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 Current time/date in France

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK A GREAT HOLIDAY !!
DUE TO SELLING OUT EARLY, WE HAVE JUST ADDED AN EXTRA WEEK TO OUR 2011 SCHEDULE
- 24th SEPTEMBER -

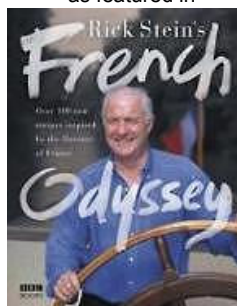
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Your Hosts...

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Painting and photography holidays/vacations in the beautiful Lot-et-Garonne, in southwest France

"A blessed little corner of south-west France made up of gently rolling hills, fields of corn and sunflowers, winding roads empty of cars and pretty little towns and villages, where people always have time to talk to you. It's like an unspoilt Tuscany or Provence, and I'd better shut up now or I'll be responsible for spoiling it."

Sam Taylor, describing the Lot-et-Garonne in the respected British newspaper, 'The Observer'

It's not just our sunflowers, *everyone* who comes here always has a great big smile on their face!



genuine photograph - 'smile' not created in Photoshop - click image to see magnified view of sunflower head

Whether you like drawing, sketching, or painting, or whether you prefer to create your images through the medium of photography, if you want to capture the true essence of "la vraie France", Jill Fellows, artist, and Peter Evans, photographer, offer you a great holiday opportunity!

Our superb-value, all-inclusive painting and photography holidays are set in a hidden part of France; a picturesque landscape of single-track lanes winding past vineyards, orchards and sunflower fields to ancient and beautiful Bastide towns and villages.

Beginners are very welcome, as are non-painters/photographers! who want to come with painting/photography partners.

You'll find yourself staying in a tastefully renovated, 350 year-old pantiled farmhouse, tucked away in the quiet countryside, some 100 kms south-east of the historic city of Bordeaux.



We cordially invite you to join the growing number of delighted guests who have discovered the hidden treasures of this area. For example, did you know that Claude Monet found his famous water-lilies here? The nursery where he bought them still exists



and is on our itinerary too! (photos left and above).

So why not allow us to show you places like this - places, vistas and vantage points you might never find on your own? We did it for the celebrated British chef, Rick Stein, and we can do it for you too!

Other Information

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Frequently asked Questions

Beginners are Welcome!

Non-painters & photographers welcomed too! Please click here

If you are thinking of requesting a brochure please click here

On the subject of Rick Stein, of course you will also have the opportunity to enjoy the great food and wine our region has to offer, discovering for yourself why the Lot-et-Garonne was featured in Rick's popular BBC television cookery series "A French Odyssey".

You'll also get to meet the charming and incredibly friendly local people, to observe at first hand the wonderful luminosity of colour of this beautiful countryside and to extend your painting or photography knowledge in an informal, relaxed and fun-filled atmosphere.

As previous guests have discovered, with us, learning and pleasure always go together!



You'll travel in air-conditioned comfort (we take our own fridge with us too) and, when 'Chez-Nous', you can relax and enjoy yourself in our pleasant garden, or take a swim and sunbathe in our private pool area.

The pool is heated to a pleasant Mediterranean temperature (around 27 degrees) to allow all-season swimming.

Even though this is an activity holiday, we appreciate that you still need time to unwind!

Each evening it's customary to take an *apéritif* and chat about yet another great day.

By the way, as would be expected for a quality vacation like this, all drinks at the house are free and limitless - within reason!

Your comfort and enjoyment are our prime concern. We want you to have a really good holiday, returning home with drawings, paintings, photographs or video that you can be proud of.... and happy memories that will last just as long..... à votre santé !!

Visit our sister company



"This is our third painting and photography holiday - pity we didn't find you first!"
David & Jill H. - Southampton - UK

"Jill and Pete, thanks for a fantastic week. The painting and photography was just great! Great food and great company also! Terrific value for money! Thanks again for a vacation we will always remember!! "
Anne & Graham M. - Vancouver Island - Canada

"A wonderful restful week. The painting experience was great. Water colouring is a new experience for me and I had a great teacher. You are both great guides and very helpful hosts. Wonderful lunches and thanks to Pete and his Band for a memorable birthday! You could not have been nicer or more helpful."
Aideen D. - Dublin - Ireland

"Pete is a great teacher; he knows how to make things easy to understand. I loved the relaxed atmosphere during the day and in the evenings. Thanks for a great week!"
Anneke S. - Antwerpen - Belgium

"Wow! Thank you Jill. Your knowledge and manner and patience is great. Your passion for art, composition and colour has been so inspirational and a breath of fresh air. I have learnt so much this week. I now see the world in a different light! I have rekindled a passion for painting and art thanks to you Jill. Your advice and words of encouragement have meant so

much to me. But equally what you offer as warm, welcoming hosts is so special.... a lovely retreat where your passion for comfort and homely, yet historic, understated luxury is pure medicine for the soul. THANK YOU!"

Joanna G. - London - UK

"This was a perfectly lovely photography holiday - way beyond my expectations! Je vous remercie! If anyone wants a recommendation, just go right ahead and give them my number!"

Judy B. - Washington D.C. - USA

"Outstanding! A truly memorable week with some special hosts in a picturesque pocket of France. Rooms are immaculate. Felt at home on day one which is a tribute to your hospitality. Very impressed with the professionalism. Loved the picnics! Tear me off another piece of baguette!"

Ed G. - Toowoomba - Australia

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