

Painting Holidays in SW France

Le Vieux Couvent



Australian Artist

Georgia Mansur **May 31 - June 10, 2013**

Painting on location can be overwhelming with so much visual stimulation. However, it can also be the most rewarding experience an artist can have. Being in nature, learning to get your first impressions down quickly and capturing the essence of the scene will improve your painting in ways that will surprise you.

Georgia will show you how to simplify complicated subjects, mass shapes, get correct tonal values, choose the appropriate palette and design/edit your work for maximum impact. Be prepared to push yourself out of your comfort zone, loosen up and have some fun!

This workshop will help you connect to your creative voice with passion, make a clear statement, and communicate it through your art. You will have some exciting pieces of original art to take home and achievable goals to help you continue on your artistic journey.

Georgia Mansur is a Certified Golden International Artist Educator and will be demonstrating in the watermedia (acrylics and/or watercolour) but she is experienced in all media and students are welcome to work in oils, pastels, etc. and can be assured of expert instruction.

You will receive thorough direction, as well as plenty of inspiration and encouragement during the workshop. Whether you are a novice or master artist, you are welcome.

Le Vieux Couvent

Le Vieux Couvent is 300 years old and has been an artist's venue since 1995. With its walled courtyard, its gardens and studio, this setting is ideally suited for painters. Your hosts, Bill Boychuk and Corinne Campbell both have artistic training and continue with painting and ceramic sculpture. They have lived here for 17 years and know the best sites in the area for painting and touring.

Painting holidays include:

- All ground transportation. Pickup and return to either Toulouse airport or Gourdon train station.
- Accommodations - 10 ensuite bedrooms, of which three are suitable for couples. We have additional accommodations in an adjacent cottage.
- Unlimited use of fully equipped studio.
- Gourmet regional cuisine each day, including house wines. Our unique menus are changed daily. Our kitchen adapts to most dietary needs.
- Cave/chateau admissions.
- Excursions to Rocamadour, Sarlat, Cahors, and the cave paintings at Pech Merle caves.
- Daily painting instruction.
- Light-hearted and thoughtful critiques offered with aperitifs.
- Our prices are all inclusive, although you do need souvenir spending money for the fine French linens and truffles.

It is our pleasure to take care of all your needs. You just arrive and enjoy.

In our complex there are 10 bedrooms with ensuite. The comfortable salon has satellite TV, DVD player. There is wireless internet access. Flower gardens and waterlily ponds with koi, both a swimming pool and plunge pool, hidden corners ideal for painting, reading, relaxation, two fully equipped kitchens with washing machines for guest use. The Pyramed conservatory is often used by early morning knitters and late evening nippers.

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