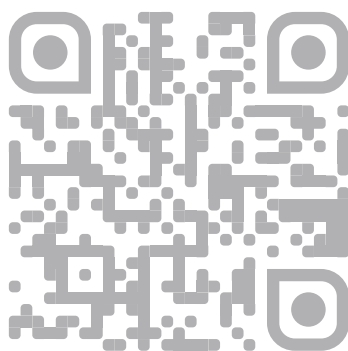
Marseille

After breakfast, transfer to airport for return flight



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